

PRESS RELEASE

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Another nasty attempt to silence pro-lifers on campus

National pro-life charity LIFE has condemned yet another attempt by authoritarian students to silence and marginalise pro-life student voices. This time the culprits are the Cardiff University Students Union, whose leadership have put forward a motion that would see them become an officially pro-choice, i.e. pro-abortion, union. This means that the union would campaign for access to abortion, and restrict the activities and expression of students who maintain pro-life views.

This kind of pro-abortion extremism seems to be growing on campus. Only last week pro-abortionists at Oxford University forced the cancellation of a debate. In 2012, students at University College London tried to prevent pro-life speakers from appearing, and pro-life students at a number of other universities have faced extreme hostility, including theft from stalls at freshers fairs and verbal harassment and intimidation.

The motion clearly targets student societies who choose to engage in peaceful protest outside abortion clinics. It's hard to see what business it is of the student union what political activities students take part in. Student unions do not own or control students. They are not in charge of what individuals affiliated with a university choose to do. It's time for student unions to be reined in and told to focus on their core purpose, rather than engaging in the suppression of entirely legitimate dissent.

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