



Hobbies & Interests Society Guide

A how-to-guide for your Hobbies & Interests Society

An introduction to Hobbies & Interests Societies

A hobbies/interest-based club at SUBU (Students' Union Bournemouth University) is a student-led group centred around a shared passion or activity, such as gaming, photography, books, dance, or crafts.

These clubs, like all clubs at SUBU, are created to provide a welcoming space for students to connect with like-minded people, explore their interests, and take part in fun, engaging events throughout the year.

Whether you're looking to try something new or deepen an existing hobby, SUBU's clubs offer a great way to enhance your university experience.

As leaders of these communities, these guides have been created to give you some handy hints and tips that can enrich your activity and experience for yourself and your members!

What can you do as a Hobbies/ Interests Society?

Our hobbies and interests societies have run a huge range of activities, here are just a few examples of the things you could do with yours!

Fundraising Campaigns: Whether your fundraising for a specific charity close to your hearts, or for equipment that the society needs, campaigns can be a brilliant opportunity to try out something new (potentially challenging) and bring your members together for a united cause

Guest Speakers: Invite speakers for educational talks or bespoke classes on your specific hobby/interest. This could be a good chance to inspire your members, or an opportunity to learn from an expert!

Film Screenings: Screen documentaries/ series that are connected to your hobby! Example could be Baking Society hosting weekly streaming of Great British Bake Off

Collaborations: Work with other societies so your members can experience what the other opportunities SUBU has to offer. The collaboration can be with any society, as most won't be similar to your niche, so approach the clubs that pique your interest!

Social Events: Create a space to relax with likeminded people and provide a break from your regular activity for members to bond

Trips (UK or Abroad): Trips to iconic destinations, such as museums, theatre or places with a deep history connected to your club, are a great way to travel the world with people who appreciate the things you love and make memories for a lifetime

Useful Contacts/Suppliers

Merchandise Providers

- The Funky Peach : <https://www.thefunkypeach.com/>
- Yazzoo Personalised Clothing :
<https://personalised.clothing/>

Room Bookings

- If you need to cancel, or enquire about capacity of rooms available on campus
- (All rooms need to be booked through the form on the Committee Zone)
- Email: rbookings@bournemouth.ac.uk

Sponsorships

- The Old Fire Station- new for 25/26 - The Old Fire Station can tailor a sponsorship package for you and your members!
- Email: elliskm@bournemouth.ac.uk

Similar Communities

- AUBSU - clubs that are the same, or very similar, may exist just over the road! Perfect opportunity to collaborate and create bigger, better events for your members
- Website : <https://www.aubsu.co.uk/>

FAQS

Can any hobby or interest be the basis of a new society?

As long as there is the audience for it, anything can be the basis of a club/society!

Are these societies only for fun, or do they offer other benefits?

Besides fun, they offer networking opportunities, leadership experience, and a way to relax and de-stress from academics, while making friends and memories!

If you have any further questions, please contact the team at suclubs@bournemouth.ac.uk