



Activities Awards Handbook 2020/21

Introduction & FAQ

The Students' Union's Activities Awards celebrate student-led achievements from this academic year. The year has been very challenging for most, but in spite of it all, our students have demonstrated amazing levels of perseverance and innovation.

This is your chance to shine a light on those students who you think deserve recognition for their hard work and contributions to the student community.

The 2020/2021 Awards fall into two categories:

Student Group Awards, which celebrate the amazing events, campaigns, achievements and progress made by our clubs and societies.

Volunteering & Fundraising Awards, which recognise all of the incredible efforts made for charities, the community, and fellow students.

We're well aware that most activities have been restricted this year and with this in mind, we've streamlined the categories to ensure that as many people as possible can be nominated. We don't want anyone to feel that they "haven't done enough" - your contributions make a huge difference, whether you engaged with fifty students or five!

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS](#)

Nominations close on **Wednesday 31 March at 11:59pm**. You can make as many nominations as you like, for as many awards as you like. The more detail and information you provide, the more reasons our panel will have to choose them as a winner.

We welcome nominations from all students, including students who aren't a member of any student groups, haven't physically been on campus this year, etc. All activities count, whether they were held in-person or online. And yes, **you can nominate yourself** – in fact, we encourage it!

If you have any questions with the awards or nominations process, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at unionactivities@le.ac.uk

Student Group Awards

Student Group Event Award

- A well-run event with good organisation from Committee Members. This could include good marketing of the event and adhering to Students' Union processes.
- Contributed to a positive student experience.
- Worked to make the event inclusive and accessible.

Student Group Collaboration Award

- A well-run collaboration between two or more affiliated Student Groups, with good organisation from all Committee Members involved. This could include good marketing of the collaboration and adhering to Students' Union processes.
- Contributed to a positive student experience.
- Worked to make the collaboration inclusive and accessible.

Student Group Campaign Award

- A well-run campaign with good organisation from Committee Members. This could include good marketing of the campaign and adhering to Students' Union processes.
- Contributed to a positive student experience.
- Worked to make the campaign inclusive and accessible.

Outstanding Contribution to Community

- A Student Group who have made an outstanding contribution to the local, national, or even international community.
- Evidence of good organisation from Committee Members. This could include good marketing of the project and adhering to Students' Union processes.
- Worked to make the project inclusive and accessible.

Outstanding Contribution to Student Experience

- A Student Group who have gone the extra mile to foster a community during the pandemic.
- Adapted activity to make sure students can engage whilst they're at home, whether this be online, remotely, or by post for example.
- Evidence of good organisation from Committee Members. This could include good marketing of the project and adhering to Students' Union processes.
- Worked to make the project inclusive and accessible.

New Student Group of the Year Award

- Must have first been affiliated with the Students' Union in (or for) the 2020/2021 Academic Year.
- A well-run Student Group with good organisation from Committee Members. This could include good marketing of the Group and adhering to Students' Union processes.
- Evidence of Student Group development, for example through establishing membership, adapting activity to be held online, etc.
- Plans for sustainable growth into the 2021/2022 academic year.
- Worked to ensure that the Student Group is accessible to all students and promotes inclusivity.

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- Contributed to a positive student experience.
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Volunteering & Fundraising Awards

Frank May Cup for Volunteering

The prestigious Frank May Cup is awarded to a student volunteer who has made a positive contribution to the University and wider community through volunteering. Students in this category have demonstrated outstanding commitment by volunteering on a regular basis and going above and beyond the expected requirements. Students can evidence their impact to the cause(s), as well as their own personal development. To count towards this award, volunteering must have been done on an unpaid basis within the past 12 months.

- Demonstrates passion and motivation to making a positive impact through volunteering.
- Demonstrates commitment, having volunteered on a regular basis or over a period of time.
- Has gone above and beyond expectations, for instance by taking a leadership role or expanding an existing project.
- Demonstrates personal development from volunteering, with the ability to self-reflect and show what they have learned.

RAG (Raise and Give) Award

This award recognises an individual, group of students, or affiliated Student Group, that have gone above and beyond in raising money for external charity/ies.

- Successful charity fundraising completed in line with UK Charity Law.
- Well-run, innovative charity fundraising with good organisation from students.
- Worked to make the fundraising inclusive and accessible.

Volunteering Project Award

This award recognises an individual, group of students, or affiliated Student Group, that have worked to develop a volunteering project.

- A well-run volunteering project with good organisation from the organiser(s). This could include good marketing of the project and adhering to Students' Union processes.
- Has a positive impact on the community, or factor that the volunteering project seeks to impact.
- The volunteering project provides meaningful development opportunities, skills and/or experience for the volunteers involved.
- Ability of the project organiser(s) to evaluate and report on the outcomes of the project, and suggest improvements for the future.
- Worked to make the project inclusive and accessible.

Peer Support Award

This award recognises an individual, group of students, or affiliated Student Group, that have improved the University community by supporting their fellow students.

- Demonstrated passion and motivation to making a positive impact to the University community through volunteering to support fellow students. Evidence of a positive change in the University community (even on a small scale).
- The student(s) involved demonstrated commitment, going above and beyond expectations, for instance by taking a leadership role, expanding an existing project, or creating a new one.
- The student(s) involved can demonstrate personal development from volunteering, with the ability to self-reflect and show what they have learned.

Peer Mentor of the Year

- Must have completed the [Peer Mentoring Scheme](#) 2020/21 as a Mentor.
- Evidence of high quality emails sent as part of the scheme.
- Evidence of additional engagement with Mentees during the scheme this year and/or continuing engagement with Mentees from a previous year.
- Evidence of going above and beyond in efforts to support Mentees.

Please note that work as a Lead Mentor or other Students' Union position does not exclude you from this award, but any paid work will not count towards the award. This award is separate from the Peer Mentoring accreditation scheme.