

YOUR COMMITTEE UPDATE

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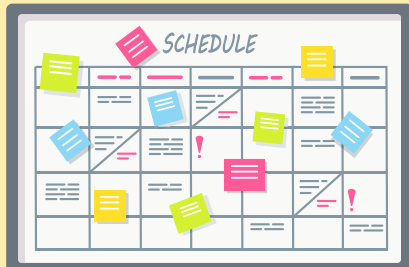
We hope you all had a restful Easter weekend and are ready to go in term 3. We recognise that many student groups are finished for the year or will be working on a smaller capacity in the new term and want to support you as much as we can in this transition period!

So what's coming up?

- By-elections
 - Handover and re-affiliation
 - SU awards
 - Sports awards
 - Deadline for any term 3 bookings
- Plus more!



If you are waiting on a response to an email please bare in mind some members of our team are away until next week, but we will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.



ROOM BOOKING REMINDERS

Any event notification or room booking requests for term 3 must be submitted by MONDAY 8TH APRIL and will be processed following that.

Please bare in mind that the Charles Wilson Belvoir Lounges are unavailable from the 3rd-28th May due to exams.

WHAT WE'RE COVERING THIS WEEK:

- [Term 3 Room Bookings](#)
- [SU Awards 2024](#)
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SU AWARDS 2024



It's that time of year again; nominations for the SU awards 2024 are open now!

The SU awards highlight and reward student groups for their efforts throughout the year, ranging a variety of categories and types of recognition. Whether it's a specific campaign, event or project that you believe was outstanding, or a society you think has had significant impact on your university experience.

We want to emphasise that you need to submit a nomination with details into why you believe your nominated group deserves that award. We will not consider nominations with limited information or one-liners!

Make sure you give the award criteria's a read before submitting a nomination too. Your chances of being short-listed depend on how relevant the panel believes the nomination is for that specific awards criteria.



The awards are as follows:

Student Group Awards

- Student Group Event Award
- Student Group Collaboration Award
- Student Group Project Award
- Outstanding Contribution to Community
- Outstanding Contribution to Student Experience
- New Student Group of the Year
- Student Group of the Year

Arts Awards

- Outstanding Contribution to Arts
- Art Society of the Year
- Creative Innovation Award

Volunteering Awards

- Frank May Cup for Volunteering
- Fundraising Award
- Volunteering Project Award

Special Recognition for an Individual

- General Recognition
- Green Action
- Helping Hand
- Advocacy
- Contributions to Their Society
- Arts



**NOMINATIONS
CLOSE ON THE
18TH APRIL!**



BY-ELECTIONS

By-elections for spring 2024 is opening on the 19th April!
This is your chance to fill any committee positions that are still vacant or the non-compulsory roles for any Team Leicester groups.

Here's the dates you need to know:

- Friday 19th April 2024 (Midday) – Nominations Open
- Monday 29th April 2024 – Nominations Close
- Wednesday 1st May 2024 (Midday) – Voting Opens
- Friday 10th May 2024 (Midday) – Voting Closes
- Week commencing 13th May – Election Results are sent out

It is important to ensure your student group has all of its compulsory roles filled by the end of the by-elections, otherwise you will be disaffiliated and will not be able to run in the new year.

Additionally, no new positions can be added in these elections. The only exception is for Team Leicester groups due to the change in process for them. Your next opportunity to do so would be the winter by-elections.

STUDENT GROUP ELECTIONS 2024



DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS

As we approach handover and re-affiliation, you will be offered the opportunity to have your term 3 development meetings with your allocated staff member from the activities & volunteering team.

These meetings vary depending on who your meetings are with, but are designed to help your current committee with any term 3 queries as well as how to support and smoothly handover to your new committee. For some of you it may be that your new committee is also requested to be present at the meeting in order to create an environment for any ideas to be transferred or to help you understand any new committee positions according to the SU's processes and policies.

Keep an eye out for an email inviting you to book in for a meeting in the coming weeks!

SUSTAINABILITY



Become a Climate Cafe Facilitator

Interested in climate action and helping people cope with the feelings related to it?

We are introducing climate cafe's in the SU, an opportunity for students to get together and talk about their emotions regarding our changing planet and the uncertainty of the future.

We are looking for wellbeing and inclusion officers who are interested in helping facilitate these sessions and receiving training in how to do so. Click the image to the right for the interest form.

Climate Cafe Facilitator Interest Form

Form to submit your interest in becoming a student facilitator for the SU and Sustainability Team Climate Cafes!

We will get back in touch with you with more details, dates and information as soon as we have finalised details.

For more information on what a climate cafe is all about and what being a facilitator entails, please drop us an email: unionactivities@le.ac.uk

PEER MENTORING

Peer Mentoring has opened for new students to join the scheme!

This scheme is set up to support students with their transition to the University of Leicester, they will be able to provide you with tips, guidance, information about the city of Leicester and where to find things etc.

We are looking for Mentors to support students who are starting at the University of Leicester in September 2024, if you will still be a student next academic year, then you are able to sign-up to become a Mentor now by completing this [form](#). We will then be in touch with you with the details of the next steps.



SUPPORT

The next couple months can get stressful with deadlines, exams and thoughts of next year, so we want to remind you that there are plenty of places you can go to for support.

For housing, academic and financial support you can go to our [Advice Team](#).

For mental health support please contact the universities [Wellbeing Team](#).

COMMITTEE VACANCIES

COMMITTEE POSITION SHOUTOUT

Do you have a committee position that hasn't been ran for in the elections? Looking for somebody to fill the gap in the by-elections?

You can use this slot in the newsletter to advertise the vacancy and hopefully find the right person to keep your society from disaffiliating!

Simply drop us an email with which society you're with and what positions you need filling, and we will make sure to include it in the next edition.