

**LSU SOCIETIES COUNCIL 2025/26**

The Leicester Students’ Union Societies Council aims to give students across all facets of student groups a greater voice. The idea of this council is to formalise student discussions, build a societies-focused discussion group within the SU and discuss ideas that give students a greater say in how societies are managed in 25/26. The future success of societies here at Leicester lies completely within the student’s voices. It is extremely important students are included in the process of navigating the forthcoming year as we build on creating exceptional student opportunities.

The council is broken down into 10 roles and individual responsibilities. As you are all still studying, the role will be flexible and accommodating to your studies. You will be holding a specific role on the societies council, as allocated. **This is not an elected position, unlike the club committee roles and officers**. The role is voluntary and is expected to take up to 4-6 hours per month.

**We have both core and termly positions on the council**. The core roles last all academic year and have more responsibilities and privileges. However, to help increase participation opportunities, we are offering termly roles this year. At this time, we are opening applications for term 1 roles which will have less commitments and responsibilities and is tailored towards students who cannot commit as much in term 2. The end date of these roles will be the 12th December 2025.Following this, we will be recruiting for term 2 roles over Christmas.

**Role Perks:**

**Core Role Perks**

* Rockstar Privilege Pass/Black Card (free entry to all LetsDisko and Rockstar Promotions events).
* Free/discounted entry to SU events (Sports Awards for those in TL clubs).
* Special Recognition award and CV certificate at the end of the year.
* Free merchandise. For example, jumpers, lanyards.
* Termly food vouchers to the food outlets on campus.

**Termly Role Perks**

* Term long Rockstar Privilege pass (will expire at the end of term 1 with the role).
* CV certificate of participation and recognition at the end of the term.
* X1 food voucher to the food outlets on campus.

**All members of the Societies Council will be required to:**

* Attend Societies Council Meetings 3 times a month for one hour to discuss current activities and review applications for grant funding and new groups.
* Be an ambassador for events and other LSU projects. For example, Pride, Black History Month and SU awards.
* Assist with approving new student group and grant funding applications.
* Be an approachable point of contact for society presidents/captains.
* Feedback on ways that societies at UoL can be more inclusive and aim to engage with liberation groups and inactive students.
* Act as role models for student groups at Leicester.

**Role Descriptions:**

**STUDENT VICE-CHAIR (CORE)**

1. To lead discussions and meetings when the Societies Officer is absent, acting as the Chair.
2. To liaise with the Societies Officer and Arts Officer following the weekly meetings to ensure that the actions from the meeting are being completed by the council.
3. Act as the main point of contact for the council for general queries.
4. To help ensure that all events and campaigns are completed to a high standard.
5. To pick up responsibilities and tasks where it does not fall into anybody else’s description.
6. Support the Students’ Union with recruitment tasks relating to the council and with being the face of the council at SU events.
7. To participate in and attend 1 working group a term.
8. Sit on deciding panel for the end of year SU awards.

**SECRETARY (CORE)**

1. To take meeting minutes during the weekly Societies’ Council Meetings, keeping the council up to date each week.
2. To produce a structured email (templated) for the societies council to view after each meeting, based on the minutes.
3. Working with the Societies Officers to promote society activities via relevant channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, email etc) and working to ensure clubs, individuals and volunteers get fair coverage.
4. To oversee logistical strategies that the Societies Council may have.
5. To act as the admin during any events or campaigns the Societies Council may organise.
6. Gathers reports and photos from all societies at all levels of participation for marketing and communications.
7. To be confident with photography and digital content creation.
8. To participate in and attend 1 working group a term
9. Sit on deciding panel for the end of year SU awards.

**WELLBEING AND ACCESSIBILITY (CORE)**

1. To work with the Societies and Arts Officers to ensure that provisions for those with mental health conditions in societies and committees is improved.
2. To engage in conversations with clubs and societies to see how they would like their wellbeing support to be improved at the University of Leicester and Students’ Union.
3. To participate in and help lead the term 1 wellbeing and accessibility campaign with other SU councils.
4. To participate in and attend x1 working group in term 2.
5. To work with the Societies and Arts Officers to run any wellbeing related campaigns, events or training.
6. To help be the voice for those with mental health conditions within societies at the University of Leicester and to promote their feedback.
7. To support in implementing better processes and networks for wellbeing support in sports.
8. To act as a main point of contact in regards to wellbeing and accessibility in societies and signposting to support, for society committees, communicating the thoughts and feedback from wellbeing and inclusion ambassadors.
9. Sit on deciding panel for the end of year SU awards.

**LIBERATION AMBASSADOR (CORE)**

***We are actively seeking people who identify in liberation groups for this role and are a member of a national/cultural/faith society.***

1. Contributes to making societies at UoL more inclusive and aim to further engage liberation groups and inactive students, by facilitating communication with the Liberation Officer.
2. Supports Societies Officer in identifying potential inclusion and awareness campaigns throughout the academic year.
3. The opportunity to sit on university/SU working groups focussed on reducing social/financial barriers to sport and implementing change to the student body.
4. To ensure that the societies offer at the University of Leicester is engaging liberation groups.
5. To engage in conversations with the Liberation Officers and council in order to promote best practices with diversity in societies.
6. To represent and be the voice for liberation communities in regards to inclusion in societies and how they can change to be more accessible for minority groups.
7. To participate in x1 working group a term.
8. To occasionally attend the liberation council meetings when relevant.
9. Sit on deciding panel for the end of year SU awards.

# **ARTS REPRESENTATIVE (CORE)**

***This role is for members of arts based societies only.***

1. Support the Arts Officer with their projects, campaigns and events throughout the year.
2. Be the voice for arts-based societies in the council, ensuring they are included and highlighted.
3. Work on an arts celebration event with the arts officer throughout the academic year.
4. Be the lead contact for arts groups to raise feedback, concerns or get support.
5. To participate in x1 working group a term.
6. Help to break down barriers that students may face when trying to participate in the arts at Leicester, supporting with the development of resources for them.
7. Sit on deciding panel for the end of year SU awards.

**ACADEMIC REPRESENTATIVE (CORE)**

***This role is for members of academic societies only.***

1. Support the Societies Officer with their projects, campaigns and events throughout the year.
2. Be the voice for academic societies in the council, ensuring they are included and highlighted.
3. Work with the Academic Council and Academic Reps, sometimes attend their meetings, to ensure academic societies are kept in the loop and included in academic based decisions made by the council.
4. Be the lead contact for academic groups to raise feedback, concerns or get support.
5. To participate in x1 working group a term.
6. Help to break down barriers that academic societies may face throughout the year, supporting with the development of resources for them.
7. Sit on deciding panel for the end of year SU awards.

**SPORTS REPRESENTATIVE (CORE)**

***This role is for members of sports clubs/societies only.***

1. Support the Societies Officer with their projects, campaigns and events throughout the year.
2. Be the voice for sports clubs in the council, ensuring they are included and highlighted.
3. Work with the Sports Council, sometimes attend their meetings, as a liaison between the councils, ensuring both are kept in the loop and included in sports-based decisions made by either councils.
4. Support the sports council with their events and campaigns as the societies council representative.
5. To participate in x1 working group a term.
6. Help to break down barriers that sports societies may face throughout the year, supporting with the development of resources for them, particularly those that are not under Team Leicester.
7. Sit on deciding panel for the end of year SU awards.

**COMMUNITY AMBASSADOR (CORE)**

***This role is for members of community focused or common interest societies only.***

1. Support the community development project throughout the year, helping societies with their trackers and fundraising.
2. Be the voice for their relevant societies in the council, ensuring they are included and highlighted.
3. To participate in x1 working group a term.
4. Help to break down barriers that societies may face throughout the year, supporting with the development of resources for them, particularly those that are new or smaller than other societies.
5. Liaise with the communities’ officer to support them with any community-based projects that concern societies.
6. Liaise with and occasionally attend the sustainability council, keeping sustainability at the forefront of development for societies and keeping both sustainability council and societies council in the loop of what each other is doing.
7. Sit on deciding panel for the end of year SU awards.

**LIBERATION REPRESENTATIVE (TERMLY - THIS ROLE IS FOR TERM 1 ONLY)**

***We are actively seeking people who identify in liberation groups for this role.***

1. Supports the Liberation Ambassador in identifying potential inclusion and awareness campaigns throughout the term.
2. Attend and participate in x1 working group throughout the term related to their role.
3. Liaise with the Liberation Council and Liberation Ambassador to support any of their campaigns/projects in term 1.
4. To help work on campaigns run by the Societies and Arts Officers that champion improving diversity in societies and the provisions for international communities.
5. To represent and be the voice for their community in regards to inclusion and how societies can change to be more accessible for minority groups.

**COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE (TERMLY - THIS ROLE IS FOR TERM 1 ONLY)**

***This role is for members of community focused or common interest societies only.***

1. Support the community ambassador with their projects, campaigns and events throughout the term.
2. Support the voice of smaller/new societies in the council, ensuring they are included and highlighted.
3. Be the secondary contact for community and common interest groups to raise feedback, concerns or get support.
4. To participate in x1 working group.
5. To participate in any sustainability-based projects, events or campaigns in term 1, potentially liaising with the sustainability council.

# **Sending Application Forms**

Send all applications [via this Google Form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=as2-rtQxAUuVzoJ0r-hT2Q4t3tBz6hZJrw4pwzFMJzhUNDJWM1IwU00xME5ZSDQxWFAxSkREOVNPUC4u) **by the 7th August at 12pm.** If you are then invited for an informal chat, they will take place the week commencing 11th August on Microsoft Teams or in person. This provides the team with a chance to get to know you and vice versa and discuss your ideas further. Successful candidates will be notified **by the 27th August.** The training for the council will be at some point W/C 15th September.