

Idea/Policy:	<u>Prayer Spaces in Vale</u>
Date/Time/Location:	16.12.2025 15:00 – 16:00 MS Teams
Student Attendees:	Simrah Inamdar (SI) - International Officer (Chair) Abby Kenrick (AK) - Welfare & Community Officer Ronak (R) - Ethnic Minority Officer
Staff Attendees:	Molly Purcell (MP) - Senior Student Voice Coordinator (Minute-Taker) Jane Baston (JB) - Student Voice & Representation Manager Claire Maitland (CM) - Residence Life Manager
Apologies:	Chloe Batten (Student Voice Coordinator - Democratic Engagement)
Actions/Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Not being sent to ASV ▪ Idea wording to be changed to 'Prayer Spaces in Accommodation' ▪ Idea will be directly implemented ▪ CB schedule check-in meeting after next SLG ▪ MP/JB provide CM with evidence of democratic backing ▪ SI/CM to follow up with SLG about prayer spaces being multi-faith

Minutes

- SI opened the meeting and spoke through the idea
- SI: Officers have been working on this before the Action Group and is working with accommodation team on short- and long-term solutions.
- CM mentioned that this has also been an issue for staff as well as students and there is a lack of direction for staff and students.
- SI asked if there's any work being done in the meantime from SLG (Student Living Group).

- AK highlighted that there's spaces in Pritchetts but not the Vale and are waiting for the refurbishment.
- SI mentioned that there's not been an alternative solution in the meantime as refurbishment takes time.
- CM spoke about outcomes from SLG and that they can follow up on short-, medium- and long-term plans for prayer spaces.
- R asked whether this would be a multi-faith prayer room or will it be limited to specific religions. Would like it to be multi-faith so this can be as inclusive as possible.
- SI and CM said this can be followed up with SLG.
- JB recommended to meet again after the next SLG to action anything.
- CM asked about showing the SLG the democratic backing from students to SLG. MP and JB said this can be provided.
- SI - idea wording to be changed to 'Prayer Spaces in Accommodation' to not limit this idea to one location.