Providing access to Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre (ERCC) resources (Expenditure Request)

What will we do:

1. Pay £75 towards the cost of reprinting the Edinburgh Rape Crisis Centre (ERCC) survivors’ booklet to cover the number of copies we will receive.
2. The Students’ Association will ensure copies of the booklet are available to students on all campuses, in particular through the Advice Place and the University’s Student Counselling Service.

Background to this:

1. The ERCC survivors’ booklet contains information and exercises around trauma, the effects of sexual violence, ways of coping and recovery. It "covers the key things that survivors struggle with and aims to offer practical ways of coping whilst waiting to access support"
2. In 2016 Student Council passed policy mandating the Students’ Association to ensure copies of the booklet are available to students on all campuses.
3. The policy also notes that ERCC, as a charity, is reliant on insecure funding streams and that the Students’ Association should help address this by helping fund the production of the printed resources that we use.
4. In 2013 Student Council passed policy to support ERCC (formerly Edinburgh Women’s Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre, EWRASAC), noting its insecure funding and that it offers a vital service to students.

Beliefs and motivating actions:

1. The Students’ Association and the University have a responsibility to ensure easy access to resources (including the ERCC survivors’ booklet) for students who are survivors of sexual violence.
2. The ERCC survivors’ booklet is an important resource for survivors, as well as partners, friends, family members and others, and provides valuable information for students and staff.

Submitted with 20 Student Signatures.