

Byelaw 1 – What are the Benefits of Union Membership?

Being a Member of London Metropolitan SU brings several benefits which are outlined below. The true value comes from socialising and working with others to create change in your University and life rather than individual impacts.

Types of Membership

100 There will be the following three types of membership

- a) Student Members who shall be all current students of London Metropolitan University who have not opted-out.
- b) Company Law Members who shall be the Trustees of the Union as described in the Articles
- c) Associate Members who shall be individuals approved by a process set by the Trustee Board for recognition of their work for the Union, University staff members and others as agreed by the Trustees of the Union.

Benefits of Membership

102 Student members shall have the following benefits

- a) To be represented by the Union on academic and welfare issues
- b) To have access to the service and support facilities provided by the Union;
- c) To be eligible to join registered clubs and societies of the Union, subject to the conditions of membership of such clubs and societies;
- d) To utilise the social facilities administered by the Union;
- e) To be eligible to vote at Student members meetings
- f) To be eligible to vote in elections or referenda that are conducted by the Union, subject always to the regulations governing elections and referenda;
- g) To be eligible for participation in Union committees and the committees of clubs and societies;
- h) To be nominated as a candidate and / or a proposer for any of the offices of the Union which are subject to election subject to the rules governing elections

103 Associate members shall have the following benefits:

- a) To be eligible to join registered clubs and societies of the Union, subject to the conditions of membership of such clubs and societies;
- b) To utilise the social facilities administered by the Union;

Conditions of Membership

104 All members, of whatever class, shall be subject to the Union's Code of Conduct which protects the membership and sets out expected behaviours of all who engage in the Union. Any laws of the land and rules of the University may also apply.

105 The Trustees have the power to suspend or withdraw benefits of membership in the event of a member failing to comply with the requirements and conditions of membership and any code of conduct that may be in force.

- 106 Associate members may be subject to additional fees as set by the Trustees for access to the Union's services. These shall be used to further the Union's main charitable purposes for its beneficiaries, the student members.
- 107 Associate members may be subject to a time limit for their membership. University staff members shall be associate members for their term of employment by London Metropolitan University.

Opting Out of Student Membership

- 108 Student members may opt-out of membership as allowed by the 1994 Education Act. To do so they should contact the Union or University with their intention to do so.
- 109 Opting out will mean the removal of the following benefits
- a) To be represented by the Union on academic and welfare issues
 - b) To be eligible to vote at Student members meetings
 - c) To be eligible to vote in elections or referenda that are conducted by the Union, subject always to the regulations governing elections and referenda;
 - d) To be eligible for participation in Union committees and the committees of clubs and societies;
 - e) To be nominated as a candidate and / or a proposer for any of the offices of the Union which are subject to election subject to the rules governing elections
- 110 The following services will remain available to students who have opted out but may be subject to additional charges:
- a) To have access to the service and support facilities provided by the Union;
 - b) To be eligible to join registered clubs and societies of the Union, subject to the conditions of membership of such clubs and societies;
 - c) To utilise the social facilities administered by the Union
- 111 For the avoidance of doubt, students who have opted out of student membership may still be subject to the Union's Code of Conduct when accessing the services outlined in 110.
- 112 The University has an obligation to ensure that no student is disadvantaged in their dealings with the University if they have chosen not to be a member of the Students' Union.