**Amnesty International UK [University Name] Student Group**

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**[NAME OF UNIVERSITY] STUDENTS STAGE ‘NIGHT OF ACTION’ PROTEST AGAINST RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT ON CAMPUS**

**OR, IF YOU’RE RUNNING AN INTERESTING EVENT/ACTION, YOU COULD MENTION IT IN THE HEADLINE:**

**[NAME OF UNIVERSITY] STUDENTS [LEAD MIDNIGHT MARCH TO PROTEST] AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT ON CAMPUS**

**Amnesty International student groups across the UK lead a ‘Night of Action’ to raise awareness about importance of consent**

**Students [took to the streets] on Tuesday evening**

**‘It’s simple – sex without consent is rape. We want to open up the conversation and make seeking consent the norm’ - [Insert name]**

Students from [university name] [took to the streets (or appropriate action] on Tuesday night to raise awareness of the importance of sexual consent on campus.

The protest was part of a ‘Night of Action’ taking place in universities across the country - led by Amnesty International’s student movement - to raise awareness of the Europe-wide [#LetsTalkAboutYes](https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2018/11/rape-in-europe/) campaign which seeks to highlight that sex without consent is rape, and encourage open, positive discussions around consent.

[Here you might want to include more details about the event you ran that might be of interest – location, time, and speakers, how many people attended etc.]

The UK is one of the few European countries where the law already makes it clear that rape is defined by a lack of consent, but that does not mean consent is always sought. Amnesty’s student movement wants to change the culture around sexual consent on campus, so that seeking mutual consent is the norm.

XXXX, from [university name]’s Amnesty International student group, said:

*Generic quote, change as you wish!*

“People talk about a ‘rape culture’ but it’s time we changed that to a ‘consent culture’. Consent shouldn’t be about not saying no, it should be about saying yes.

 “It’s simple – sex without consent is rape. We want to open up the conversation and make seeking consent the norm.

“That’s why hundreds of us marched on town at midnight – to raise awareness about sexual consent and get students talking about it.”

For more information about the #LetsTalkAboutYes campaign and European rape laws, see here: <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/campaigns/2018/11/rape-in-europe/>

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