



OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC)

19 – 21 October 2018

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 attached report shows the state of each society at their last report in terms of membership numbers, bank balance, grants received etc. you will see that there is a notable variation in the range of size and finances of societies. They all have a constant battle to reach new students and grow their membership as well as the inevitable challenges in the recruitment of officers to help run their administration. These are almost constant topics for discussion at the three yearly Societies Committee meetings. These meetings are lively and cover the huge range and number of activities that our societies run, including study weekends, field trips and socials.

We will shortly be undertaking a significant review of the Association's guidelines for Societies, alongside a project to consider the appropriate pathways for Clubs to become Societies where appropriate. Clubs, which were launched in March 2018, have gone from strength to strength, with 29 now being registered with the Association.

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