

## Arms Trade Policy

Members of the Guild hold beliefs outlined in our Ethical, Environmental, and Procurement Policy. We believe the University should go further to commit to reducing its connections with companies that profit from armaments and munitions.

The University of Birmingham Responsible Investment Policy mandates that their investment manager/s are “obligated” to follow the “investment exclusion criteria”, which includes “companies manufacturing whole weapon systems weapons, cluster munitions and anti-personnel landmines.” However, the exclusion list also includes; “companies where revenues exceed 10% of revenues with activities connected to weapons systems, including components and services designed for weapons use products or services designed for weapons use;” The Guild believes that the University of Birmingham must hold the same standards of ethical investments as the Guild.

Therefore, the Officer Team must lobby the University:

- to move towards ending all investments associated with armaments and munitions (i.e, within committee meetings and supporting campaigns on campus);
- to be publicly transparent about their investment portfolio and ensure it is easily accessible to students and staff;
- to review its research partnerships, with a view to minimise the proportion of partner organisations, and in turn the student engagement with such organisations, that provide/profit from the manufacturing and development of armaments and munitions;
- to increase the promotion of employment opportunities with companies that are not associated with the manufacturing and development of armaments or munitions, with a view to halting the promotion of opportunities that are;
- To create a student-staff group to consult on and review the University’s investments and feed back their views to the University, and the University should respond to that feedback

The above points should be subject to a yearly review of students’ interest in working for and researching for these companies, to ensure the Officers are still acting within the interests of the student body.