



University of Bradford Union of Students

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Don't Sell Off Our Nursery!

This Union notes:

1. At the moment, University of Bradford manages the Nursery.
2. Although there have been recent contract changes, they have managed to be mainly resolved between the University and students.
3. That many students with children are some of the most financially vulnerable students.
4. That the University are exploring the possibility of privatising the nursery as well as other services.
5. That Bradford District Council have closed their nursery, therefore leaving very little alternatives for students (and staff) with children.

This Union believes:

1. That the privatisation of the Nursery could prove to have drastic consequences for the students and staff who use it.
2. That by a private company managing the Nursery, the University will have little or no control over price rises or contract conditions.
3. That the nursery should not be profit driven and provide a needed service for the students (and staff).
4. That a University that openly promotes the ideals of widening participation ought not to forget the needs of students who have children
5. That a realistic "commercially viable" alternative would be to explore the University to creating a shared nursery with Bradford College., keeping the nursery where it is needed.
6. That although the current discussions are only informal the Union should make a clear initial stance.

This Union resolves:

1. That the Women's Officer should make contact with Bradford College
2. To lobby the University to not privatise our nursery.
3. To exhaust all means of diplomacy and if this fails, to protest via a buggy rally or through other means such as petitions.
4. For this policy to be reviewed in the normal policy cycle.

Proposed and Seconded by **Executive Committee**

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