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Motion Title: Gender-neutral facilities across the university.

Motion Resolves:

We are the Stirling Trans Collective and we are running a campaign on gender-neutral facilities at the university. We would like to ask the Students' Union to support our campaign.

There is a great need for more gender-neutral facilities on campus. This is a huge issue for trans students. The term trans includes not only trans women and men but also non-binary people, who often don't conform to either of those two genders. For trans men and women, binary (= divided into male/female) facilities pose a problem and make individuals feel unsafe because (especially during transitioning) they don't fit visually into their gender. Non-binary people often don't look like either gender, causing similar problems when using binary facilities.

The lack of gender-neutral facilities creates an unwelcoming environment for trans students and makes studying at the university much more difficult. For example, during lectures, seminars or workshops it is impossible to use the bathroom during breaks as they are so far away. Another example is having to go to use the (gender-neutral) showers in Cottrell after having been to the gym, which is an obvious disadvantage and inconvenience.

Motion Notes:

The only gender-neutral toilets are at the Students' Union, plus two in the study spaces near the atrium. There are none in the teaching buildings. Also, there are no gender-neutral shower facilities in the gym, and the only gender-neutral changing rooms in the gym exist at the pool.

Motion Believes:

If the Students' Union supports our campaign, we might have more power in changing things as we would have more people/an institution behind us.