

Motion Title: Make CityBar work for City Students

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This Union notes:

1. That City Students' Union has seen rapid growth over recent years, including in student participation, the number of activities and services being offered and the positive impact it is having on members.
2. The SSLC (Student-Staff Liaison Committees) data shows that students are frequently asking for more space to socialise, study and spend time.
3. CityBar is a large and flexible space, but it is underused during the day and not to its full potential in the evenings.
4. Sodexo has been contracted to manage the licensed trade offer for up to the next 5 years, however as demonstrated by the Courtyard Café, this can be done in partnership with the Union.

This Union believes:

1. The food and drink offer at CityBar is not meeting the needs of students as it has no food offer during the day and satisfaction with the evening offer is low.
2. Having alcohol on display during the day and calling it a bar is not inclusive to all students. This especially impacts on some students of faith, to go in and use the space during the day.
3. That the space can be easily turned into a multi-purpose room. The space can be a social student space during the day and a bar in the evenings for better space utilisation.
4. That it has limited on space, which negatively affects the Union's future ambitions and the opportunities it can provide to societies to run bigger and better events.

This Union Resolves:

1. To lobby City, University of London to enable the Union to manage the space for which the bar operates within.
2. To ensure student groups are able to run events in the space.
3. To lobby Sodexo to provide a suitable catering offer throughout the day and evening.
4. To lobby City, University of London to provide sufficient resource so that the Union can:
 - a. Rebrand the space and remove the name 'bar'.
 - b. Ensure that the bar facility and alcohol provision are not visible during the day.
 - c. Run a program of inclusive events during the day which develop a community on campus.
 - d. Run a program of evening activities which meet the needs of students.
 - e. Make the space more student friendly.