



student action on world poverty and the environment

## General Proposal for the Forum 2009

**Deadline for proposals: 8 December 2008**

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**Categories for proposals:** finance and fundraising, present campaign, group support, communications, democracy, network, other, events

### Your details

Please provide the details of those putting forward the proposal. More than one proposer is optional.

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### Your proposal

Total word limit for this section: **500 words**.

Which category does your proposal best fit into?	Group Support
Title	National Co-ordination and Local Autonomy
Summary of your proposal (no more than 30 words).  For example, a topic for discussion, a position to debate or suggested course of action (like a motion).	Different universities face different local issues.  National campaigns should co-ordinate rather than restricting.  Resources need to be built up to support local needs, feeding into national co-ordination, not vice-versa.
<i>What is the proposed agenda item? (Write about your proposal in more detail here.)</i>	
<i>To think about the different needs of different universities, e.g. collegiate, more/less radical, etc and build up resources on the People and Planet website</i>	

*specific to local groups, removing pressure to fit actions in with national campaigns, and supporting local initiatives. To think also about how national campaigns can be made more flexible, and actively promote greater co-ordination and communication between different groups and between groups and head office.*

*Why is this important for People & Planet? For example, why is it valuable to discuss or if implemented, how will it make P&P more effective?*

*It relates to People and Planet's values of grassroots democracy. It would tailor People and Planet national to local People and Planet groups, rather than creating pressure in the opposite direction. It would make life easier for people resurrecting groups that have died out, or starting new ones. It would make it easier to participate in national campaigns.*

*How could it be implemented? (if applicable)*

- *Sections for individual groups on the website.*
- *Discussion, on the website, of how P and P national campaigns can be tailored to individual needs, e.g. collegiate, staunchly reactionary, more radical, competing/co-operating with other organisations etc.*
- *A discussion list, to include head office and all active members.*
- *A calendar, which anyone could add to, to include details of all local and national events.*
- *Consideration, on the website, of how best to promote People and Planet and its events in different universities.*
- *A section for information about local campaigns and actions on the website and in the e-updates.*

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