



We're the Open University Students Association

Your OU Students Association enables you to influence how your University is run. We exist to promote your interests and to ensure the OU is more than just a place of learning - it's a student community. All OU students are automatically members of the Association and can access our services and opportunities.

An association is a lot like a student union - we aim to help you make the most of your time studying. We're led by a brilliant team of elected students.

We support, encourage and empower OU students by:

- Offering students the support services that they need.
- Creating opportunities for students to engage in a vibrant and inclusive student community.
- Being a strong, effective and accountable representative body.
- Working in partnership with the OU to enhance all aspects of the student experience.



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Making a positive difference for all OU students.

COMMUNITY

There's a huge and active OU student community! We are here to connect you with other OU students both face to face and online - giving you the perfect opportunity to make friends and meet new people.

Look out for regular events such as community catch-ups, 'pub' quizzes and book clubs on our website and social media.

oustudents.com/whats-on



Joining a society or club is the perfect way to become part of something bigger while you're studying with the OU.

The Association's affiliated societies cover a broad range of subjects - some academic and some general interest. They organise a wonderful range of events and activities for members, and are always looking for volunteers to help on their Committees - a great opportunity.

Clubs tend to be more informal, with members coming together on social media or other online platforms to chat and share ideas.

OPPORTUNITY



We're really proud of the volunteering opportunities that we offer. Whether you have several hours a week, or one day a year, we have a role for you...

As well as being able to volunteer directly for us, we often advertise OU opportunities and sometimes partner up with a selection of fellow charities who all support worthy causes in your local communities.

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The Students Association and The Open University are committed to working in partnership to enhance the student experience and quality of teaching.

Our research plays a vital role in providing information on what the OU is getting right, and student opinion to enable continuous development for a better study experience. Keep an eye out for our Annual Membership Survey for your chance to provide important feedback and be in with the chance to win a prize!

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SUPPORT

Studying can be hard and sometimes you need that extra bit of support to help you on your way. We offer lots of support services for OU students including:

Peer support - confidential and non-judgemental study support to enable you to be the best you can be whilst studying with the OU.

The Open University Students Educational Trust - a student charity that provides financial support.

Student Advice and Representation - individual representation for students with existing complaints and a hub of support and advice on various issues.

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