

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SHOULD THE CAREERS SERVICE SHOWCASE AS WIDE A RANGE OF COMPANIES AS POSSIBLE?

Careers services have a responsibility to fully inform students, not to blindly promote companies. Students should be given full information about the companies they may be considering working for and a full range of organisations from which to choose. Surely students would choose turbines over guns if presented with a real range of options?

DOES BANNING ARMS COMPANIES FROM EVENTS VIOLATE THEIR RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH?

The right to freedom of speech is not the right to be given a platform from which to promote yourself unchallenged. Importantly, the costs for companies to come to careers events mean that smaller companies are priced out. It is not freedom of speech if those who are the richest get the loudest voice.

SHOULD THE CAREERS SERVICE TAKE A POLITICAL POSITION; SHOULDN'T IT JUST FOCUS ON THE INTERESTS OF STUDENTS?

To invite arms companies to careers fairs is to take a political position; the invitation both portrays them as legitimate companies and helps them to recruit more graduates for their devastating work. A number of university students will have had their lives directly impacted upon by the arms trade, and all students live in a more dangerous world because of it.

IN THE CURRENT CLIMATE, THERE AREN'T MANY GOOD JOBS FOR STUDENTS. ISN'T IT FAIR ENOUGH FOR STUDENTS TO TAKE WHAT THEY CAN?

It's understandable for students to be worried in the current climate. However, engineering skills are in demand and the renewables sector is much more vibrant than the arms sector.