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Housing and Affordability

- End Circuit Laundry contracts, enabling lower prices by bringing maintenance in-house by the University
- Introduce a regulatory scheme for landlords, with an approved list, and hold badly behaving landlords to account
- Continue the Rent Rant campaign, fighting for genuinely affordable rents in both existing and new campus accommodation
- More varied and affordable food on campus and fight to reduce prices at commercial outlets
- Work with the National Union of Students to pressure the Government to restore greater maintenance grants

Health and Wellbeing

- Work with the NHS to review Unity Health and the availability of GP appointments and reduce waiting times
- Expand campus sexual health advice, MESMAC and increase availability of STI testing kits and work with drug support services
- Increase funding for OpenDoor to eliminate waiting lists and enable greater joined-up guidance between support systems
- Allow students to destress through introducing free yoga and meditation throughout the year
- Ensure a more sustainable campus, and that the University takes steps to go as close to carbon neutral as soon as possible

Community and Transport

- Protect York's night life by supporting independent student nights across the city, develop a better YorkParties' contract

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- Work with First Buses to regulate timetables and ensure value for money and continue the #Bustice campaign with the Council
- Clearer and safer walking and cycling routes to and from campus, with adequate lighting, as well as secure bike storage, covered by CCTV
- Fight with the NUS to protect the rights of EU citizens and ensure York remains an international city, with opportunities to live and work across the world

Sports and Activities

- Support lobbying for fairer funding for sports clubs and ensure members aren't restricted by financial barriers such as gym membership or hidden fees
- Expand subsidies and access grants for students from low income backgrounds to widen participation
- Streamline the process of online society finances and use the old UnityHealth building as storage space
- Ensure college committees, sports teams and societies feel supported and receive extra training where necessary – recognise and reward their contributions to build on the Love York Awards