

## Policy Number: 2429

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### **Who Runs the World? GIRLS: Womens+ History Month 2802**

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Summary: This policy intends to introduce the start of Womens+ History Month at UEASU

#### **Council Notes**

1. For several years, the Students' Union has organised liberation history months, weeks and days;
  - Black History Month
  - Trans Awareness Week
  - Disabilities History Month
  - LGBT+ History Month
  - International Women's Day
2. Women's History Month was first adopted in the UK in 2011.
3. The Students' Union has always commemorated International Women's Day.
4. Reclaim the Night has taken place since 2016 organised by the Campaigns and Democracy Officer, the Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer, and the Womens+ Officer. The policy 1880 Reclaim the Night in Norwich which begun this tradition now sits in policy precedent.
5. During an academic year, women are recognised in sport nationally through a campaign week called This Girl Can. At UEA it is organised through UEASU and UEA Sport.

#### **Council Believes**

1. Womens+ History Month should be celebrated to recognise the importance of efforts by women+ in society.
2. It is important to ensure that this month is representative of all women, including those who identify as female or non-binary.
3. This month should be celebratory and encourage feminist activists to get involved.

#### **Union Resolves**

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1. To mandate the Campaigns and Democracy Officer, and the Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer to work with the Womens+ Officer to organise a Womens+ History Month
2. To ensure the Reclaim the Night takes place within the month of March as a coordinated Womens+ History Month events