

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**Student Leadership Team (SLT)**

14 – 16 February 2025

Report of the Affiliated Societies

The SLT is asked to:-

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

Introduction

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to give an overview of the members and the financial position of each OU Students Association Affiliated Society.
- 1.2 The appendix provides information on the state of OU Students Association's Affiliated Societies, showing the number of societies affiliated, the position of their membership and financial information regarding their accounts and grant payments.
- 1.3 The data included on this report is taken from information held on the OU Students Association database and financial information provided by the Finance team within the Association office.
- 1.4 In the event of any inaccuracies, omissions or errors being noted, you are asked to advise the OU Students Association office through oustudents-socieites@open.ac.uk.

Society Committee Meetings

- 2.1 The Society Committee met most recently on 30 November 2024.
- 2.2 At the meeting plans for January/February Welcome Week were discussed with both on-line and in person Society events being planned.

- 2.3 Societies shared reports about their recent and planned activities including:
- The History Society's online talk on the relationship between Catherine Parr and Henry VIII.
 - The Music Society's Annual Music Day at Southark Cathedral and the Globe Theatre.
 - The Arts and Humanities Society trip to the National Portrait Gallery.
 - The Environment and Sustainability Society's logo competition and nature connectedness event.
 - The Psychological Society's Neurodiversity symposium.
 - The Law Society's tour of the Royal Courts of Justice in London and their mooting competition.
 - The Poets Society's annual event in Weymouth and plans for their anthology.
 - The newly re-affiliated Geological Society's upcoming symposium in France.
 - Write Club's monthly meeting and news that the Association's Book Club are currently reading work written by a Write Club member.

Society and Club numbers and membership

- 3.1 As of January 2025 there are 15 societies currently listed as affiliated on the Association website with a total membership of 7 557. We are pleased to report that the Geological Society have recently re-affiliated to the Association. Unfortunately, the Space Society have now been disaffiliated from the Association.
- 3.2 In addition, there are 22 clubs currently listed with a combined total membership of 12 404 students. We have 2 newly registered clubs – the International Students Club and the Vegan Club.

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