

## 005- Microwaves to the Canteen

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### Union Notes

1. As it stands, to get hot food requires either paying for canteen food or living on campus and going back to halls
2. The university often focuses on students living on campus, not paying enough attention to students living off-site, even though majority of students live off-campus
3. Students who bring food off-campus have to eat it cold
4. Individuals with special diet requirements cannot buy food from canteen
5. People on low income often bring their own food to ensure they can keep up with their budget
6. Some students have to spend over 8 hours at university, hence they need to have a couple of visits at the canteen, if they would like to enjoy a warm meal
7. The cheapest option is a meal deal, which costs £3-£4. If a person doesn't want to get that exact bundle, they end up paying even more
8. Assume a student spends 3 or 4 days at university. If they buy just one meal every day, that would cost them £12-£16/week, £48-£64 a month.

### Union Believes

1. Every single student should have the opportunity to have a warm meal at university
2. Students with specific dietary requirements should not feel excluded from campus
3. Due to any of the above issues – including price, dietary requirements and more – students are less inclined to eat on campus, this reduces the amount of time they spend on campus as a whole. They are more likely to come in for their timetabled study and then leave immediately. This makes them feel less apart of the Leeds Trinity community and makes them less likely to engage with our broader offering
4. Many see a healthy diet as a valuable and important aspect of their life
5. Many other universities have microwave facilities available to students and it should therefore be entirely possible to replicate here

### Union Resolves

1. To mandate the President and Vice President to lobby the university to allow microwave facilities to be available on campus in an area that all students feel comfortable accessing