

**Use of disposable plastic cups Policy Proposal**

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| **Contact details**  |
| Your name (Proposer of the policy) | Conner Kearey |
| The name of a person who supports the policy (Seconder of the policy) | Ryan Skidmore |

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| **Student Impact**  |
| Have you consulted students about your proposal? Please explain how many students you have engaged with and how. | I have consulted a number of students and VP Alex Doyle. This engagement has been both verbally and via social media. All the students consulted agree with proposal.  |
| How does your proposal impact the students at the University of Plymouth, what difference will it make to students? | The proposal will reduce UPSU’s contribution to climate change and plastic waste. This proposal will not make a direct change to students in their daily lives at university however it will reduce the footprint of all students that use the venue. The policy will help to increase UPSU’s profile as a sustainable student’s union.  |

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| **Policy Proposal**  |
| **The Union Notes** (Facts) This section should include facts, not reflection or opinions. Please provide references where possible. |
| 1. The UPSU bar serves beverages, both alcoholic and not, in glassware until the evening.
2. After this time, beverages are the served in single use Polypropylene plastic cups.
3. Most of these cups are thrown away after their use and not recycled.
4. This contributes to significant waste.
5. UPSU must pay for waste removal services.
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| **The Union Believes** (Opinions/Beliefs) This section requires reflection on the facts stated in ‘The Union Notes’ |
| 1. Plastic waste is a significant problem for the whole planet, students at UPSU have already started reducing waste by removing plastic straws from the night club venue.
2. The university has won multiple awards for sustainability, 8 in total. See link below - https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/your-university/sustainability
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| **The Union Resolves** (Actions) Here you will describe the action you want to be taken, be specific. |
| 1. UPSU nightclub venue should stop using Polypropylene cups and replace them with reusable plastic cups, such as used by other venues around the city.
2. These new reusable cups will help reduce plastic waste produced by the venue and will still be adequate for safety.
3. The disposable cups can stop being used immediately or phased out over a set time, say 3 months, to reduce the financial cost of purchasing new reusable cups.
4. Cost of cups and design/capacity must be decided. This can be decided in partnership with the managers of the venue.
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| **Appendices/supporting information** Please include any supporting information relevant to your motion, this could include; consideration of how you would achieve any points in ‘The Union Resolves’, links to news articles or online publications |
| * To assess the amount of plastic waste produced using these cups, sale figures for drinks served after plastic is used in the evening should be collected. This data should be easily collected from the management of the UPSU nightclub venue.
* Cost of purchasing new cups
* The cost of purchasing the cups should be collected.
* Cost of plastic waste removal.
* Sustainability awards won by the university - https://www.plymouth.ac.uk/your-university/sustainability
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