

Welcome

**Society Committee Training
2026-27**



Society Committee Training

- Every year we train society committee members so you're ready to run your group and activities.
- We update our training each year, so all the key information you'll need is delivered through online modules like this one. You'll be able to do them from the comfort of your own home, at a time that's convenient to you!
- There will be a short quiz at the end of each module to test your learning. By completing the quiz, you will automatically register your completion of the module.
- We don't expect you to remember every detail in the training, so we'd recommend downloading the slides to refer back to throughout the year.



In this module we'll cover

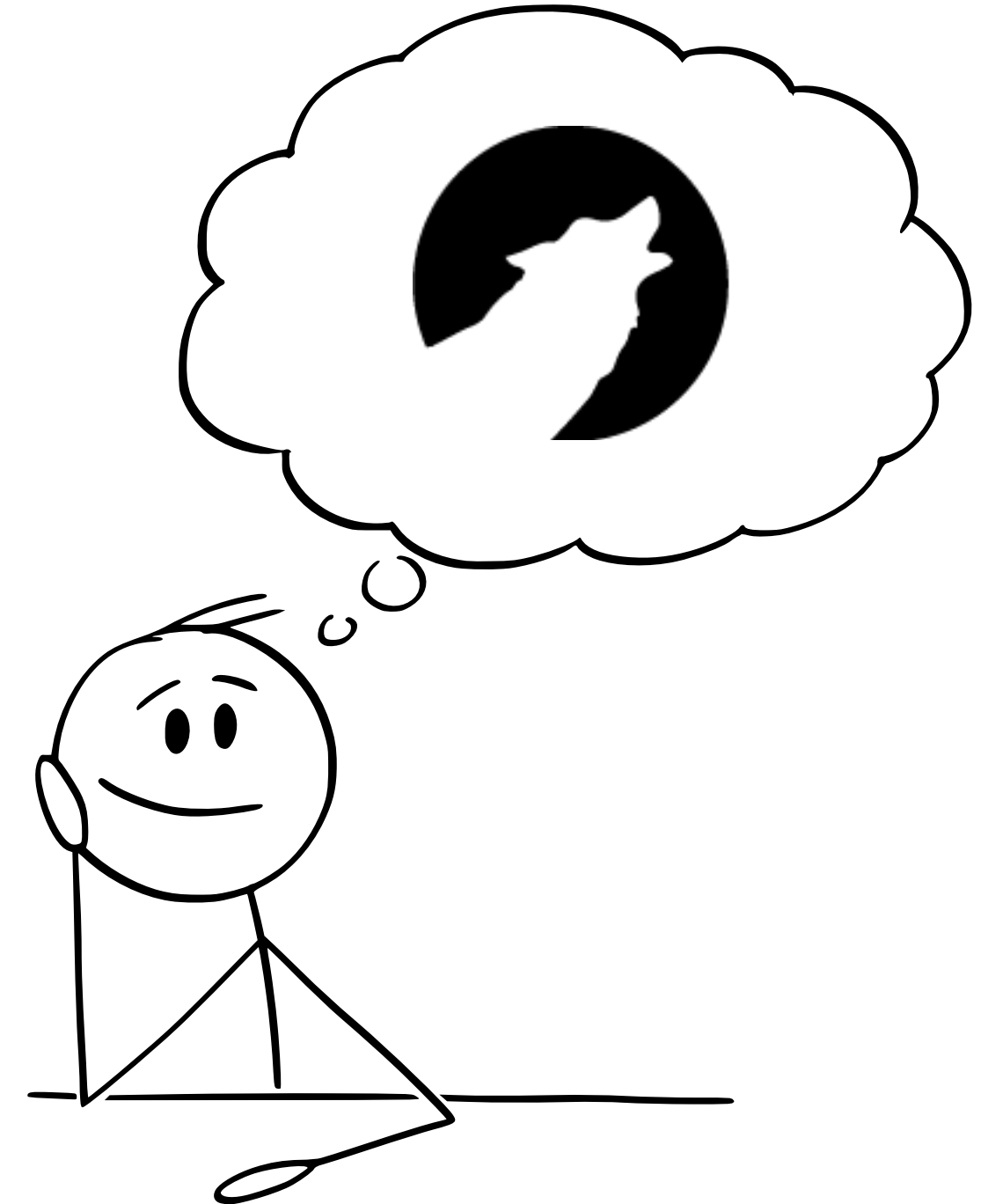
- Understanding your Students' Union
- Your role in your Society
- How the SU can support you
 - SU Website
 - Room Bookings
 - Funding
 - Society Development
 - Awards
- Events Planning



Understanding your SU...

In this section we'll cover:

- What is a Students' Union?
- What services does the Union offer?
- Who leads the Students' Union?
- Our staff and officers
- Meet the Opportunities Team
- The Community & Welfare Officer



So, what is a Students' Union?

Quick activity:

- Grab a pen and paper (or your phone)...
 - Write down what services you think the Students' Union provides.
 - Write down what services you think the Student Activities team provides.
- In the next few slides, we'll go through what a Students' Union is, and what services we provide to students



Welcome to Wolves

So, what is a Students' Union?



- A Students' Union is a charity that is independent from the university that they are associated with. Students' Unions are democratic organisations – they represent the interests of their members.
- Students' Unions are student-led. You elect your fellow students at the end of each year to lead on the activity we run and decide the direction we take as an organisation.
- You automatically become a member of the Students' Union when you enrol at Wolves, but you have the choice to opt-out of joining. If you opt out, you won't become a member.
- Wolverhampton Students' Union aims to build a vibrant and empowered student community that enables students to enjoy their time at university; pursue their interests and passions; and develop skills and experience to change the world for the better.



So, what is a Students' Union?

Student Opportunities

Societies

- Skills Sessions
- Give It A Go!
- Fundraising

Events

- Welcome Week
- Cultural Events
- Events

Volunteering

- Student-led projects
- One-off volunteering opportunities
- Volunteering recognition and certificates
- Skills development and career workshops

Advice & Support

Free, confidential and independent advice on:

- Housing and accommodation
- Money and debt
- Academic issues
- Employment rights

Representation & Democracy

- Academic Representation
- Sabbatical Officers
- Liberation Representatives
- Student Council
- Elections
- Student Feedback

Eat, Drink & Socialise

Wolverhampton

- The Luna Lounge Bar
 - Pool, Foosball
- The Deli Moon Cafe
- The Den (Social Space)

Walsall

- The SU Lounge
 - Bar, Food
 - Pool
 - Xbox
- SU Lounge Boardroom

Telford

- SU Space (Top Floor)
 - Comfy Social Space
 - Pool Table

Who leads the Students' Union?



Each year you elect students to represent your views – full time! These students are your **Sabbatical Officers** – paid members of staff at the Union – for 2026-27.

Together, staff and sabbatical officers look out for your best interests, working with WLV to make sure your views are heard.



Ikenna Okeke

President



Confidence Orewa

VP Academic



Benjamin Sekpe

VP Community



Imoleayo 'Sarah' Falana

VP Diversity



Student Opportunities

We've supported you our societies with the largest amount of support and funding this year:

- We have 61 societies.
- 850+ students have memberships of a society.
- 1,597.5 hours logged by our student volunteers.
- 255 students registered as volunteers.
- £2,300+ additional funds raised for our student groups.

The **Student Opportunities** team is open (during term-time):

Monday to Friday: 10:00 to 16:00

You can get in touch:

- by **email**
(opportunities.wolvesunion@wlv.ac.uk)
- by **phone** (01902 322075)
- **in-person** (Students' Union, Welcome Desk Wolverhampton)

Student Opportunities

The Students' Union Student Activities Team helps you to deliver a wide range of activity – run by and for students. We support our societies in several ways:

- Welcome Desk Support
- Democracy & Membership
- Finance
- Health & safety
- Event management
- Room Bookings
- Training & Development

Most of these areas have their own dedicated training modules.

In this module, we'll look further at: spaces & facilities; digital & online support; and training & development.



Societies

The Student Opportunities Team provides support, training and rewards for all societies.

Society Development

We offer development meetings, support and training for all societies as well as bespoke support.

From targeted events to role-specific training.



Society Recognition

Societies can work throughout the year to become eligible for recognition through awards such as Society of the Year, Society Event of the Year, and more. In addition, societies that demonstrate dedication and success may be featured in monthly spotlights celebrating their achievements.



Society Events

Our team can support you to plan and run your events safely and smoothly. Please make sure to read through our event management training and email us if you need any further advice.



Societies

We also provide bespoke support and opportunities for our societies:

Welcome Fairs

Society Spotlights

Support Society Socials



Society Networking

Community Outreach

End of Year Celebrations

Meet your Sabbatical Officer

VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNITY & WELFARE **BENJAMIN** *SEKPE*



BENJAMIN.SEKPE@WLV.AC.UK

- One of the full-time elected officers you vote for each year is the VP Community & Welfare. They work closely with the Opportunities team to help us make decisions and make sure your voice is heard.
- The Vice President supports the development and growth of student communities at UoW, including societies, and helps ensure your voices are heard within the University.
- They also feedback your views, make decisions and set policy with the support of the Opportunities team and wider SU.



Meet the Student Opps Team

SOCIETIES & VOLUNTEERING COORDINATOR

JACKAPPLEBY

FAVOURITE FILM:

Cling Film

FAVOURITE SPORT:

Rugby

GO TO MEAL DEAL:

**Hoisin Duck Wrap, Walkers Paprika,
Pepsi Max**



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Student Volunteering

What is Volunteering?

Volunteering is now part of Wolverhampton SU services! We're here to help you:

- ✓ Gain experience
- ✓ Give back to your community
- ✓ Build your confidence
- ✓ Try something new

Types of Opportunities:

- Community volunteering with local groups
- Campus roles like Course Reps & Society Committees
- One-off events or long-term placements

Why Volunteer?

- Gain skills employers value
- Boost your CV and graduate prospects
- Meet new people & grow your network
- Make a positive difference in your community
- Have fun and build confidence along the way!

The **Volunteering team** is located at **Wolverhampton SU (City Campus)**.

If you need to get in touch, please **email** opportunities.wolvesunion@wlv.ac.uk or **visit** the [Students' Union website](#).

Student Volunteering

How to Get Started:

- Register online at the SU website using your student login
- Browse live opportunities
- Need help? Contact J.Appleby@wlv.ac.uk

Log Your Volunteering:

- Set up your volunteering profile
- Record and track your hours
- Hours are verified by SU staff and placement providers

Recognition & Rewards:

- Top volunteers celebrated at the SU Awards
- Shout-outs in newsletters, social media & events
- Inspiring stories shared all year round



“Volunteering is your chance to grow, connect, and make a difference”

Ready to start? Visit our website and get involved today!

Advice Service



The Students' Union Advice Service has trained and experienced Advisors who offer free, confidential and independent advice on the following areas:

- **Academic:** extenuating circumstances, student complaints, interrupting or withdrawing from studies, disciplinaries, academic misconduct and the OIA (Office of the Independent Adjudicator).
- **Housing:** tenancy agreement checks, council tax, disputes with landlords or housemates, disrepair and return of tenancy deposit.
- **Money:** applying for grant and hardship funding, applying for grants, welfare benefits advice, help with budgeting, income maximisation and managing debt.

And more, including employment rights, consumer advice, personal support and wellbeing (including referral to specialist services).

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Representation & Democracy

The Student Voice Team help ensure we represent your views, and help you make the changes you want to see at UoW.

Representation

Academic Representation

They support you and your representatives to transform the academic experience at UoW.

We work with your:

- Course Reps
- Department Reps

Liberation Representation

They support you and your Liberation Reps to create a more inclusive and empowering experience at UoW.

Democracy

Supporting you to shape democratic structures and develop active and confident student leaders to lead our democratic, representative and campaigning activities.

Providing opportunities to students such as:

- Student Council
- SU Elections
- Campaigns

Feedback Opportunities

Your voice matters – and we're here to help you share it.

You can give feedback:

- Online – via our 24/7 feedback form
- Through a Rep – Course, Faculty, Community Organisers or Sabbatical Officers
- At Events – look out for Student Voice drop-ins throughout the year

The **Representation & Democracy team** is located at **Wolverhampton SU (City Campus)**.

If you need to get in touch, please **email** studentvoice.wolvesunion@wlv.ac.uk or **visit** the [Students' Union website](#).

Time For A Little Quiz!



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Society Committee Training -
Checkpoint 1 (2026/27)



Your Role...

In this section we'll cover:

- Why are societies important?
- Who leads our societies?
- Your roles and responsibilities
- A timeline of your year
- Getting in touch with us

**WHAT
IS YOUR
ROLE**



The importance of societies

- Societies develop supportive and inclusive **student communities** at UoW, where you can meet other people with the same interests.
- Students joining university can carry on taking part in their current **hobbies, passions or interests**, or develop new ones!
- You hold incredible **events** such as conferences, festivals and even trips.
- Society activity has a positive impact on **student wellbeing** – students who take part in societies are more likely to feel part of the UoW community, and less likely to drop out of university.
- You and your fellow committee members become **student leaders** in the UoW community.
- Leading and taking part in society activity helps you develop new and **transferable skills**, that help enhance your CV



Who leads our societies?

- Once a year, society members choose who will lead their group for the next academic year through our annual society elections.
- Every society must elect a chair, secretary and treasurer. Most groups will have additional committee positions like social media officer or social secretary.
- An outline of your activities and role descriptions for your committee positions must be outlined in your society constitution.
- After you are elected, you take office from 1 August 2025 until 31 July 2026.



Your role and responsibilities

- As a committee, chairs, secretaries and treasurers are ultimately responsible for leading, organising and delivering society activity.
- To ensure you're fully equipped to take on this role, you are required to complete core training, and submit your registration documents.
- Role descriptions for compulsory committee roles are set out in the Students' Union Society Regulations.
- You are responsible for ensuring your society abides by these regulations.



Your role and responsibilities

The Chair

As the Chair, you'll be at the helm of the society, providing leadership, direction, and vision. You'll be responsible for setting the overall tone and goals of the society and ensuring the committee works together effectively to achieve them.

Your role includes:

- Set goals and guide the committee.
- Chair meetings and shape the agenda.
- Be the main rep to the SU and beyond.
- Oversee events and projects.
- Build an inclusive, welcoming community.

The Secretary

As the Secretary, you'll be the organisational powerhouse that keeps the society running smoothly behind the scenes. You'll manage the society's communication, administration, and coordination of activities.

Key responsibilities include:

- Take and share meeting minutes.
- Book rooms and manage the calendar.
- Handle society emails and messages.
- Keep records and key info updated.
- Help plan meetings and events.

The Treasurer

As the Treasurer, you'll be responsible for managing the society's finances and ensuring the sustainability of our activities. Your role will be key in turning ideas into reality by budgeting and securing funds.

Key Responsibilities include:

- Track income and spending.
- Create budgets for events.
- Apply for SU funding.
- Keep financial records clear and up to date.
- Share regular finance updates with the team.



Your Responsibilities

- When you're emailing us, tell us which society you're contacting us on behalf of, and your committee position.
- Using acronyms such as UoW ABC Soc makes it more difficult for us to identify your society, so spell it out! This also applies to event names.
- Include as much information as possible and proof-read your submissions! There will be delays if we need to follow up or reject your requests.
- We recommend you don't respond to your own email, as your responses are grouped together under the date of your most recent email. It can therefore take us longer to get back to you.



Society Standard & Expectations

Members and committees are required to:

- Respect all University rules and policies
- Demonstrate respect for University spaces, staff, and fellow students
- Maintain a positive standard in all society activities, reflecting well on the Society, the Students' Union, and the University

Prohibited conduct includes:

- Bringing external visitors onto campus without prior permission (unauthorised individuals will be required to leave)
- Failing to take responsibility for approved visitors—any misconduct by visitors will be held against the Society and its committee
- Engaging in poor practice or behaviour that reflects negatively on the Society, the Students' Union, or the University

Failure to comply may result in sanctions, including:

- Withdrawal of privileges
- Restriction of campus access
- Disbanding of the society
- Referral for University disciplinary procedures



Getting in touch with us

How we will contact you

- We will usually email you from **j.appleby@wlv.ac.uk**, this is the account used by our opportunities team. **We expect you to check your emails regularly.**
- We may occasionally contact you via phone or event society specific social media – please let us know if you have accessibility requirements and would prefer alternative contact methods.
- We will send you the committee regular updates via our society **Microsoft Teams Chat** during term time. We include key updates, so remember to read it regularly!



How you can contact us

Please call, email or drop into the Student Activities Reception as your first point of call:

- by email (opportunities.wolvesunion@wlv.ac.uk)
- by phone (01902 322075)
- in-person (Students' Union, Welcome Desk Wolverhampton)

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Support we provide for you...

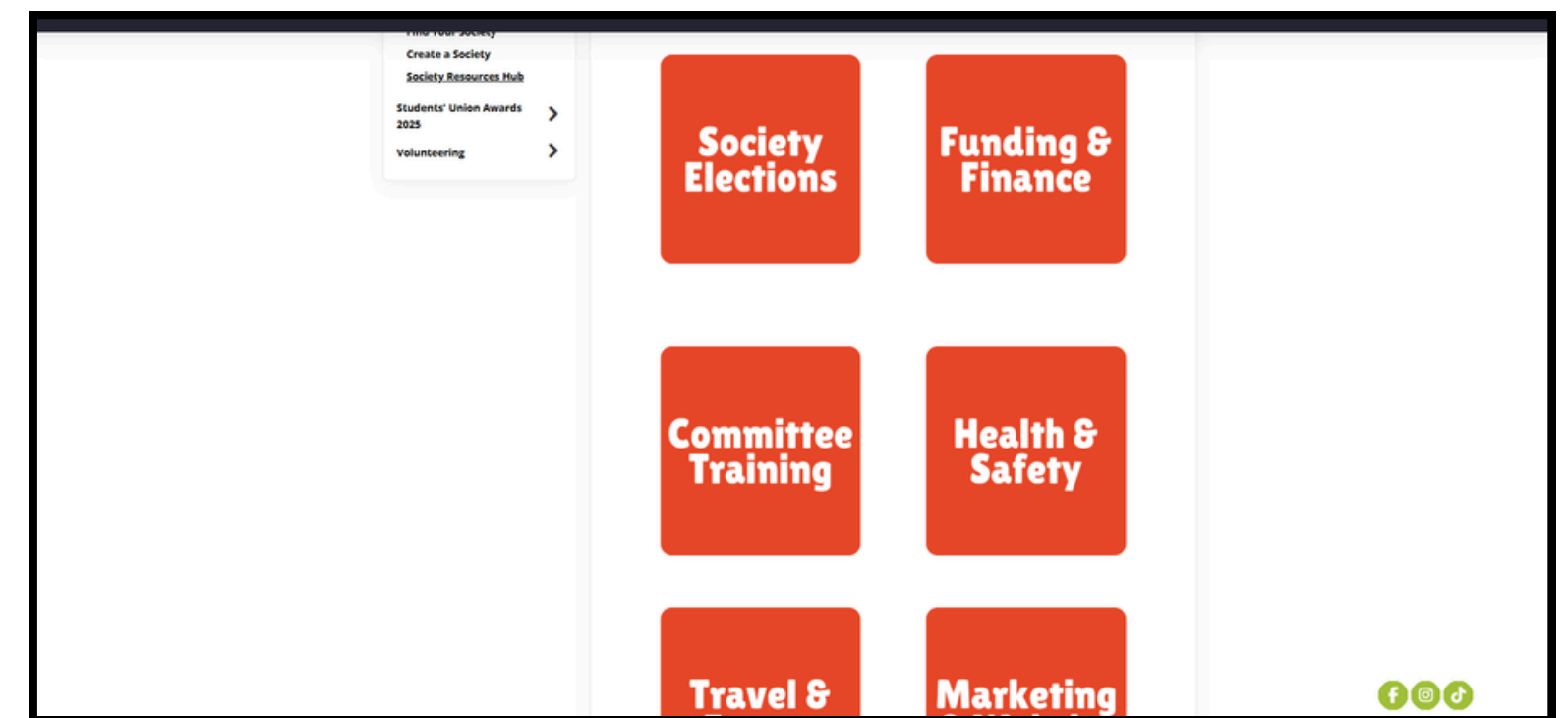
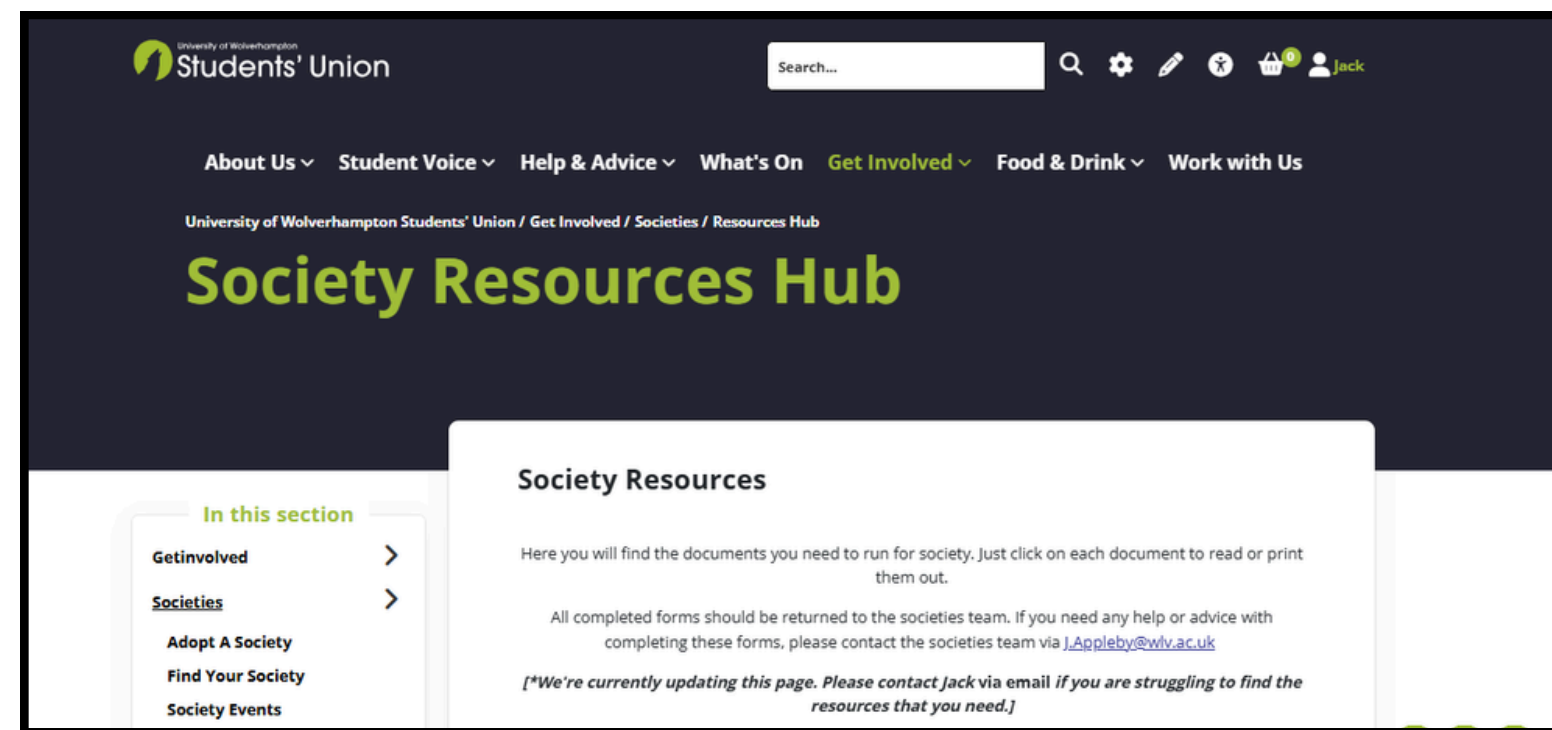
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- The Students' Union website
- Room Bookings
- Post and deliveries
- Space on campus
- Society Development
- Financial Support
- Awards



Society Resources Hub

The Students' Union website is your first point of call for all the information you need. The Society Resources Hub has all the forms you need to organise your activity, and detailed how-to-guides for the processes you need to know.



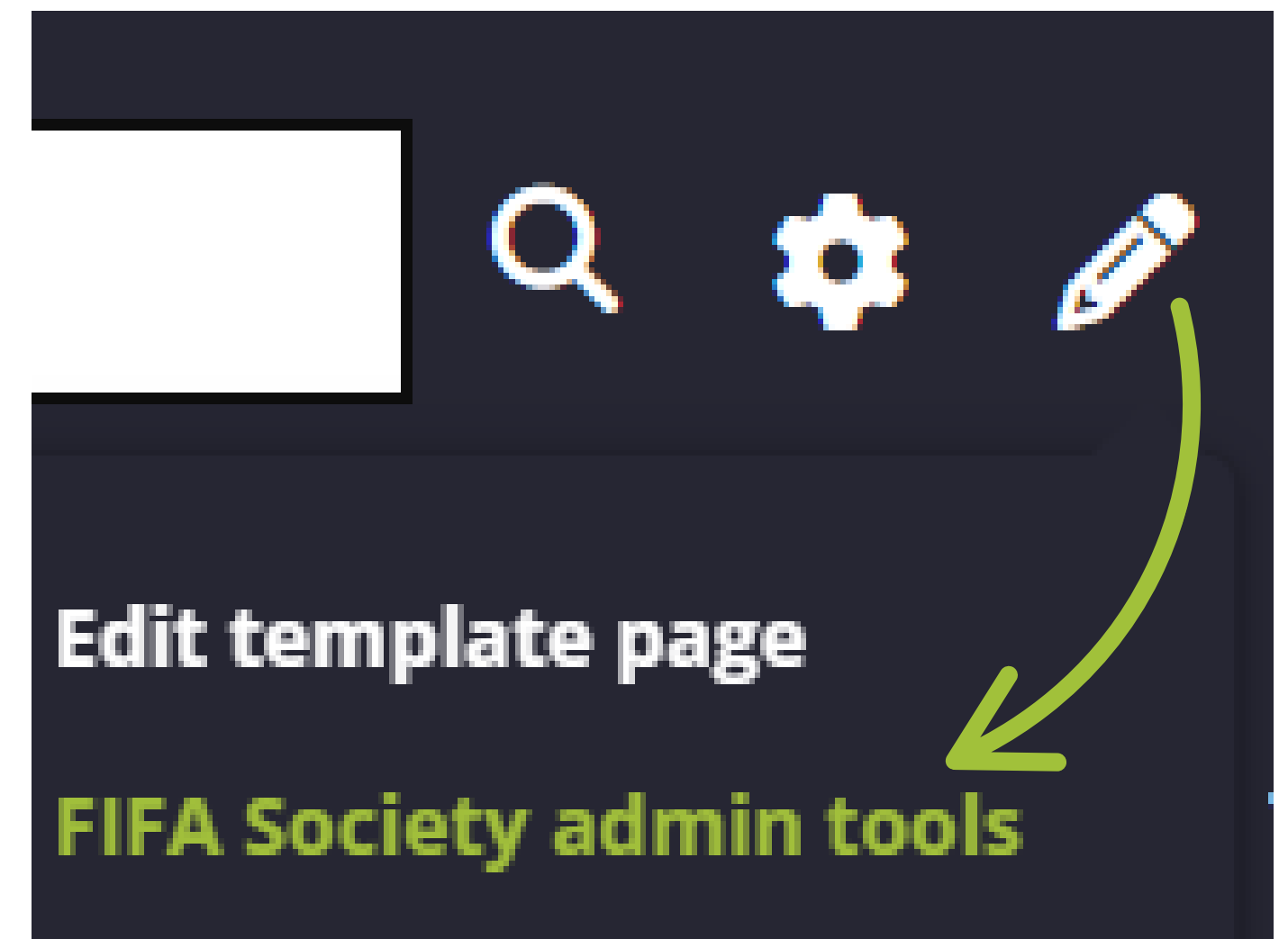
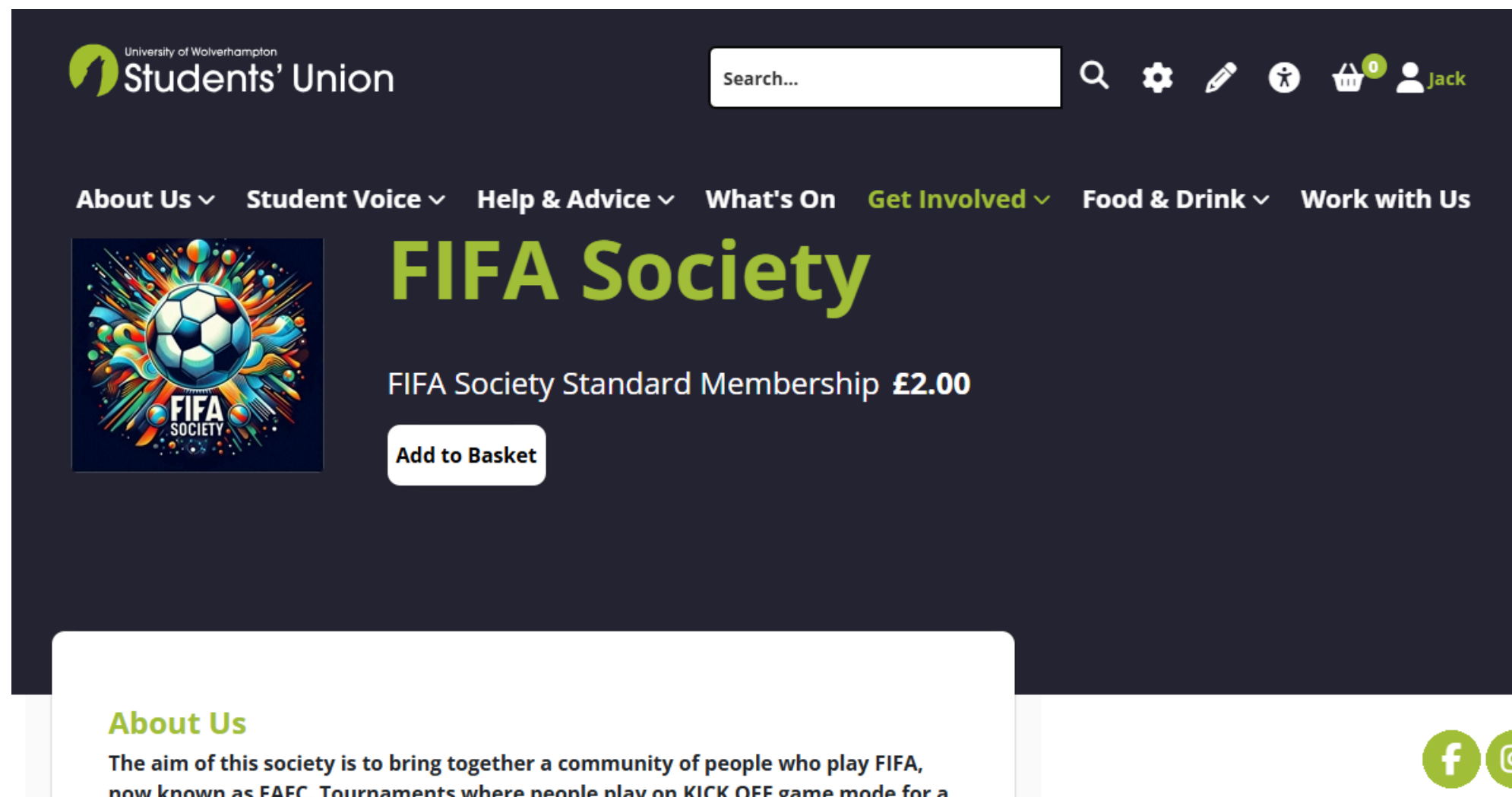
Society Resources Hub

- As an affiliated society, you will have your own page on the Students' Union website. Once you've completed your training, we will give you administrative access so you can edit this page yourself. This is a brilliant way to advertise your group to new students, so we recommend updating your website ahead of Welcome Week!
- Students will be able to purchase membership of your society from this page. **Remember – students must purchase membership** to take part in any of your society activity.
- As a society, we'd recommend you to create an email for your society, if you don't already have one, which you can display on your webpage. You're expected to check this weekly!
- You can also link to **your social media pages** on the Union website, to help students find out more about joining your society.



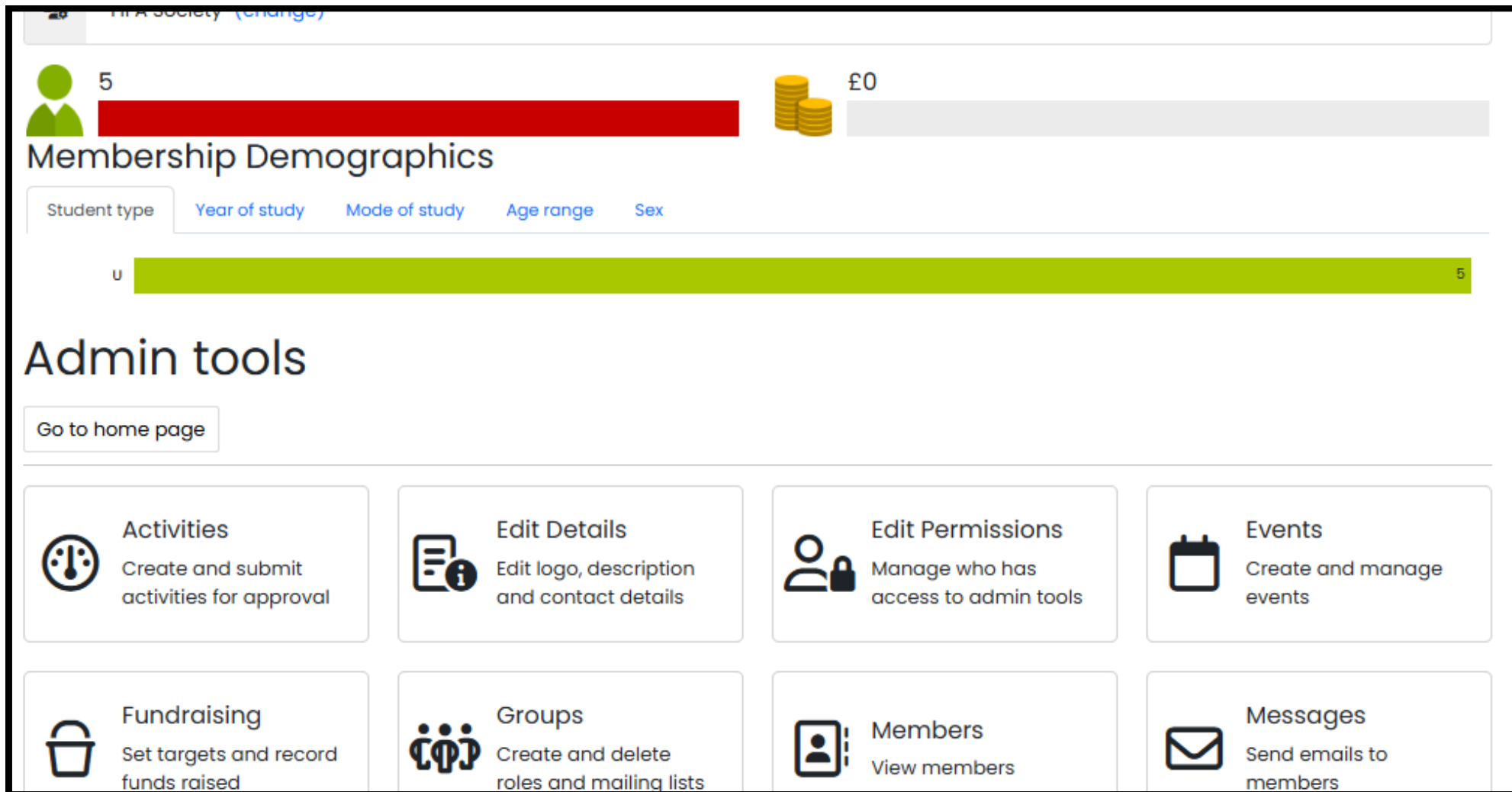
Editing your society webpage

Log into the SU website with your student credentials. Click on 'Pencil Emoji' to update your summary, description, social media details and more...

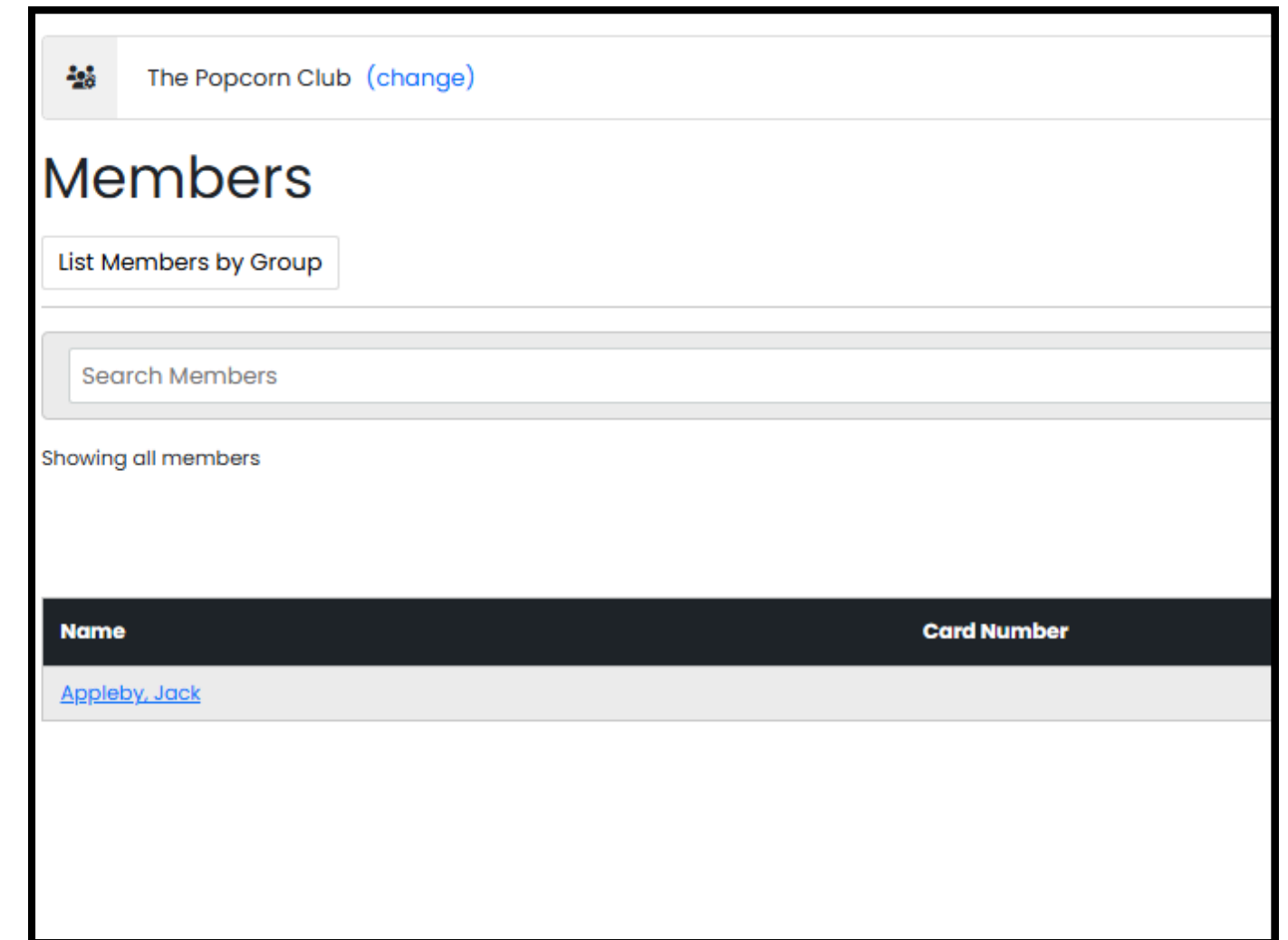


Finding your membership list

Click on '**Members**' to view and download a full list of your members... You are able to contact these members via the website to, just click on '**Messages**' you can then send emails out to all members!



The screenshot shows the admin dashboard for a group. At the top, there's a header with a green profile icon, the number '5', a red bar, and a balance of '£0'. Below this is the 'Membership Demographics' section with tabs for 'Student type', 'Year of study', 'Mode of study', 'Age range', and 'Sex'. A green bar with the letter 'u' and the number '5' is visible. The 'Admin tools' section includes a 'Go to home page' button and a grid of eight icons with descriptions: Activities (Create and submit activities for approval), Edit Details (Edit logo, description and contact details), Edit Permissions (Manage who has access to admin tools), Events (Create and manage events), Fundraising (Set targets and record funds raised), Groups (Create and delete roles and mailing lists), Members (View members), and Messages (Send emails to members).



The screenshot shows the 'Members' page for 'The Popcorn Club'. It includes a 'List Members by Group' button and a 'Search Members' input field. Below the search bar, it says 'Showing all members'. A table with two columns, 'Name' and 'Card Number', is displayed. The first row shows the name 'Appleby, Jack' as a blue link.

Name	Card Number
Appleby, Jack	

UoW Room Bookings

- Once you have completed your training and it's been confirmed by the opportunities team, chairs are granted permission to book rooms for their society activity.
- To book a room you **must contact our welcome desk team**, in your request you must specify clear dates, times and preferred locations and also what society you are part of. If a request is made by a non-committee member, your request will not be processed.
- If you have an external speaker associated with your booking, your booking will not be approved until your external speaker request has been approved. You must make us aware when booking a room if you plan to have an external guest or speaker, requests made after a room has been booked may be declined.
- Remember – if you don't fail to uphold the values in our student code of conduct, your booking rights will be revoked.

The **Welcome Desk** is located at **Wolverhampton SU (City Campus)**.

All room bookings must be sent via email, please **email** welcomedesk.wolvesunion@wlv.ac.uk.



Booking Space At The SU

- SU spaces can only be booked by society Presidents and Treasurers, and all bookings must be for =society, or student-led activity.
- You can request either a block booking (a regular slot during term time) or an ad-hoc booking (a one-off event or session).
- If the terms and conditions of room use are breached, booking privileges may be suspended or removed.
- All SU spaces are subject to availability and must be confirmed by the Students' Union. Requests for the Luna Lounge Bar must include a clear event plan, as this space requires staffing. Bookings requested with less than 10 working days' notice may not be approved.
- All event details must be submitted at the same time as the room booking request. The nature of your event may impact whether we can accommodate it, so it's important we have all the information up front.



Our SU Spaces Available...

We currently have 5 spaces available for bookings:

- **Luna Lounge** – Ideal for events, socials, performances, and parties.
- **The Den** – A flexible social space suited to pop-up events, outreach, society meetups, and informal sessions.
- **Deli Moon Café** – Available after 4pm for smaller pop-up events and creative activities once the café closes.
- **SU Lounge (Walsall Campus)** – Available for society sessions, socials, and events.
- **Walsall AV Boardroom** – A fully equipped space suitable for student and staff use, including study groups, workshops, or meetings.

All of our **Students' Union Spaces** are subject to availability.

To request a SU booking, please **email** the Opportunities Team at J.Appleby@wlv.ac.uk.

Post and Deliveries

- Society committees can have post and deliveries for their group sent to the Students' Union.
- Once your parcel has arrived, we will notify you by email and you must collect your parcel as soon as possible.
- Your members cannot collect individual items from a larger order from the SU; it is your responsibility to distribute any items you order.
- When having items delivered to the Students' Union, please use the following postal address:



Financial Support

Are you eligible?

To apply for funding, your society must:

- Be registered with Wolverhampton Students' Union
- Have an active society webpage on: www.wolvvesunion.org/societies/list/
- Have at least 3 committee members
- Have at least **10 paid members**
- Be regularly engaging with the Opportunities Team about your activities



Financial Support

How it works!

- You can apply for up to £300 per academic year
- Applications must meet all essential criteria and at least two desirable ones
- Late or incomplete applications will not be considered
- All spending must be approved in advance by the SU
- Submit receipts within 2 weeks for reimbursement
- If paying a vendor (e.g. photo booth), provide an invoice or payment info
 - All invoices **must be** submitted on official company letterhead. Handwritten or informal invoices **will not be accepted.**
- You can submit multiple applications, but the total annual cap remains £300

Awards

- At the end of the year, we host awards ceremonies to recognise and celebrate your hard work and achievements! You can nominate your peers for awards in these categories:

Societies Awards

Volunteering Awards

Leadership Awards

Diversity Awards

- With hundreds of students involved in our Opportunities, winning an award is a huge achievement which recognises you have gone above and beyond for your group or the wider UoW community. It's something to put on your CV to make you stand out from the crowd and to demonstrate the skills you have exhibited as a society committee member.
- We have a range of awards for both individuals and groups, from a commendation for your involvement in a society, to an award for best society of the year. Each year a panel decides who wins these awards.



Welcome Week



If you didn't already know, each year we host a Welcome Week which is when we welcome to campus both new and returning students.

Key Dates

- A-Level Results Day: **Thursday 14 August**
- International Students begin arriving at UoW: **Monday 07 September**
- Welcome Week begins: **Monday 14 September**
- Welcome Fair (City Campus): **Tuesday 15 September**
- Welcome Fair (Walsall Campus): **Wednesday 16 September**

It's a good idea to start planning your activity over summer, and make sure that your webpage and socials are looking good in time for A-Level Results Day!



Welcome Fair



- The Welcome Fair aims to introduce new students to your activities, help you gain more members, and welcome UoW students to our incredible community.
- As always, our Welcome programme will be student-led, with societies delivering activities for students to get involved with. We'll be on hand every step of the way to support you with this.
- To have a stall at Welcome Fair, your society must:
 - Complete training and have your society constitution written and returned to the Opportunities team.
 - Have a full committee elected.
- As soon as we have further details, we'll let you know, so keep an eye on your emails over the summer. In the meantime, think about the events you can run or the digital content you can create to engage more students.
- Get in touch if you'd like to chat to our staff team about your ideas!



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Events & Activities

In this section we'll cover:

- What is the events process?
- How to plan for an event
- How to run inclusive events



UPCOMING
EVENTS

What is an event or activity?

An event is any student group activity that is planned by a committee member for the enjoyment of members of the society. This can be as simple as organising a bar crawl around Wolverhampton to as wild as society trip to Japan.

It is the responsibility of **all committee members** to help plan/organise/ run the events for the benefit of your members.

It's advisable that you sit down as a committee and plan what you'd like to do this year, the more preparation the easier planning and executing events and activities will be.



Standard or Special Events

What is the difference between the two types of events?

Standard event - Whether it's a formal Society function (like a society committee meeting) or a regular activity (such as weekly catch ups).

Special – Where the event goes beyond the Society's usual activities and includes things like travel, spending money, selling tickets, hiring venues or equipment, taking on extra risks, or hosting guest speakers or performers.

If the event is a special event, then these will require a separate risk assessment.



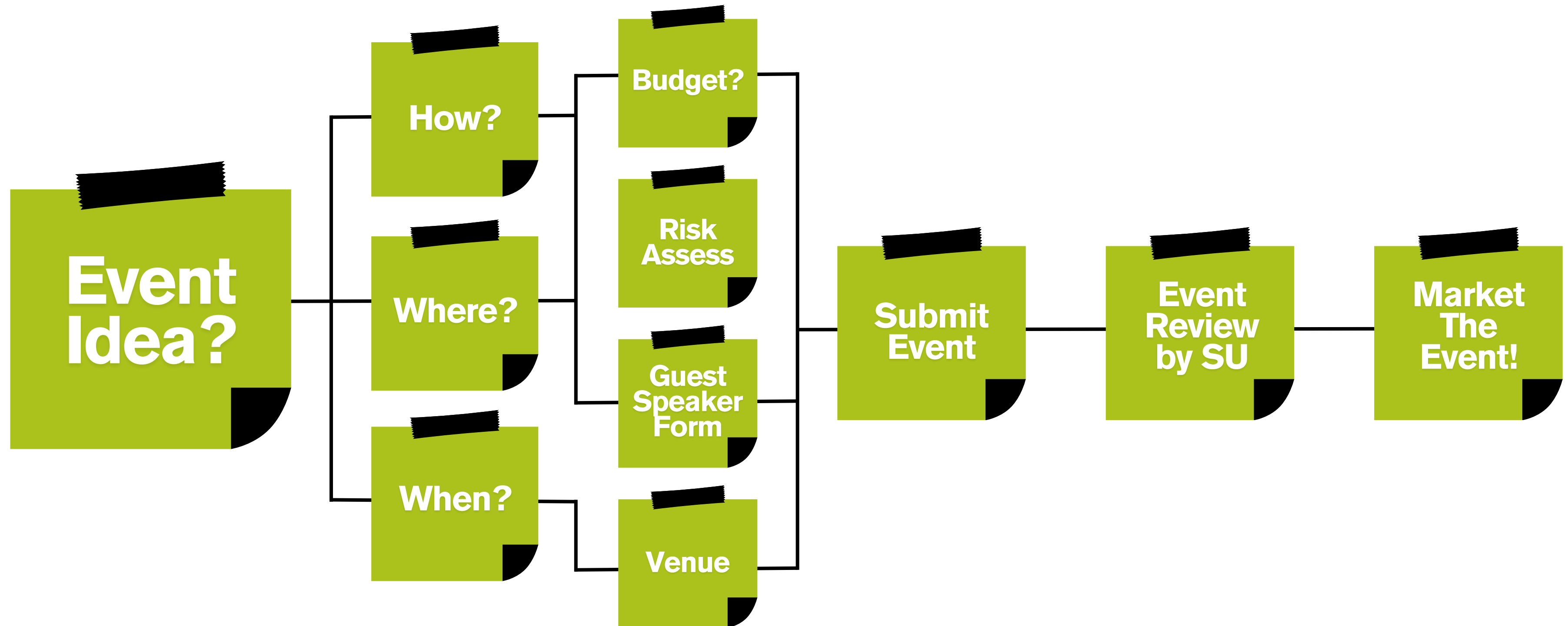
The Events Process...



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Idea Planning



- Start by coming together as a committee to brainstorm event ideas. Aim to do this before each academic term so you can plan a calendar of events in advance.
- Having a clear plan helps keep your committee organised and gives members exciting things to look forward to. Try to include a mix of events—socials, educational activities, guest speakers, or trips—to appeal to different interests and boost engagement.
- Planning ahead also gives you time to sort logistics and promote events properly.

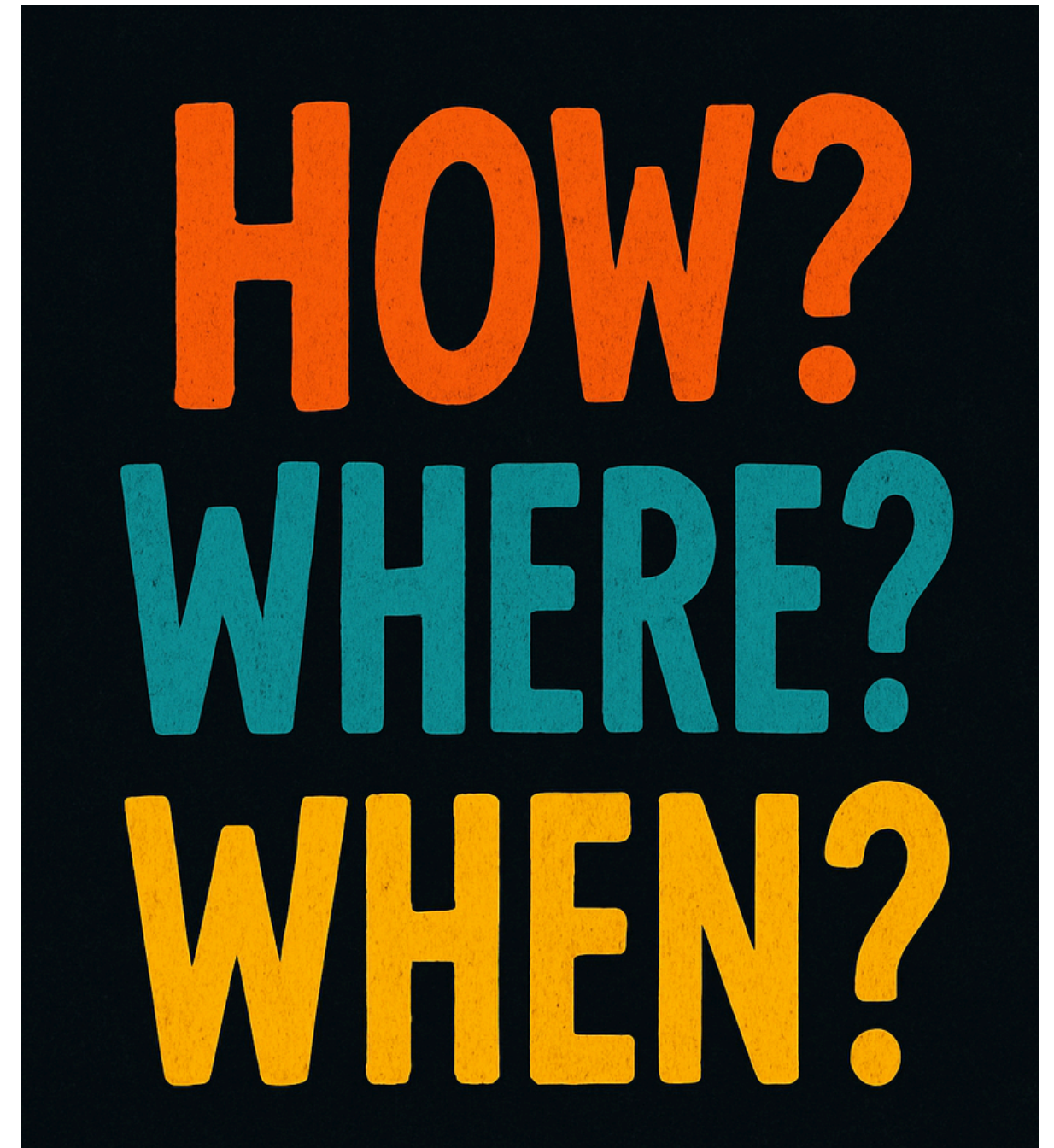


The Events Process

One of the best parts about running a society is the responsibility of helping plan an event. However, this process does take some time and thought on behalf of the committee.

After producing an idea, we want you to ask yourselves three important questions:

- How?
- Where?
- When?



How?

- **Pre-event tasks:** Ensure all logistics, bookings, and permissions are finalized before the event date.
- **Risk Assessment:** Every event must have an approved risk assessment before any advertising or promotion begins.
- **Guest Speaker:** If you're planning to invite a guest speaker, submit the relevant form at least 20 days in advance for approval.
- **Budget Check:** Confirm your available budget and make sure it covers all expected costs for the event.



Where?

- **Venue or Room Booking:** Determine where the event will be held—do you need to book a campus room or an external venue?
- **Venue Contact:** If using an external location, reach out to the venue early to confirm availability and requirements.
- **Accessibility:** Make sure the venue is accessible for all members, including those with mobility needs.
- **Travel Feasibility:** Consider how members will get to the venue—ensure it's practical and reachable for everyone.



When?

- **Submission Deadlines:** Submit forms well in advance—one week may not allow enough time for review and approval.
- **Event Timing:** Pick a time that suits most members; very late events (e.g., 11pm–12am) can reduce attendance.
- **Marketing Window:** Allow enough time to promote the event—last-minute notices mean many members might already have other commitments.
- **Seasonal Suitability:** Avoid scheduling social or alcoholic events during exam season, as turnout is likely to be low.



Budgeting

Work out the event budget at the start—this helps decide the location, whether you need a sponsor, and if you'll need to ticket or charge for the event.

Need more funding?

- **Society Development Fund** – Apply if the event could grow your membership.
- **External Sponsor** – A local pub, business, or group might support you. All agreements must go through the societies team.
- **Donations** – Some local businesses may contribute—again, check with the societies team first.



Sponsorship or Donation...

Sponsorship vs Donation

- **Sponsorship:** Comes with expectations—you must provide the sponsor with a significant benefit in return.
- **Donation:** Free financial support with no conditions, and usually not subject to VAT.

For either option, always speak to us first. If you enter an agreement without approval and something goes wrong, you'll be held responsible—this could mean paying fines of £500 or more if there's a contract breach.



SPONSORSHIP
VS
DONATION



Risk Assessments

What is a Risk Assessment?

A risk assessment is a simple process to identify what could go wrong, how likely it is to happen, and what you'll do to prevent harm to yourself or others.

Why Do We Do It?

- To keep everyone safe
- To meet legal and university requirements
- To help your event or activity run smoothly
- To show you've thought things through responsibly

Risk Assessments don't need to be scary. 8 times out of 10, there won't be any issues at all. And if something does happen, you've already thought it through, assessed the risk and know exactly what steps to take.



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What to Consider?

- **The Activity** – What are you doing?
- **The People** – Who's involved (e.g. students, public, children)?
- **The Environment** – Where is it happening (indoors, outdoors, off-campus)?
- **The Risks** – What could cause harm?
- **The Controls** – What steps will reduce the risks?

Top Tips:

- Use our SU risk assessment template
- Be specific – **vague = unhelpful**
- Think realistically about severity and likelihood
- Don't forget Allergies, accessibility, weather, etc.
- Submit early in case of edits or queries



Look back and reflect

What went well?

- Did the event meet its goals?
- What feedback did attendees give?
- What are you proud of?
- Were there moments of strong teamwork or creativity?

What could be improved?

- Were there any challenges or last-minute changes?
- Did timings, communication, or logistics cause issues?
- Were any resources missing or underused?
- How could promotion, engagement, or coordination be better?

Tools for Reflection:

- Use a simple “WWW/EBI” format (What Went Well / Even Better If)
- Gather feedback from others (volunteers, attendees, partners)



Just one more... Little Quiz!



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What's next?

Please now contact Jack Appleby to confirm you've successfully finished your society training.

Email: J.Appleby@wlv.ac.uk

Just drop him a quick message to say you've completed it — and you're good to go!

Thank you for getting involved with Wolverhampton Students' Union.

We can't wait to see what your society achieves this year!