YOUR COMMITTEE UPDATES 3rd October 2024 O @union_activities @unionactivities @unionactivities winionactivities winionactivit

Hi,

This is your committee updates for the 3rd October 2024!

Welcome to the 24/25 academic year. It's been great seeing so many of you back and actively engaging during Fresher's, GIAG and Meet and Greets.

In this edition we will be covering quite a bit of information, so here's the headlines:

- 1. Grant Funding Applications
- 2. Room Booking Updates
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- 4. New Staff Introduction
- 5. Global Fusion Fest Sign Ups
- 6. Sports and Societies Councils
- 7. Upcoming Opportunities and Events

GRANT FUNDING APPLICATIONS

Grant funding applications are now open!

The deadline to apply for the first batch of reviews is the 7th October at 9am.

Applications will always be open, but have cut offs for when they will be reviewed by societies council. Reviews take place monthly and the dates can be found below:

DEADLINE TO APPLY	HEAR BACK FROM US BY
7 th October 2024	11th October 2024
4 th November 2024	8th November 2024
2 nd December 2024	6th December 2024
3 rd February 2025	7 th February 2025
3 rd March 2025	7 th March 2025
5 th May 2025	9 th May 2025

You must be eligible to apply for grant funding. More guidance on what makes you eligible and the regulations can be found here.

Please remember that grant funding is a finite amount and we may not always accept your applications. Each student group also has a cap of £1500 per academic year.

The form to apply is here, but please ensure you read through the guidance first

ROOM BOOKINGS UPDATE

We did experience delays with getting everybody's room booking requests through over the last couple weeks, however all bookings should now be up to date (as of the time of sending this email).

If you are needing a space on campus, please ensure you are abiding by the 2 weeks' notice period, with 4 weeks if external visitors are involved and 6 weeks for large events (over 100 attendance).

We aim to get most room bookings processed within 3-5 working days from submission, however during busy periods like the last two weeks, this can sometimes be delayed.

If you are a medical group wanting a space in GDC, please note that we are currently experiencing issues with GDC out of hours bookings and are working with Estates to resolve this as soon as possible.

Please also remember that the following buildings are closed for the foreseeable future due to maintenance: Bennett, Physics and Charles Wilson (apart the ground floor).

FRESHERS FEEDBACK

We want to hear your thoughts on the sports and societies fairs this year.

The fairs are designed to show you all off, so your thoughts and opinions matter. Your feedback helps us to improve plans for future events as well as know what is and isn't working.

We welcome all feedback both positive and negative and it is anonymous unless you opt otherwise. You can feedback through this form.

Thank you!

NEW STAFF INTRODUCTION

Just before Fresher's we had our new Activities Development Coordinator start!

Hi, my name is Nargis and I recently started working in the SU as the Activities Development Coordinator. It was really nice meeting some of you at Fresher's Fair and hearing about your ideas to improve the Students' Union! I'm really looking forward to working with you all this year and I'm

here to support you when it comes to approving new ideas and policies within the Union. I graduated last year in Economics and I was also on the Women in Finance committee as treasurer. I enjoy reading, spending time with my cat and I recently started knitting so if you have any tips please let me know! If you have any questions, please feel free to email at nb444@leicester.ac.uk.

GLOBAL FUSION FEST SIGN UPS



The Students' Union cordially invites you to join us for a spectacular celebration of global cultures!

DATES: Part 1: Sports & Activities November 13-14, 2024

Part 2: Cultural Showcase, Sports Awards & DJ Party on November 18, 2024

FEATURED EVENTS:

- Country Stall Representations
- Cultural Performances
- Global Fashion Show
- DJ/Party Night
- Sports Awards Ceremony

** PARTICIPATE: We're seeking talented individuals to:

- Perform on stage
- Compete in friendly sports activities
- Represent their countries

SIGN UP HERE: https://forms.office.com/e/Cba7SbdpFe

Join us in celebrating our diverse international community! Let's make this an unforgettable experience together. DEADLINE TO SIGN UP IS 1ST NOVEMBER 2024.

SPORTS AND SOCIETIES COUNCILS

Our Sports Council and Societies Council (alongside sustainability network and liberation council), are all set up and running!

To get to know who's on the councils this year give the <u>@leiccouncils</u> Instagram account a follow and keep an eye out for updates and opportunities on that page.

Some of you may get to know the council members as they reach out to create communication groups and feedback links. This is so that each committee has direct communication with their relevant council member and the chance to raise any ideas, feedback or to get help from your peers.

We are looking to do a second wave of applications for the councils in November, so keep an eye out for updates on this, if you want to get more involved in the future.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES AND EVENTS

- <u>Become part of the Leicester 100</u> Opportunity in student voice
- Black History Month Events All Month
- <u>Litter Picking in Victoria Park</u> Event on the 8th October
- <u>Let's Talk About...Climate Action</u> Event on the 23rd October



