

**Title of Proposal: Designated smoking areas**

**Background**

1. Students and staff smoke, often in groups, directly outside of university buildings which is unpleasant for non-smokers. This is particularly common after lectures as people light up immediately and remain stationary at exits without dispersing away.
2. It can be impossible for non-smokers to enter, exit or even walk past buildings without breathing in cigarette smoke. This is both unpleasant and a potential health issue for non-smokers who are being forced into passive smoking in order to use university facilities
3. Smoke doesn't immediately disappear just because it's outside, it hangs around and is very easy to breathe in by all in the vicinity. Outside of buildings smoke can not disperse so easily due to the more sheltered conditions and even wind often doesn't help as it blows the smoke into people. Outdoors smoking is therefore a problem in crowded areas.
4. Cigarette littering near university entrances is not an appealing site for students and staff as they enter, especially for guests to the university.

**Principles**

1. Passive smoking is known to be very damaging, potentially resulting in the same array of diseases direct smokers can experience which include cancer. It's not unlikely that some students may also have health complaints, such as respiratory problems, which would be exacerbated by smoking.
2. Currently, non-smokers are, at times, forced to breath in cigarette smoke when using university buildings.

**Idea/Proposal**

1. CULSU to lobby City University to introduce designated smoking areas. These would be areas in which smokers could smoke freely, away from building entrances and other crowded areas. Non-smokers can then avoid these areas if they choose to.
2. To lobby CULSU to encourage students and staff to respect others around them and smoke away from the main entrances or places of gathering.

3. To request the university to consider reviewing its current smoke free policy, to do more, ensuring strategies are in place to implement measures to avoid discomfort to students and staff.