

# **No-Platform Policy**

**(Appendix B)**

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### **1. Introduction**

1.1 The Students Union believes;

1.1.1 That freedom of speech is a fundamental civil liberty that comes with responsibility. However, speech that incites hatred or violence against or between students should not be provided a platform by the Students’ Union.

1.1.2 That discrimination on any grounds is abhorrent.

1.1.3 That a Students’ Union is free from prejudice and discrimination.

1.1.4 That there is no place in a modern, inclusive society for the policies and beliefs of extremists.

1.1.5 That racism, sexism, homophobia and faith based discrimination have no place in the Students’ Union and should be actively discouraged.

1.1.6 That by living and learning together we have a unique opportunity to learn about and celebrate diversity.

1.1.7 That we have a responsibility to ensure that all students at Queen Margaret University are free from intimidation and activity that compromises the enjoyment of their student experience.

1.2 This policy seeks to encourage an environment in which all individual members feel able to participate in Students’ Union activities and events without fear of unfair and discriminatory attitudes and practices.

1.3 This policy compliments the Students’ Union Equal Opportunities Policy (Appendix A)

### **2. The Policy**

2.1 The Students’ Union condemns bigotry, homophobia, racism, sexism and prejudice from any source.

2.2 The Students’ Union will not provide a platform to members of extremist opinion groups without prior written consent from the Executive Committee.

2.3 The Students’ Union will prevent known members of extremist opinion groups from using the Students’ Union as a platform to promote their Agenda.

- 2.4 The Students' Union does not allow any of its members to invite any known members of extremist opinion groups to speak in the Students' Union Building or at any Students' Union event without prior written consent from the Executive Committee.
- 2.5 The Students' Union will work continually to preserve and promote positive relations between all groups of students.
- 2.6 The Students' Union will permanently exclude any member found to be promoting extremist opinion from the Students' Union Membership.
  - 2.6.1 The disciplinary procedure for any member of the Students' Union found to be promoting extremist opinion will follow the Students' Union Constitution Disciplinary Procedure (Schedule 10)