

Imperial College Union
Motion to Support Student Military Organisations recruiting at Imperial College

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Imperial College Union Notes:

- 1) The unions of LSE and Goldsmiths have both banned the recruiting of students into the three student military organisations University Royal Naval Unit, University Air Squadron and Officer Training Corps (respectively URNU, UAS and OTC).
- 2) Attempts have recently been made at UCL to force UCLU to adopt a similar policy.
- 3) Links to the respective websites of the aforementioned organisations have been removed from Imperial College's website.
- 4) The URNU, OTC and UAS's are not direct recruiting organisations for the military and there is no obligation to join the military for their members
- 5) Members of these organisations cannot be called up for active service whilst at university.
- 6) A majority of the members of these organizations do not join the armed forces.

Imperial College Union Believes:

- 7) The URNU OTC and UAS provide valuable personal development and leadership training to all members.
- 8) This training along with the inherent responsibilities given to students helps to prepare them for jobs in both civilian and military careers.
- 9) The adventurous training, sports and other opportunities given to students in these organisations is unique and often not possible in any other clubs and societies.
- 10) The URNU OTC and UAS provide a valuable insight into the armed forces for their members.
- 11) As a majority of members later go on to pursue civilian careers, the URNU OTC and UAS provide a means of linking the ethos of the armed forces and that of civilian life and help to dispel many myths and provide an understanding of the military to future industry leaders and other members of society.

Imperial College Union Resolves:

- 12) To allow London URNU, UAS and OTC to recruit at Imperial College and at future Fresher's Fairs.
- 13) To provide a link to URNU, UAS and OTC websites from the Union Website.
- 14) To mandate the President to write to the other London Colleges, especially those that have banned recruitment, to inform them or call on them to reconsider their current policy.
- 15) To mandate the President to write to the London Student Military Organisations to inform them of our continued support for the activities they provide to our students.