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Summary

Despite being popular in European and Asian countries, bidets are not widely used in the UK. Yet they are cleaner, gentler, and more eco-friendly than toilet paper. Bidets would make UEA a more inclusive and open place for International students. They are a cost effective way of making the University accessible to its students, and the SU should be fighting to make UEA a home for everyone.

Union Notes

1. Bidets are more hygienic than toilet paper.
2. Bidets are eco-friendly and economically efficient. While it consumes minimally more water, it saves a lot of toilet paper. Production of toilet paper is very energy intensive and uses valuable resources. 170 litres of water are needed for the manufacture of a single roll of toilet paper.
3. A bidet is an essential part of a washroom for Muslims, and there is a large muslim community at UEA and other cultures. 77% of Japanese households own a bidet, and they are also one of the largest communities in UEA.
4. International Students on average pay almost double the fees of UK students to go to UEA, and bidets would improve their time at university here, providing a home comfort.
5. There are only two bidet toilets available for students at UEA, and these can be a long walk away from lectures, negatively impacting international and muslim students' experiences.

Union Believes

1. To mandate the Student Union to install bidets in the:
 - a. Upstairs toilets of Union House (Floor 1)
 - b. The disabled toilets of Union House (Ground Floor)
 - c. The disabled toilet in the Bar (Floor 01)
2. To lobby the university to install at least one bidet in all buildings in the short term
3. To lobby the university in the long-term to install easily accessible bidets in all toilets on campus

4. To lobby the University when making repairs of toilets on campus teaching areas to install bidets simultaneously
5. To mandate the Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer to work with the International Officers on bidet access at UEA.

Union Resolves

1. To mandate the Student Union to install bidets in the:

Upstairs toilets of Union House (Floor 1)
The disabled toilets of Union House (Ground Floor)
The disabled toilet in the Bar (Floor 01)
2. To lobby the university to install at least one bidet in all buildings in the short term
3. To lobby the university in the long-term to install easily accessible bidets in all toilets on campus, including accommodation
4. To lobby the University when making repairs of toilets on campus teaching areas to install bidets simultaneously
5. To mandate the Welfare, Community and Diversity Officer to work with the International Officers on bidet access at UEA.