

## **Support true foods. Ban Genetically modified foods from UBU**

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### **This Union believes:**

1. That food is a vital requirement for life.
2. That healthy food is good food.
3. That the BSE crisis was brought about because government put profit before human health and animal welfare.
4. That consumers are unknowingly part of a genetic experiment.

### **This Union notes:**

1. That genetically modified/engineered foods have not been proven safe to eat and that the growing of such crops are a threat to the environment.
2. That there is widespread concern about genetically modified foods.
3. That the Iceland Supermarket chain were the first in that industry to announce that they will not use any genetically modified products in their 'own brand' products.
4. That because of customer concerns, more and more supermarkets are following the example of Iceland.
5. That the labelling requirements of foods with genetically modified ingredients are not adequate.
6. That organic products are free of genetic modification and that food holding the Soil Association symbol are free of genetically modified products.
7. That many Chefs, food writers and restaurants are opposed to the use of genetically engineered foods.
8. That the government has shifted the onus of responsibility for informing customers of genetically modified foods, from themselves to all catering to all outlets in the UK
9. That the house of commons restaurant has banned the use of genetically engineered ingredients.
10. That the University of Bradford Union sells products containing genetically modified products.
11. As part of a purchasing consortium (NUSSL), the Union is bound by purchasing policies which limit our ability to change suppliers.

### **This Union resolves:**

1. To inform our customers of those products which are believed to be free from genetically modified ingredients, to provide an organic section in both our catering

and retail outlets, and to inform customers of products which we know to contain genetically modified ingredients.

2. To write to all suppliers requesting information of which products contain genetically modified ingredients including derivatives.
3. To inform our suppliers that the Union is making every effort to move away from the sale of genetically modified products.
4. To write to local MP's to support the ban of genetically modified foods.
5. To write to Tony Blair, PM, of our concern, and urge him to support the ban of such products.
6. To purchase more products from local producers and to use organic products.
7. To support the Greenpeace True Food campaign.
8. To write to NUS and NUSSL to urge support, requesting that no products are endorsed which are genetically modified or have such ingredients.
9. To take this to NUS Conference, and to circulate to all student unions and area NUS.
10. That this motion be implemented as soon as is practically possible.

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