

Why Affiliate as an Official Students' Union Society?

Affiliating as an official Students' Union Society means your group is formally recognised supported and celebrated by the Students' Union. It gives your members opportunities structure protection and a bigger platform to thrive.

Recognition and Legitimacy

- Official recognition as part of the Students' Union
- Ability to represent yourselves as an SU affiliated group
- Increased credibility with students' staff external organisations and sponsors
- Presence on the Students' Union website and promotion channels
- Opportunity to be showcased in campaigns fairs and events such as Welcome Week and Awards evenings

Funding and Financial Support

- Access to Students' Union society funding and grants
- Ability to hold an SU managed society bank account
- Financial guidance and oversight to protect student money
- Support with budgeting funding bids and financial planning
- Opportunity to generate income through memberships fundraising and events

Spaces Equipment and Resources

- Access to Students' Union rooms and event spaces
- Support booking University and SU facilities
- Access to equipment and resources relevant to your activity
- Storage support where available
- Advice on running safe inclusive and engaging events

Training Development and Leadership Skills

- Free training for society committee members
- Development of leadership communication teamwork and organisation skills
- Support with handovers and committee transitions
- Opportunities to develop employability skills alongside your degree
- Recognition of your role as a student leader and volunteer

Promotion Marketing and Growth

- Promotion through SU social media website newsletters and campaign.
- Inclusion in Freshers Re Freshers and Society Fairs
- Support creating posters graphics and digital content
- Help growing your membership and engaging new students



- Opportunities to collaborate with other societies sports clubs and volunteering projects

Safety Governance and Support

- Insurance cover for approved activities
- Support with risk assessments and event planning
- Clear guidance on responsibilities safeguarding and conduct
- Advice on handling challenges conflicts or welfare concerns
- Backing from the Students' Union when representing your members

Community Belonging and Impact

- Be part of a wider network of societies and student groups
- Opportunities to collaborate across cultures interests and causes
- Chance to shape student life and campus culture
- Access to volunteering opportunities and community engagement
- Recognition through awards impact reports and celebration events

Your Dedicated Support

- Ongoing guidance from the Societies and Volunteering team
- One to one support when you need it
- Advocacy for your society within the Students' Union
- A partnership approach where your success is our success

In short

Being an official Students' Union Society gives your group

- A voice
- A platform
- Protection
- Resources
- Recognition
- And the chance to make a real impact on student life

