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To all University of Sussex Library staff:

Hello!

This message is to let you know that there will be another occupation of the library by students in support of the Sort US Out campaign and as a protest against tuition fees on the night of Tuesday 28th November. The occupation will last from closing-time until opening-time the following morning. This action will soon be widely publicised on campus, but we felt it would be good to let you know in advance, particularly to stress that this action is in no way aimed against library staff. On the contrary, we feel that as students we have common cause with library staff in criticising the way the library is being under-resourced and under-staffed by University management.

Of course we are aware that the occupation might inconvenience several of you, and for that we apologise in advance. We hope that we could find a way of making it up to those members of staff who are asked by library management to remain in the library during the occupation. We would also like to stress that the occupation is intended to keep the library open - it is in no way our intention that the library should be closed either before or after the occupation. Similarly we would like to stress that the occupation will respect all the usual library regulations (no eating, drinking, smoking etc), and ensure that no damage is done to library books or infrastructure.

If you would like to discuss any of this with us, or any concerns you might have, we would be happy to attend a staff meeting or arrange a meeting at another date.

Best wishes,

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