

Nestle boycott policy

Policy / idea title	Nestle boycott
Summary of the policy / idea	The Union should boycott the Nestle corporation based on unethical practices
Submitted by (name and role)	
Seconded by (name and role)	
Submitted at (meeting)	Student Meeting
Date	February 2022

Does this policy / idea align with the Union values (brave, empowering, fun, student-led, welcoming)? If yes, how?

By the nature of policies, all policies approved by students at Parliament or our Student Meeting are **student-led**

Does this policy / idea fall within the remit of the current global priorities? (Relieve financial pressure; Reduce student isolation; Limit student confusion; Increase global connectivity) If yes, how?

n/a

What is the background of this policy?

Nestle products are used within Heriot Watt University Student Union.

There has been a boycott of Nestle since the 1970s. This began in the United States and expanded to Europe. It was prompted by concern about Nestlé's "aggressive marketing" of breast milk substitutes, particularly in less economically developed countries, which campaigners claim contributes to the unnecessary suffering and deaths of babies, largely among the poor.

The boycott continues today and as of 2013 is coordinated by the International Nestlé Boycott Committee (INBC).

Some universities, colleges, and schools have banned the sale of Nestlé products from their shops and vending machines in the period since the revelations. In the United Kingdom, 73 student unions, 102 businesses, 30 faith groups, 20 health groups, 33 consumer groups, 18 local authorities, 12 Trade Unions, education groups, 31 MPs, and many celebrities support the Nestlé boycott.

Nestle corporation are widely known for their immoral and unethical practises across the globe. Issues including:

- Workers' Rights
- Exploiting Farmers
- Union busting

- Human rights
- Extremely unethical business practise
- Unethical Marketing of Artificial Baby Milk
- Fraudulent Labelling
- Promoting unhealthy food
- The Ethiopia scandal
- Perpetuating sexism
- Severe Environmental Concerns
- Promotion of Genetically Modified Food
- Illegal extraction of groundwater
- Pollution
- Promoting untested nano-technology
- Violations of Fair Trade
- Influence / Lobbying Groups
 - Research and Education
 - Links with Government

Why is this policy / idea important; why should the Union adopt it? What will change for students or the wider community?

By boycotting Nestle products Heriot Watt University Student Union are:

- Supporting the INBC
- Showing awareness of political, environmental and ethical issues.
- Inspiring other universities and institutions to act responsibly on global issues.
- Attracting environmentally conscious students to the institution.
- Creating a more politically aware and conscientious environment for the students.

What do you believe the Union should do to achieve this policy / idea?

A full boycott of all Nestle products within Heriot Watt University Student Union.

Outcome	Passed / rejected
Proposed owner (FTO)	
Expiration date	