Policy name: Extension of the 24 Plus Travel Card

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Student Council notes:

Translink currently offer a YLink discount card for students under the age of 24 which entitles them to 1/3 off all bus and rail tickets. Students over the age of 24 can apply for a 24 Plus Railcard which offers a discount of a 1/3 off your fare on train services but does not entitle them to a discount on bus services. Many of our students rely heavily on the UniLink service to travel between Belfast and the Jordanstown campus whilst students also use the bus services to travel to the Coleraine and Magee campuses.

Student Council believes:

Where practical, students should aim to travel to and from campus via an affordable and sustainable public transport network. The current discount scheme offered by Translink is ageist and has a negative financial impact on mature students. Discounts should be available to all students no matter their age.

Student Council resolves that:

The incoming executive will lobby Translink to extend the 24 plus rail card to use of bus services. The executive will also highlight the financial implications of travelling to campus via public transport and how that can become a barrier for mature students.

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