



LEICESTER
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ACTIVITIES

AWARDS



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Introduction & FAQ

The Students' Union's Activities Awards celebrate student-led achievements from this academic year.

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 2024/2025 Activities Awards fall into three categories:

Arts Awards, which shout out to student groups or individual students for their amazing works and contributions to the community

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 are also excited to retain and expand our **Special Recognition** to students who have gone above and beyond what is expected of them in various ways as members of their student group in the year.

Nominations close on **Thursday 18th April**. 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

Arts Awards

Outstanding Contribution to Arts

- A Student Group who has contributed positively and effectively to arts at the University of Leicester.
- Worked to expose arts to the wider student community.
- Worked to make your society or activities as inclusive and welcoming as possible.

Art Society of the Year

- A well run and organised Arts based student group with good organisation from Committee Members.
- Evidence of Student Group developed and aimed to improve for the 2023/24 Academic Year.

Actively listened to Student Group members and included their thoughts into the development and progression of the Student Group

Creative & Innovation Award

- A Student Group who has consistently thought outside of the box when organising events and activities.
- Evidence that the student group have tried new ideas and activities during the 2023/24 Academic Year.
- Provided new and unique opportunities for Student Group members such as coaching, leadership or upskilling opportunities.

Student Group Awards

Student Group Event Award

- A well-run event/trip 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 Project Award

- A well-run project with good organisation from Committee Members. This could include good marketing of the project and adhering to Students' Union processes.
- Contributed to a positive student experience.
- Worked to make the project align with Students' Union core values, such as inclusiveness, accessibility and sustainability.

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 for students.
- Effectively re-introduced activity whilst ensuring that students can engage with the Student Group in a range of ways.
- 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 2023/2024 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 2023/2024 academic year.
- Worked to ensure that the Student Group is accessible to all students and promotes inclusivity.

Student Group of the Year Award

- 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.
- Contributed to a positive student experience.
- Plans for sustainable growth into the 2024/2025 academic year.
- Worked to ensure that the Student Group is accessible to all students and promotes inclusivity.

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 make a positive impact through volunteering.
- Demonstrates commitment, having volunteered on a regular basis or over a period of time (minimum 3 months).
- 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.

Fundraising Award

This award recognises an individual student, 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 student, group of students, or affiliated Student Group, that have worked to develop a successful, impactful 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.
- Provides meaningful development opportunities, skills and/or experience for the volunteers involved.
- The project organiser(s) are able to evaluate and report on the outcomes of the project, suggesting improvements for the future.
- Effort has been made to make the project inclusive and accessible.

Special Recognition - Above and Beyond!

Special Recognition Awards 2024

This is for recognising individual students or committee members who have gone above and beyond what is expected of them as members of their student group in the year. This year, we are expanding the list of recognition into different categories, which includes:

- General Recognition

For those that have demonstrated passion and motivation and created impact across the board, embodying the core values of the Students' Union.

Can be either committee, society members or general students.

- Special Recognition for Green Action

Somebody who has been particularly involved in sustainability across the year. Somebody who may have worked to advocate for climate action, hosted awareness events, worked to make their student group more sustainable or created impact within the area across campus.

Can be either committee, society members or general students.

- Special Recognition for being a Helping Hand

An individual who has particularly endeavoured to create a safe space within their student group, who has been a great support and goes above and beyond to ensure everybody is happy and healthy.

Can be either committee or a society member, doesn't have to be a wellbeing and inclusion officer.

- Special Recognition for Advocacy

An individual who has strived to become an advocate whether that's through fundraising, campaigning or general awareness of a topic or community. This could be somebody who has remained dedicated to a cause and has gone out of their way to make a change.

Can be either committee, a society member or general students.

- Special Recognition for Contributions to Their Society

This is specifically to recognise a member of your student group who isn't committee but has gone out of their way to be helpful, get involved or provide support to their committee.

Must be a society member, not committee or a coach.

- Special Recognition for the Arts

Separate from the arts awards, somebody who has contributed to the creative, performance or digital arts across campus

Can be either committee, a society member or general students.
