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Motion Title: Integrating hedgehog conservation activities on a yearly basis

Motion Resolves:

The Hedgehog Friendly Campus campaign has been carrying out activities on the University of Stirling's campus since 2020. This campaign is part of a national initiative that fights against the extinction of hedgehogs in UK higher education campuses and awards accreditation on several levels – We are now on course to complete the Gold level of hedgehog conservation on campus. As interest in the Stirling Hedgehog Friendly Campus team is dwindling, we want to create a lasting impact and make sure that hedgehog conservation on campus will be upheld in the future – long after the team is gone. This is why we are asking the Students' Union to carry out one event or campaign for hedgehog conservation each year, e.g. as part of Green Week or Hedgehog Awareness Week every year. This could take many forms, such as fundraising, educational events such as talks or posters, maintenance of the hedgehog ramps around the loch or of hedgehog houses around campus, surveys, grounds team training, etc.

Motion Notes:

From the [Hedgehog Friendly Campus website](#):

“Hedgehogs are vulnerable to extinction in Britain, due to habitat loss, development, roads and garden hazards. There are now thought to be fewer than one million hedgehogs left. Hedgehogs have declined between 30-75% since 2000 in rural areas. City dwelling hedgehog numbers appear to be recovering after a long period of decline but there is more work to be done.”

Motion Believes:

This motion believes that a lasting legacy for hedgehog conservation should be created on campus. This will ensure that hedgehogs will still have a habitat on campus in which they can thrive after the official Hedgehog Friendly Campus campaign is concluded.