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**Charitable Event Donation Policy**

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## **Background**

MeDUSA runs many events with the goal of raising money for charity. These events often have expensive catering costs, which are detrimental to the amount of money received by the charity. For example, an event may raise \$200 in student donations, however MeDUSA has funded \$200 in catering towards that event. This policy aims to incentivise fund raising event organisers to reduce excessive costs and ensure the charities receive the most benefit.

## **Position Statement**

We believe that MeDUSA charity fund raising events should be focused to ensure that the charity has maximal benefit.

### **1. Donation Matching**

- 1.1. MeDUSA will match dollar-for-dollar, up to the value of \$200 per event, every donation dollar over the cost of the event. For example:
  - If students donate \$250, and MeDUSA funds \$200 in event costs (such as catering, advertising, venue hire) MeDUSA will donate a further \$50 to the charity.
  - If students donate \$500, and MeDUSA funds \$250, MeDUSA will fund \$200 to the charity.
  - If students donate \$150, and MeDUSA funds \$150, MeDUSA will not donate any further money.
- 1.2. MeDUSA's donations as a result of this policy will not exceed \$1000 per calendar year
- 1.3. All student donations must be deposited into MeDUSA's bank for verification
- 1.4. The form of this donation will be via electronic transfer, or cheque directly to the charity, not by cash.

### **2. Responsibility and Governance**

- 2.1. This policy only applies to budgets and events approved by the General Committee
- 2.2. The event organiser must explain what the charity is to the General Committee at the time of budget approval
- 2.3. Any conflicts of interest or affiliations with the charity must be made clear to the General Committee at the time of budget approval. For example, student A volunteers with the Red Cross and runs a MeDUSA funded event to raise funds for the Red Cross. Student A must clearly disclose to the General Committee that they volunteer with the Red Cross.