



Liberation and Community Networks: 2021/22 Budget Proposal
Community & Welfare Board
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Union Notes

- i. There is currently a £5000 Liberation and Campaigns budget that has yet to be split among the 9 liberation and community networks (BME, LGBTQ+, Disabilities, Mental Health, Working Class, International, Interfaith, Ethics & Environment, and Gender Equality)
- ii. An additional non-Union source of funding for EDI-related projects and campaigns is the [EDI Seed Fund](#) (provided through College). The deadline for applications in the current academic year is **Friday 26 November**.
- iii. Last year, the Working Class Network successfully applied for a £1000 grant from the EDI seed fund. This grant has yet to be used due to the COVID pandemic in the 2020/21 academic year.
- iv. Several of the Liberation Officers have voiced plans for projects and campaigns for the current academic year that will require contributions from the central £5000 pot. So far, these include but are not limited to: the Gender Equality Officer Malinda Davies, Working Class Officer Grace Fisher, LGBTQ+ Officer Calyste Revel, BME Officer Rebekah Christie, and Disabilities Officer Awas Seyyad.

Union Believes

- i. Any grants that were previously awarded for a specific campaign, or to a specific network, should be reserved for that campaign or network.
- ii. Each Liberation and Community Network should be granted an equal portion of the Union's Liberation and Campaigns budget.
- iii. After the central budget is divided equally amongst the nine Liberation and Community Networks, the remaining sum should then be set aside as a discretionary fund for specific projects and campaigns.
- iv. Liberation and Community Officers should receive training on how to use their budgets most effectively in order to support their projects and campaigns.
- v. The Union should commit some of its funds to promoting and raising awareness of the Liberation and Community Networks. The best way to go about this should be agreed upon by the Liberation and Community officers.

Union Resolves

The following represents the allocated **starting** budget for the Liberation and Community Networks in the 2021/22 academic year. Each Liberation Network should ensure that they keep their individual spending within the confines of their individual allocated budget (see below). If more

funding is required, it should be sought from external sources (such as the EDI Seed Fund) in advance of any spending.

The Central Project Fund will be granted for specific projects or campaigns via approval from the Community & Welfare Board. This fund will also include any grants that are provided to the Liberation and Community Networks as a whole.

Additionally, once the Liberation and Campaigns Coordinator has taken up their position in the Union, all Liberation and Community Officers will be expected to attend a training session on finance, budgets, and planning for projects and campaigns.

Commented [CR1]: Central Project Fund? How much is this going to be?

Commented [CR2R1]: OH MY GOODNESS YES

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BME		
	Union Funding	555.00
	External Funding	0.00
		555.00
Disabilities		
	Union Funding	555.00
	External Funding	0.00
		555.00
Ethics & Environment		
	Union Funding	555.00
	External Funding	0.00
		555.00
Gender Equality		
	Union Funding	555.00
	External Funding	0.00
		555.00
Interfaith		
	Union Funding	555.00
	External Funding	0.00
		555.00
International		
	Union Funding	555.00
	External Funding	0.00
		555.00
LGBTQ+		
	Union Funding	555.00
	External Funding	0.00
		555.00
Mental Health		
	Union Funding	555.00
	External Funding	0.00
		555.00
Working Class		
	Union Funding	555.00
	External Funding	1000.00
		1555.00
Central Project Fund		
	Union Funding	5.00
	External Funding	0.00

Total (£)	5.00
	6000.00

