

## More Vegetarian and Vegan Options Available

### The Union Knows

- In a survey done by The Green Team, although 39.19% of students surveyed said they were happy with the food available from UWE catering, 43.24% said they would like more vegetarian options and 11.49% would like more vegan options.
- 35% of students think it is important and 36% think it is very important that the catering unit provides a range of vegetarian food and 36% think it is important and 32% think it is very important that there is more of a range of vegan food available.
- The WHO has reported that some meats can increase the risk of cancer.
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change found that the livestock industry contributes more Green House Gases than all of transportation and is a primary contributor to the world's deforestation.
- While there are vegetarian and vegan options available they are far fewer than options which have meat or dairy in them.
- Raising animals for human consumption uses a lot of land, food energy, water and the animals suffer. Raising animals for human consumption accounts for approximately 40% of the total amount of agricultural output in industrialized countries. Grazing occupies 26% of the earth's ice-free terrestrial surface, and feed crop production uses about one third of all arable land.

### The Unions Believes

- That offering more vegetarian options would encourage students to eat less meat and make campaigns such as Meat Free Monday much easier to promote.
- That it is unfair to vegetarian and vegan students to be so much more limited in the food options available to them.
- As an ethical organisation which is committed to sustainability the union can't afford to overlook one of the fundamental changes that needs to be made in order to tackle climate change i.e. reducing meat & dairy consumption.

### The Union Will

- Provide more vegetarian and vegan food options in the SU shops and bars.
- Work with the University so that its retailers such as One Zone, offer more vegetarian and vegan cooked meals.
- Improve the labelling of foods in SU retailers and University retailers so it is clear what is and isn't vegan and vegetarian.
- Promote Meat Free Mondays in SU outlets and encourage university retailers to do the same

**The Union Chooses:** President

**Proposer:** Chelsea McNulty

