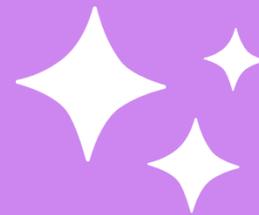


Predicting the Future

OR 'WHY POLICY ISN'T AS
BORING AS YOU THINK'



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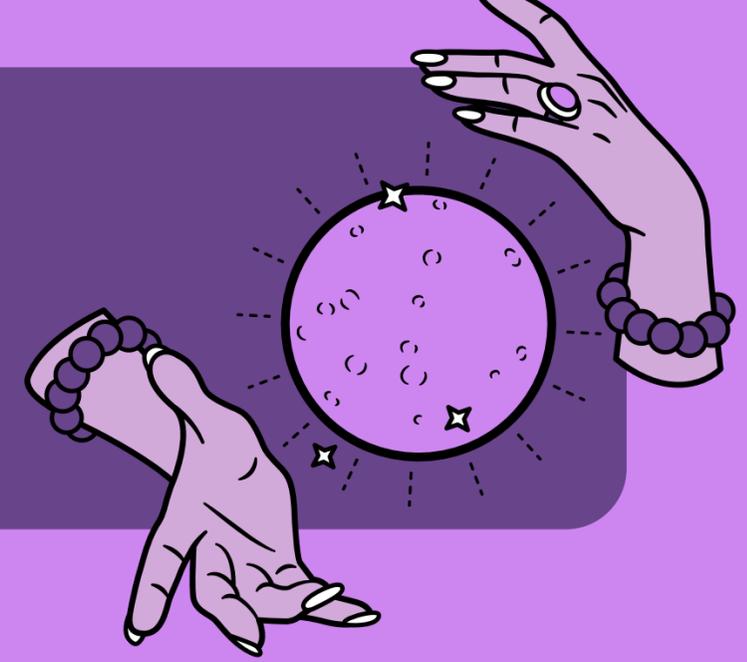


Alice, what are you talking about?

- Every year certain hot topics for students come up that the SU needs to be aware of.
- These big issues can come up from students; at student council, from the press, from government etc.
- Some of these issues will blindside us...
- HOWEVER through the magical world of ✨Higher Education Policy ✨
- we can look into the future to predict what issues may arise in the next year



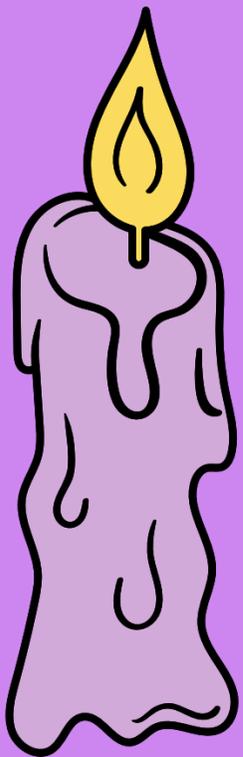
What is Policy?



Policy: a course or principle of action adopted or proposed by an organization or individual.

Policy is any document that lays out ways of thinking, actions proposed, rules and guidance.

Policies we need to be aware of come from government on issues in HE, the regulators, university policies, trade unions, SU policy (created by students).





Who is Making HE Policy?

Office for Students

Regulator for HE - sets expectations and can 'punish' HEPs

OIA

Regulator for student complaints - can overturn complaint outcomes

DfE

Civil Service department - will write policy for ministers

EPS

University department - creates and oversee uni policies

Student Council

Students creating policy for the SU - what we need to stick by

Politicians

Prime Minister, Ministers, Secretary of States



Why Does Policy Matter?

The University constantly has to be up to date on the latest in HE policy, therefore to know what's going on and what's coming up can help student representatives in their roles.

Often through being aware of the latest changes we can hold the University to account on key issues in the world of Higher Education.



Where to Look for Policy

- Office for Students
- OIA
- WonkHE
- Department for Education
- Universities UK
- UCU
- Newspapers e.g. BBC, Guardian
- Twitter
- Oxford SU Policy Book
- University EPS