

Alcohol Policy

1. Opening Statements

- 1.1 *The Activities and Volunteering department is committed to ensuring the health and safety of all Student Groups and their memberships. This alcohol policy has been written as a step to reduce the risk of injury or incident occurring due to Student Group members suffering from the effects of alcohol abuse. This policy forms part of a wider effort to encourage an awareness of the risks of drinking including but not limited to #BeTheInfluence and the Bar Crawl Guidance Form.*
- 1.2 *The Activities and Volunteering department does not condone the misuse or abuse of alcohol and is committed to reducing the risks associated with alcohol within Student Group Membership. Whenever it is appropriate, the Activities and Volunteering department will take disciplinary action in response to unacceptable behaviour*

2. Policy Scope

- 2.1 This policy applies to all affiliated Student Groups (including Team Leicester) that fall under the jurisdiction of the University of Leicester Students' Activities and Volunteering department
- 2.2 This policy does not form any part of the ULSU SG constitution and may be amended at any time. Warning will be given where possible but is not required.
- 2.3 This policy is in addition to the ULSU SG Constitution and any other policies and documents held by the University of Leicester Students' Union which make reference to the consumption of alcohol (including but not limited to the 'Bar Crawl Committee Guidance')

3. Aims of the Policy

- 3.1 To promote inclusivity within Student Groups
- 3.2 To support groups in running non-alcohol-based events
- 3.3 To ensure student groups are taking all precautionary steps in the supply and consumption of alcohol

4. General Guidance

- 4.1 Groups should not undertake businesses relating to UoL and ULSU under the influence of alcohol
- 4.2 Groups should avoid promoting excessive drinking on social media
- 4.3 Groups must not use alcohol based activities to inform team/squad selection or to enable new members to gain status or credibility within the group
- 4.4 Groups must not apply peer pressure upon their membership in social situations or otherwise
- 4.5 Groups must not consume alcohol in any form of transport (including but not limited to minibuses, coaches, cars etc)
- 4.6 For more information, groups should consult official guidance at <https://www.drinkaware.co.uk/alcohol-facts/alcohol-and-the-law/>

5. Student Group Event Guidance

- 5.1 At least two Student Leaders must remain completely sober throughout the event and be responsible for the welfare of all Student Group members
- 5.2 Non-alcoholic alternatives must be provided at all social events
- 5.3 Events must be opt-in and have no bearing on team/squad selection
- 5.4 When holding a bar crawl, all groups must abide by the guidelines listed in the Bar Crawl Guidance Form
- 5.5 Any incidents must be reported to the Activities and Volunteering department as soon as possible using the Incident Report Form <https://www.leicesterunion.com/surveys/sgincident/>