

# NUS Wales Women's Conference Motions 2017

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## **Key information**

Purpose of this document
This document outlines the full order of all motions submitted by Constituent Members to the NUS Wales Women's Conference.

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## Motion 1: Childcare at NUS

Submitted by: NUS Wales Women's Committee

#### **Conference believes:**

- 1. There is currently no clear policy that ensures childcare will be offered to delegates prior to liberation conferences
- 2. There is currently no clear information on how to request childcare for conferences, or guidance on where the responsibility for this cost lies

3. Lack of childcare is a huge barrier to parents who wish to go to NUS events

#### **Conference further believes:**

- 1. Research conducted by NUS has found that student parents are an at-risk group in terms of student retention, and struggle to find the time and funds to get involved with student life outside of their course
- 2. These barriers disproportionately affect women, which NUS research has found are the majority of student parents, (Meet the Parents, NUS, 2011)
- 3. All women should be encouraged to attend NUS events, conferences, especially conferences that work to directly impact on women's issues

#### **Conference resolves:**

1. To provide clear and simple information on how to apply for childcare for an NUS Wales Conference at least two weeks before the deadline of registration

- 2. This information should be circulated with the original information of registration
- 3. To ensure there is a budget for childcare provision at all future NUS Wales conferences

## **Motion 2: Children on Campus**

Submitted by: NUS Wales Women's Committee

#### Conference believes:

- The majority of student parents are women (Meet the Parents, NUS, 2011).
   Research conducted by NUS has found that students can find managing childcare difficult because of last minute changes to timetables and irregular hours.
- 3. With students now paying so much for their education, students should feel comfortable to use their own campuses
- 4. Many universities and colleges have unclear policies around children on campus, and some have policies that specifically prohibit children on campus.

#### **Conference further believes:**

- 1. Many universities and colleges only allow school age students onto their campuses for work experience and open days
- 2. NUS research found that while student parents are very engaged academically, they often feel isolated from student life and are also one of the most at-risk groups for retention.
- 3. Allowing parents to bring children onto campus could help alleviate the feelings of isolation
- 4. Having clear child-friendly, and childcare policies will reduce some of the barriers that student parents face

#### **Conference resolves:**

1. To work with welsh universities, colleges and SU's to launch an investigation into the 'children on campus' policies in Wales

- To encourage universities to welcome students with children, and create child friendly spaces on campus
- 3. To work with welsh universities to ensure childcare is available for student parents

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