

# Report of Affiliated Societies

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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](mailto:oustudents-socieites@open.ac.uk).

## Society Committee Meetings

- 2.1 The Society Committee met most recently on 22 March 2025.
- 2.2 At the meeting staff who had supported Societies were formally thanked for their hard work as the responsibility is passed on to another team.
- 2.3 Societies shared reports about their recent and planned activities including:

- The Arts and Humanities Society lecture on 'The Holconii: a family of Pompeii' with Dr Ardle MacMahon with planned trips later in the year.
- The Music Society have their Music Day and AGM in September as well as an event with Salty Sea Dogs in July.
- The History Society have a talk on the Tithe Wars of 1881 to 1936 as well as a presentation on a 'potted history of a nice cup of tea'.
- The Geological Society are working towards charitable status.
- The Environment and Sustainability Society have had their first AGM and are looking for new committee members to join as well as planning for Great Big Green Week in June.
- The Write Club's Book Club now has a weekly spin off silent book reading sessions.
- The Poets Society had a successful Welcome Week session and are planning a 3-day summer workshop.
- The Law Society are running mooted competitions with the final to take place at the Supreme Court.
- The Fusion Society is going to be merging with Alchemy.

### **Society and Club numbers and membership**

- 3.1 As of April 2025 there are 15 societies currently listed as affiliated on the Association website with a membership totalling 8830.
- 3.2 In addition, there are 28 clubs with a membership totalling 14,742. This includes newly created Clubs 'Rocky Horror Appreciation Club' and 'Uni-Tunes Club'.

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