

## SUBU Clubs and Societies New Club Application Response Form

New club and societies applications are reviewed by the clubs and societies awarding committee that meets 4 times in the academic year. This Panel is made of one Student Opportunities Team Member, the VP Student Opportunities, one SUBU Student Engagement Staff Member and one or more student member of the Executive Committee.

This document provides a breakdown of the new clubs/ societies requested and which have been approved.

This information will be made available publicly on the SUBU website.

**Date of meeting:** 09.02.2023

**Panel members present:** Student Opportunities Manager- Emma Davies, Head of Student Participation- Kerry Dean, SU VP Opportunities- Fiifi Asafu-Adjaye, Clubs and Societies Coordinator, Kamila Dowgiert

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
Art Wellbeing Society	£15
<b>Main Proposed Activities</b>	
Club Aims & Objectives- 1 To provide a safe place to de-stress and hang out amid studies.	
Club Aims & Objectives- 2 To provide a creative outlet for all abilities.	
Club Aims & Objectives- 3 To fundraise for mental health charities.	
<b>Accepted/ Declined &amp; Comments</b>	
<b>Accepted</b>	
The Awarding Committee accept this new society and believe it will be a great addition to the clubs and societies portfolio as an open and accessible society for all. The committee may find that students perceive the membership fee to be too high and will need to review this however the awarding committee understand that this has been proposed to cover key equipment and materials for activities.	

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
Autistic Society	Free
<b>Main Proposed Activities</b>	
Club Aims & Objectives- 1 We aim to achieve better connections in the Autistic community at Bournemouth Uni.	
Club Aims & Objectives- 2 Act as a place for Autistic people to get advice and support from fellow autistic people	
Club Aims & Objectives- 3 Bring awareness towards hidden/communication disabilities	

Accepted/ Declined & Comments
<p><b>Accepted</b></p> <p>The Awarding Committee accept this new society and are pleased to see that this new society will create a safe space for students with similar experiences to come together.</p> <p>The Awarding committee would strongly discourage students spending their own money on the running of the society and instead suggest charging a £1 membership to raise funds for the society.</p>

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
Biological Sciences Society	

Main Proposed Activities
<p>Club Aims &amp; Objectives- 1</p> <p>Our aim is to provide a fun environment for anyone interested in the field of biological sciences to explore new ideas and interact with like- minded individuals.</p> <p>Club Aims &amp; Objectives- 2</p> <p>We would like to help our members advance their understanding and skills through group projects such as volunteering, to help with future employment opportunities.</p> <p>Club Aims &amp; Objectives- 3</p> <p>Biological sciences can be learnt through interesting and out of the ordinary activities, such as collaborating as a group through quiz and game nights, as well as fun projects. This will help take learning out of the lecture theatre in a enjoyable way.</p>
Accepted/ Declined & Comments
<p><b>Accepted</b></p> <p>The Awarding Committee accept this new society and are pleased to see a new academic society set up for students studying biological science and/ or have a keen interest. The Awarding Committee suggest that the committee consider holding meetings with members more regularly than monthly to ensure they are engaged and have a part to play in decision making.</p>

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
Bournemouth Locals Society	£3

Main Proposed Activities
<p>Club Aims &amp; Objectives- 1</p> <p>To give people that see Bournemouth as a home more-so than their home town a community to connect and befriend, including those estranged</p> <p>Club Aims &amp; Objectives- 2</p> <p>A chance for students to experience bournemouth outside of the typical student haunts</p> <p>Club Aims &amp; Objectives- 3</p>

A chance for socials when everyone else has gone home, as to curb loneliness and home-sick

Accepted/ Declined & Comments

**TBC**

The proposed activities listed in this application are very similar to those run by a large number of currently active societies therefore the awarding committee are concerned that this new society would produce a lot of duplication in activities.

The awarding committee therefore ask the proposed committee to detail how this society would be unique and provide different activities that aren't already offered for students.

**Appeal 17.02.23**

The Awarding Committee would like to invite the proposed committee to a meeting to further discuss the application due the lack of new information given within the appeal to seek this additional information.

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
British Red Cross Society	Not stated

Main Proposed Activities

- Club Aims & Objectives- 1 Act of charity
- Club Aims & Objectives- 2 Help reduce the risk of crisis
- Club Aims & Objectives- 3 improve support and care

Accepted/ Declined & Comments

**TBC**

In order to make a decision on this application, the awarding committee require further information on the proposed offering and activities that will be run for students as part of the society. The awarding committee would also like to know if there will be an official affiliation working with the British Red Cross?

**Appeal 17.02.2023**

**Accepted**

The Awarding Committee thank the proposed committee for providing additional information and are happy to accept this new society. We are pleased to see that there will be official support from the British Red Cross to aid the society in hosting fundraising events and activities.

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
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International Post Graduate Christian Fellowship	£1
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#### Main Proposed Activities

Club Aims & Objectives- 1 To build our lives on the firm foundation of Jesus Christ.  
 Club Aims & Objectives- 2 To establish a closer relationship with God through prayer, Bible study and worship.  
 Club Aims & Objectives- 3 To build intimacy with the Holy Spirit as a community.

#### Accepted/ Declined & Comments

##### TBC

The proposed activities listed in this application are very similar to those run by current active societies (Christian Union, Post Graduate Society and the International Community) and therefore the awarding committee are concerned that this new society would produce a lot of duplication in activities. The awarding committee therefore ask the proposed committee to detail how this society would be unique and provide different activities that aren't already offered for students.

##### Appeal 17.02.2023

##### Accepted

The Awarding Committee accept this application as we are now aware that the Post Graduate Christian Fellowship has been running unofficially for a number of years and therefore there is demand for this society from PGR students. We believe the society would benefit from a Patron within BU's Faith and Reflection Team and therefore suggest Sue Burt (contributor to appeal) takes up this voluntary role.

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
BU Runners	£10

#### Main Proposed Activities

Club Aims & Objectives- 1 Create a running community  
 Club Aims & Objectives- 2 Be active and healthy  
 Club Aims & Objectives- 3 Enter community races as a team

#### Accepted/ Declined & Comments

##### Accepted

The Awarding Committee accept the BU Runners society and are pleased to see that students of all running abilities are able to join.

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
Forensic Psychology	Free

#### Main Proposed Activities

Club Aims & Objectives- 1

To allow students to get a deeper understanding into the psychology of real world offending behaviour

Club Aims & Objectives- 2

Improve and challenges students application skills through researching and investigating real world offences.

Club Aims & Objectives- 3

Gives students a relaxed environment to learn about an interesting area allowing their creativity and subject knowledge to be explored.

Accepted/ Declined & Comments

**Declined**

The Awarding Committee note that the proposed Forensic Psychology is similar in nature to the already active Psychology Society.

The President of the existing Psychology Society is also listed as the proposed President for the Forensic Psychology society. We acknowledge that Forensic Psychology is a very specific field of psychology but are confident that this area can be accommodated within the already existing Psychology society. The proposed activities listed for Forensic Psychology society can be incorporated into the existing activities in the Psychology society and this will also draw new members into the society that may not otherwise have thought about joining and broaden members understanding.

In addition the committee would note that it would be very challenging for one individual to hold Presidency for 2 separate societies.

**Appeal 17.02.2023**

**Accepted with suggestions.**

The Awarding Committee accept the new society however would like to invite the proposed President to a meeting to discuss the classification of the already active Psychology society (currently Academic however the appeal details a social focus).

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
Forensic Science	£5

Main Proposed Activities

Club Aims & Objectives- 1

Aiming to give students a place to be around like-minded people who share interests in Forensic Science, giving a deeper dive into the processes of criminal investigations, from crime scene to court. Including sessions talking about post-mortem examinations, psychology of crime, ballistics experts and mass disasters.

Club Aims & Objectives- 2

Giving students a place to learn and explore different career paths and connecting them with important contacts to further their career in different fields.

Club Aims & Objectives- 3

Providing a space for members to connect, ask questions and learn more about areas they're interested in through activities, events and socials.

Accepted/ Declined & Comments

**Accepted**

The awarding committee are pleased to accept this new society and the broad range of activities and opportunities in the proposed offering.

The Awarding Committee note that there has been a previous Forensics Society and ask the proposed committee for the Forensic Science Society to consider changing the name to Forensics Society as there is already a web page, bank account and email address under this name that could be taken over.

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
Latino Society	£5

Main Proposed Activities

Club Aims & Objectives- 1

Create a community where latinos can get together and exchange experiences, have fun and get to have a piece of Latin America in the UK.

Club Aims & Objectives- 2

Create a space where latinos meet other latinos and have support in their life far from home.

Club Aims & Objectives- 3 Intercultural exchange

Accepted/ Declined & Comments

**Accepted**

The Awarding Committee accept this new cultural society and are pleased to see that there will be a community for students to join.

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
Misadventure Society	Free

Main Proposed Activities

Club Aims & Objectives- 1

Come rain or come sunshine, there is no turning back. The core objective of the club shall be to learn and practice persistence and anti-fragility.

Club Aims & Objectives- 2

There shall be forward momentum. The anchors that hold the members back or the deterrents that deter members to take a step forward shall be broken through.

Club Aims & Objectives- 3

If there is a will, there is a way. That will can be about anything,

such as passing an exam that a member has previously failed.  
The club will prioritize helping those who have failed but want to try again to achieve any goal.

**Accepted/ Declined & Comments**

**TBC**

In order to make a decision on this application, the awarding committee require further information on the proposed offering and activities that will be run for students as part of the society such as specific examples. The information given in the application does not list specific goals or activities that will be undertaken by a group on a regular basis. In addition the proposed committee need to condense the objectives of the society and make them a lot clearer.

**Appeal 17.02.2023**

No further information was provided during the appeals window and therefore this society application is declined.

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
Music Society	£1

**Main Proposed Activities**

Club Aims & Objectives- 1

Create and develop a cultural hub for musicians and like minded people who are interested in performing and creating music

Club Aims & Objectives- 2

Aim to connect musicians to build working collaborative relationships and friendships aiming to achieve a musical hub within Bournemouth University.

Club Aims & Objectives- 3

Support the local music scene and create buzz and excitement around music in Bournemouth

**Accepted/ Declined & Comments**

**TBC**

The Awarding Committee are pleased to see this application for a new music society however would like to understand if students will be playing instruments and making music as part of the activities of this society or if the main objective is to bring like-minded students together to network and attend trips such as gigs, or would the society include both?

With this additional information the Awarding Committee will be able to make an informed decision on the application.

**Appeal 17.02.2023**

**Accepted with suggestions.**

The Awarding Committee believe that the proposed name of 'Music Society' could be misleading for students given that the appeal details that the main focus of the society is to attend trips and gigs as opposed to playing and making music. SUBU often receives requests from students wishing to join a society to play music/ take lessons and therefore it is likely that new students would join this society with a different aim in mind.

The Awarding Committee advises that the proposed committee changes the name to encompasses an appreciation for music and/or works with the Student Opportunities Team to ensure that the content on the society web page is as clear as possible to students to ensure they join knowing the activities of the society.

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
Organisation of Free Students Society	£1
<b>Main Proposed Activities</b>	
<p>Club Aims &amp; Objectives- 1 Our primary objective is to create a society that represents a variety of political views and stands for liberty, justice and fairness.</p> <p>Club Aims &amp; Objectives- 2 Our secondary objective is to allow those who are suppressed or lack the space to speak to express their beliefs in a safe environment.</p> <p>Club Aims &amp; Objectives- 3 Our tertiary objective is to bring balance to the glut of political societies that represent a socialist/Marxist outlook; providing a space that promotes a western democratic outlook.</p>	
<b>Accepted/ Declined &amp; Comments</b>	
<p><b>TBC</b> The Awarding Committee are unable to make a decision due to the broad nature of the suggested name for this society that doesn't have a link to the aims and objectives. The Awarding Committee are suggesting a name change for this proposed society to ensure the nature of the society is very clear to students wishing to join. Please provide a new name for the society to the awarding committee to review.</p> <p><b>Appeal 17.02.2023</b> No further information was provided during the appeals window and therefore this society application is declined.</p> <p><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Appeal 05.04.2023</b> The newly proposed name "Democratic Restoration Society" has been approved by the Awarding Committee and therefore the application is accepted.</p>	

Proposed Club/ Society Name	Proposed Membership
Turkish Kurdish Society	£5
<b>Main Proposed Activities</b>	
<p>Club Aims &amp; Objectives- 1 Bring the the Turkish, Kurdish, Turkish Cypriot community within BU together</p>	

**Club Aims & Objectives- 2**

A fun and secure place where people from the same culture and similar backgrounds can come together and share stories, take part in fun activities and most importantly just be themselves.

**Club Aims & Objectives- 3**

Somewhere where everyone can just have a bit of fun and not feel alone.

**Accepted/ Declined & Comments**

**TBC**

This new application will be a great addition to the SUBU portfolio however we note that one of the proposed members of the core committee (Treasurer) does not appear to be a current BU student and therefore the awarding committee cannot accept this society until 3 BU students as a minimum are able to hold the roles of President, Treasurer and Secretary. Please let the awarding committee know who will be holding the position of Treasurer.

**Appeal 17.02.2023**

**Accepted**

With a full committee of BU students holding the mandatory positions, the awarding committee are happy to accept the new Turkish Kurdish Society.