

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**Central Executive Committee (CEC)**

28 – 30 October 2022

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.

There was a hiatus in the affiliation of new clubs and societies as the Clubs Review was ongoing, but we are once again accepting applications. Club leads are now required to be registered Association Volunteers and undergo the associated training – this means that the Association has greater oversight of their activities and can more easily mitigate risk.

There is also a process underway now where all club leads in existing clubs are being inducted as registered volunteers too. This might take slightly longer than anticipated due to staffing issues in the Community Team.

New club applications currently working through the system include Conservative Club, Islamic Club, Gardening Club, Music Lovers Club, Chinese Club, Netflix Community Club, Robotics Club, Business Management Club and OU Pets Club.

Two new societies have been affiliated in the last three months and we are happy to welcome the OU Environmental Sustainability Society and Women Engineers Society.

A Freshers Fair was held on campus on 8th October with representatives from Space Science, Christian Union, Environmental Sustainability, History and the Law Societies in attendance along with other exhibitors. It was a really lovely event with lots of new connections made and old friendships renewed however despite 137 students registering on EventBrite sadly only 40 attended (along with families) on the day. Feedback forms are currently being collated and the initial responses appear to be extremely positive.

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