Societies’ Council 03/02/2025; 1-2pm

List of Attendees: Total of 25 + Marina, Jamie, Nathan

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| B01736499 | Stephen Harkness | Hospitality Society |  |
| B01742895 | Dylan Scollon | TTRPG Society |  |
| B01651768 | Reibb Hamilton | TTRPG Society |  |
| B01743260 | Skye Macpherson | Marketing Society |  |
| B01740585 | Ryan Wynn | Marketing Society |  |
| B00419741 | Palak Shrivastan | Indian Students | +3 |
| B00402599 | Ruhi Mahomoodally | Debating & Muslim Society |  |
| B01740562 | Eiman Siraj | Muslim Society |  |
| B00364120 | Claire McGillvary | Accounting Society |  |
| B00376881 | Gordon Bulloch | LGBTQIA+ Society |  |
| B01147264 | Liliia Rudenko | Programming Club |  |
|  | Ge Xin | CSSA |  |
| B00374430 | Eilidh Cowan | Midwifery Society |  |
| B01728285 | Blessed Buafi | Project Management Society |  |
| B00869556 | Kaitlin Bonnar | Psychology Society |  |
| B01649145 | Richard Toner | Disabled Students Society |  |
| B01641679 | Leah Donnelly | Midwifery Society |  |
| B01756265 | Muzammal Haider | Education for Overseas Students |  |
| B01639758 | Shelleon Clarke Mujabi | Lanarkshire Nursing Society |  |
| B00752230 | Ovoke Adams Adamatie | Big Data Academic |  |
| B00871623 | Gemma Murrell | URS Society |  |
| B01766323 | Gobind Gopan | London Photography Society |  |

Start:

* Admin, connecting
* Explanation of council delay & Muhammad
* Quick intro of today’s meeting
* Short introductions from people present

Updates:

* Change from Bar Area to Societies Area
* Challenges with membership system & signing up, especially around freshers
* Encouragement to all societies: get society members to join online for the membership list – check on signups & emails, make sure they know how to get involved
* Development fund from University:
  + Deadline: End of March – how you will spend it; Needs to be spent by end of summer
* Societies Budget: £1800 remaining

More Information:

* Students’ Union Elections – nominations open until 21st Feb: <https://www.uwsunion.org.uk/representation/elections/current/>
* Big Awards – nominations open until 14th March, ceremony for shortlisted nominations on 3rd April: <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=t0SZ-E5Kp06RVjKZ80EWRxmLcyz7huZNhVTP_eAMpPdURDU4QlM5SVBEME1ZUDhONEtTOUlYQTMyMy4u&route=shorturl>
* Job Opportunities with Students’ Union – deadline for applications 14th Feb: <https://www.uwsunion.org.uk/jobs/>

Societies Interactions:

* TTRPG Society: Convention, April 12th
* Ticket costs, transportation, accommodation?
* Tips from Debating Society with discussion on how best to plan trips and get students involved. The SU can provide funding towards this, with the aim of subsidising costs and making it affordable for everyone who wants to attend
* Psychology Society: Graduation Ball - Ticketing
* Available support from SU was discussed. Let the union know if you want to plan this so guidelines can be fully explained
* TTRPG: Fundraising Activities
* Tips from Midwifery Society e.g., ticketing for non-members, raffles+hampers
* Funding Applications: Enhancing student experiences is really important to the university, so always have photos & feedback of past events ready. The more evidence that can be provided form your activities, the easier it is for the SU to fund your next events.
* Disabled Students Society: Introduction of the Disabled Student Society
* Would like to set up Disabled Student Society but is looking for members. Want it to be open to anyone get involved. It's more about raising awareness for disabilities and lifting barriers.
* Midwifery Society were happy to give any ongoing advice on how to get students involved in societies.
* Suggestion to create a Society Committee Member Group chat
* Vote for Whatsapp Group: 11 Pro vs. 6 No Opinion – 16 total + Marina, Jamie & Nathan
* The Whatsapp group was set up during the meeting and link will be shared with all society committees
* Debating Society: Suggestion of Ted Talk collaboration
* Interest from Marketing Society in being involved
* Discussion of Benefits for personal skills such as public speaking & gaining members for new societies
* Event open to all. Debating Society will share details so other societies can join them in hosting/attending

Finish:

* Information & Sign-Up for VRA
* Indian Students: End of February event. Details to be confirmed
* Midwifery Society has advice to share for how to get 1st year students involved in your society

Links and stuff share via Teams Chat:

* <https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=t0SZ-E5Kp06RVjKZ80EWRxmLcyz7huZNhVTP_eAMpPdURDU4QlM5SVBEME1ZUDhONEtTOUlYQTMyMy4u&route=shorturl>
* <https://www.uwsunion.org.uk/jobs/>
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