

Title:	Good Speech	Date of Group Chat:	06/04/2022
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Union Notes:

We, ARU Students' Union, alongside ARU University, believe in the freedom of speech and the academic freedom which sits within the law.

We encourage our students and staff to always have the honest and thoughtful conversations in the form of respectable debates. We want our SU to be a place where we provide a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment, giving students the opportunity to have the platform to express themselves and have various diverse views.

Union Believes:

ARU Students' Union believes that everyone has the right to freedom of expression, which includes the freedom to form your own opinion, ability to impact and have ideas without interference by public authority. We as an organization believe that having meaningful debates and honest conversations forms a very crucial part of education.

We acknowledge the legal limits of this freedom in United Kingdom.

We believe students are less likely to raise an opposing viewpoint if their opinions are not common and might get violent or similar opposition.

We want our students to be able speak without hesitation, but with clear politeness and respect.

We believe that participants who are willing to hear opposing viewpoints and express their own ideas in civil manner will have the greatest diversity of voices and the best chances for real learning.

We believe in treating each other with dignity and acting in ways that promote the safety, freedom, and well-being of others.

ARU Students' Union considers it is illegal to attack or threaten people's property as well as to encourage or incite others to do so.

ARU Students' union recognises that we must abide by the government's Prevent legislation which helps prevent people from becoming drawn into terrorism.

ARU Students' Union believes it is unacceptable to hold an entire group of people accountable for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a subgroup.

Finally, we believe that appreciating the benefits of difference of opinions adds the value of being tolerant and patient towards others.

Union Resolves:

To create an environment where students will be able to comfortably talk about sensitive topics without causing anyone any harm emotionally or physically.

To provide extra advice and guidance to students to do this by having ARU Student's Union own Good Speech Guide. This will complement the University's Good Speech Guidance, the University's Code of Conduct, and our standing membership policies.

Policy Summary:

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