

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC)

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REPORT OF THE AFFILIATED SOCIETIES

The C E C is asked to:-

- i) **note** the information provided in this report and appendix

The purpose of this paper is to give an overview of the members and the financial position of each Affiliated Society.

The appendix provides information on the state of OU Students Association's Affiliated Societies, showing the number of societies affiliated, the position of their members and financial information regarding their accounts and grant payments.

The data included on this report is taken from information held on the OU Students Association Office database and financial information provided by the Resources team within the Association office.

In the event of any inaccuracies, omissions or errors being noted, you are asked to advise the OU Students Association Office of these as soon as possible following the CEC Meeting.

The Society Committee AGM was held on 19 June however the deadline for this report was before that date so no update is possible here. There are some exciting things on the agenda however such as the on-going review into support for societies struggling to stay compliant with Association reporting requirements, the creation of a 'Society Zone', similar to the Volunteer Zone, where society committees can chat and papers for meetings can be lodged and also the chance for a review of the current society sections of the Association's bye-laws.

A programme of work has commenced based on the discussions at the Society Committee meeting on 13 March, reviewing the status of some societies who have become 'out of date' on their reporting to the Association. Work is on-going, support offered to all societies currently non-compliant and sadly we will certainly lose a small number of societies. We hope to retain connection with them by transferring them to club status where the reporting requirements are minimal.

We have had two new societies gain affiliation since the last report, these are OU Christian Union and the Space Science Club – both began life as clubs and have run successful events and activities for students to the point where we have encouraged and supported them to form committees, create constitutions and qualify for society status.

Two new Clubs have registered since our last report, they are Art History and Ecology and Conservation. We currently have 79 registered clubs with a membership of 11,587 students.

GDPR training was run in April by Mark Burnett of Hope May to cover the basics of managing data for societies.

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