# Clubs & Societies

# Union Advice Centre

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Open:

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Clubs and Societies are the very heart and soul of university life. Run by students, for students, the emphasis is on participation as well as achievement. With a diverse mixture of clubs and societies to choose from, all offering a wide range of activities, there is sure to be something of interest. You can try something new, continue doing something you have been doing for years, or start your own club or society.

Societies cater for a wide range of cultural, political and special interests and sports clubs cater for every ability. Members often spend as much time socialising as playing.

Clubs and societies provide the ideal opportunity to get involved and meet other people with similar interests. They can help you to develop a wide range of personal skills, make an impressive addition to your CV and are an integral part of University life.

All clubs and societies are bound by the Student Union's Equal Opportunities policy, meaning you can join without fear of any form of discrimination.

You can sign up for clubs and societies during Freshers' week at SportsMart or SocMart. Clubs and Societies are also happy to recruit new members throughout the year. There is a Clubs and Societies web page which gives further details: <a href="mailto:ueastudent.com/clubsoc">ueastudent.com/clubsoc</a>

If you decide to take over an existing club or society the Sports or Societies Officers or the Finance Officer will be happy to help you should you need extra guidance.

Or create your own...

If you have a specific interest you may decide to create your own club or society. To do this:

- 1. A similar club/society must not already exist.
- 2. The aims of the club/society must not conflict with the Union Policy.
- 3. You will need to be able to recruit at least 20 members who

are happy to pay a nominal joining fee – the club/society must be financially viable.

- 4. You will need your own constitution to help you a standard copy is available from the Finance Officer.
- 5. You will have to ensure that there is reasonable facility hire/provision to allow your society to operate.

## Sports clubs must also:

- 1. Risk assess the activity.
- 2. Produce a code of practice.

You can find more useful information on the clubs and societies web page <u>ueastudent.com/clubsoc</u>. Union Officers will also be more than happy to provide further help, including an information pack which contains all you need to know to get started.

### **Useful Contacts:**

Elected Union Representatives:

Societies Officer

Email: union.societies@uea.ac.uk - Tel: 01603 592593

Finance Officer

Email: union.finance@uea.ac.uk - Tel: 01603 593268

Full-time support staff:

Ian Welch, Sports Clubs Co-ordinator

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## Website

Visit the Union of UEA Students own website, at www.ueastudent. com and click on 'Clubs and Societies' then follow the links for a full list of all clubs and societies, their personal web pages and a featured club or society of the week!

So go on - get involved and join!

