

S. 17-4 Motion to Make Non-Alcoholic Drinks available at Subcommittee Events where Alcoholic Drinks are Served with No Charge

This SSC Notes:

- That often activities are organised by subcommittees of the Students' Association with free alcohol available to attendees.
- Only 56.9% of people in the UK drink alcohol, and of this, 16-24 year olds are least likely age group to drink. ¹
- The Union is a space where all members should be made to feel welcome.

This SSC Believes:

- Providing non-alcoholic drinks at all subcommittee and Union run events where free drink is provided will encourage those who abstain from consuming alcohol to get involved.
- Making non-alcoholic options freely available to members will reduce the pressure on participants to drink alcoholic beverages.
- Providing an alternative to alcoholic drinks may decrease the amount of alcohol related incidents occurring within the building (including vomiting and aggressive behaviour).

This SSC Resolves:

- SRC and SSC subcommittees must purchase and provide non-alcoholic options for events where free beverages are served.
- Non-alcoholic options must include water plus at least one other drink.

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References

¹Dr Ben Windsor-Shellard. (2017). *Adult drinking habits in Great Britain: 2005 to 2016*. Available: <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/drugusealcoholandsmoking/bulletins/opinionsandlifestylesurveyadultdrinkinghabitsingreatbritain/2005to2016>. Last accessed 27th October 2017.