

Motion Title: Keep Wednesday Afternoons Free

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The Union Notes:

1. All 5 schools currently have a range of timetabled activities (lectures, seminars, clinics etc.) after Wednesday afternoons, especially for postgraduate students.
2. It is common practice for UK higher education institutions to not schedule classes, to encourage students to take part in extracurricular activities such as competing in sports teams, participating in society and other Students' Union activities, take on volunteering responsibilities and other opportunities.
3. Many Unions and Universities have recently and successfully implemented the KWAF campaign as highlighted in the NUS report.
4. KWAF principles are mostly concerned with UG students and PG students do not benefit from it on a large scale.

This Union Believes:

1. Student experience transcends over lectures and seminars, and includes all extracurricular opportunities that our students take part in. This consequently is connected to the University's priorities such as student satisfaction, progression and employability.
2. Allocating an afternoon to be free of timetabled activities would allow students to participate more in societies, volunteering, sports and more.
3. Students who are already engaged and have to miss timetabled activities on Wednesday afternoons would also benefit from KWAF.
4. For the Union, postgraduate students are a hard to reach group and freeing Wednesday afternoons would give them the opportunity to take on Union activities, participate in sports teams and take on extracurricular activities.

The Union Resolves:

1. City, University of London should not timetable classes on Wednesday afternoons to give students the best opportunities to take part on a range of extracurricular activities.

UPDATE: All UG students from all 5 schools should have their Wednesdays Afternoon Free.