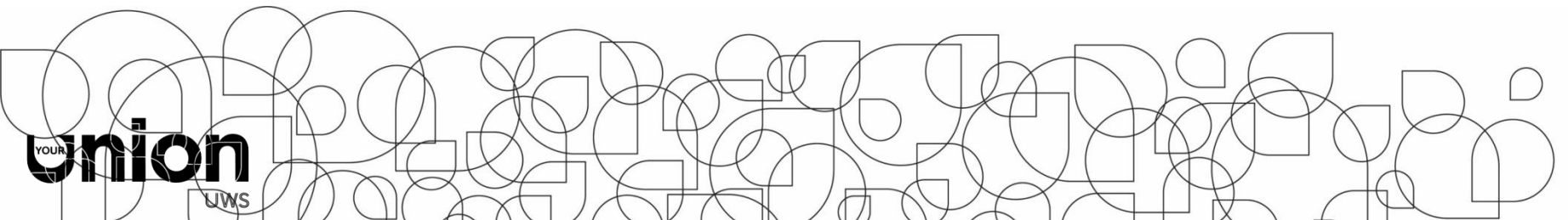




UWS Students' Union

ASPIRE – Academic Societies



What is the Students' Union?

- We exist to improve the lives of UWS student
- You are automatically a member - it's free
- We are an independent charity and work closely in partnership with UWS
- Our staff support you to put your ideas into action and get the best out of your time at UWS

Our Mission:

To be the voice for students at UWS, effecting change and maximising student experience by creating a sense of belonging and offering opportunities to improve students' lives.



Our Aims

- Building a powerful voice for students
- Supporting students to achieve their goals and aspirations
- Building a sense of belonging and community



What we do

You can find full details on the different ways students can get involved and access support from the Students' Union on our website: [Home \(uwsunion.org.uk\)](https://uwsunion.org.uk)

Student Representation: [Representation \(uwsunion.org.uk\)](https://uwsunion.org.uk)

- Our representation system enables students' voices to be heard and be partners in improving the education experience at the university
- Your course should have course reps elected to represent you. Do you know who they are?

Student Societies: [Societies and Volunteering \(uwsunion.org.uk\)](https://uwsunion.org.uk)

- The Students' Union has different spaces which we can use at each campus
- Societies play a key role in making sure UWS campuses belong to students

Advice Service: [Advice \(uwsunion.org.uk\)](https://uwsunion.org.uk)

- Information, advice, representation and advocacy
- This is a free, confidential, impartial and independent service to all students at UWS
- If you become aware of any students who are struggling to complete their coursework, the best thing you can do is encourage them to contact our advice service



Your Student Presidents



Student President

Solution



VP Education

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- Elected by students
- Work Full-time
- Paid
- Represent your voice at the highest levels of UWS



What are Societies?

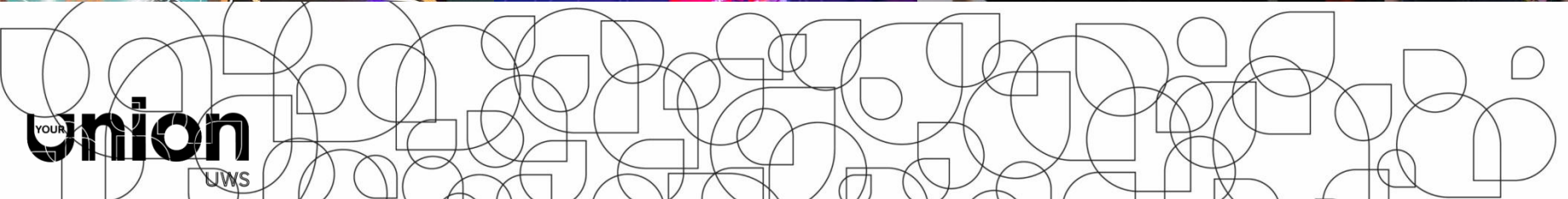
Student-led groups, formed and run by students, which bring together people who have a shared interest or identity

- Create social opportunities and communities for students
- Enjoy shared interests together
- Support each other through university and help you make the most of your experience



What you receive from the Students' Union

- A page for your society on our website
- A society Gmail account
- A bank account with the Students' Union
- Funding support
- Free bookings for Students' Union and university spaces
- Help with promoting your society and activities



Why is this relevant to you?

5 minute task!

- What are you most confused or scared about with university? (Now or before you started)

5 minute task!

- What do you want to gain from being on this course?

Task for the next few years...

- How are you going to do it?
- Are you going to help each other?



Student Roles at the Union

- Student involvement within the Students' Union is done on a voluntary basis
- This is your Union. We are led by students
- What types of volunteering roles do students do with the Union?
- Student Reps
- Societies



Where do you fit into this?

The Students' Union



UWS Volunteer Recognition Award

All society committee members are eligible for the award!

- This is where you can receive formal recognition from the university for your role in supporting other students through your society
- Find the full details and how to register here:



[UWS Career Centre](#)

- For more information, or help with your award submission, email jamie.mcdowall@uws.ac.uk

Student Services Careers

I LOVE VOLUNTEERING

UWS Volunteer Recognition Award

Did you know you can get voluntary work recognised by the University as a UWS Achievement Award?

Visit the Careers & Academic Skills Website for information.
Scan the QR Code:



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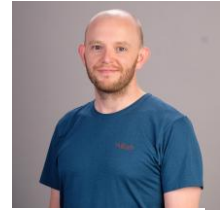
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