

Investigating and Providing Access to Sport for Disabled Students

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UNION NOTES:

1. Higher Education and Further Education student unions often provide a range of sports to the student body.
2. Some sports provided by HE and FE unions are more accessible for people w/e different impairments than others.
3. Not all unions provide sports accessible to disabled people.
4. There are not always standard disabled sports near to all unions.
5. The National Union of Students (NUS) Disabled Students Campaign includes this policy proposal as a motion for the DSC conference.

UNION BELIEVES:

1. Sport has become an important part of being at university and the "student experience", for both health and social reasons.
2. Many disabled students are cut off from being able to take part in sports because their union does not provide anything accessible to them. Furthermore, student-led sports clubs/societies may not have appropriate knowledge on handling individual needs, further isolating disabled students for risk of potential harm.
3. Students should have access to sports at their union if they so choose.
4. That students should have access to 'standard' disabled sports teams even if they're a distance away.
5. At the present time, both the Student Union and ActiveAnglia do not have any options, both internally and externally, for disabled students to be able to be fully informed of any sporting opportunities available to them.

UNION RESOLVES:

1. To mandate that the Experience Officers both lobby and work alongside Student Services and ActiveAnglia to conduct research into low cost options for sports that people with different disabilities can participate in on both a competitive and/or casual level.
2. To include in this research a questionnaire in order that disabled students can share their experience with adapted sports and offer information.
3. Where possible, provide visible and accessible information of any internal/external sports clubs/societies/etc. that disabled students can access freely.