

## The Council

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<b>Title</b>	Report: Communications & Activities Officer
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<b>Purpose</b>	For consideration and approval. John will present his report and questions may be taken if time permits. The report is formally accepted by a simple majority vote.
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The start to this academic year has been an interesting one. We have had the best turn out at a freshers fair in years with over 3500 people visiting our fair over 300 attending our first ever welcome evening. This gives clubs and societies the best start they can hope for. However there were some notable absences, (like the lamp and owl) as a result some societies, clubs and communication outlets have received a cut in their budgets giving more to well organised and stable societies the ones that handed in annual returns turned up to the freshers fair and are actively engaging students.

They are however societies that have good to large numbers of sign ups that do not have committees, these I intend to have welcome meetings with and ask fellow students to form a committee for the societies.

Due to a low take up on rugby with the London university sports league the rugby team has been inactive I am trying to find games for the team and would welcome suggestions on this matter.

Football has won every game they have played to date and I would like to commend Askar, Alex and the rest of the team on their success.

In October, we had around 1,200 subscribers for societies:

Row Labels	Numbers of Subscribers
Amnesty International	23
Economics & Finance Society	32
African Caribbean Society	20

Anti-Racism & Anti-Fascism (Araf) Committee	3
Applied Linguistics Society (BCALS)	11
Archaeology Society	19
Association of Student Lawyers	8
Badminton Club	21
Basketball Club	20
BeamIn Forums	5
Biological Society	12
Birkbeck Law Review	14
Birkbeck Pride (LGBT+ Society)	30
Black Members Committee	2
Bookshare Society	11
Capoeira Society	6
Catholic Society	3
Chinese Society	11
Choir	24
Christian Union Society	12
Communication and Activities Committee	4
Conservative Association	6
Counterfire	4
Cricket Club	12
Cycling Club	19
Darts Club	3
Debating Society	28
Early Modern Society	7
Elections in the Students' Union	2
Employability & Enterprise Network	5
Environment & Ethics Committee	1
Film Society	63
Flock to the Crown	9
Football Club	47
French Society	23
Friends of the British Overseas Territories Society	2
GEDS Society (Geography, Environment and Development Studies Society)	11

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Geological Society	4
German Society	14
History Society	25
Humanist Society	9
International Students Committee	9
International Students Society	24
Investment Society	22
Islamic Society	27
Japanese Society	21
Jewish Society	7
Kurdish Society	3
Labour Club	4
Lamp & Owl Magazine	22
Law Society	28
Liberal Society	1
Literature Association	10
Mature Students Committee	1
Mountaineering Club	21
Movement for Justice Society	3
Music Society	15
Naturist Society	9
Open Discussion Society	9
Pakistani Society	8
Philosophy Society	13
Photography Society	18
Political & Interfaith Dialogue Society	8
PPH Society	15
Pro Bono Society (Law Project)	14
Psychological Society	28
Psychology Research Methods and SPSS Society	11
Radio Birkbeck	17
Rag (Raising and Giving for Charities)	6
Rugby Club	7
Running Club	16
Salsa Society	20

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Socialist Worker Student Society (SWSS)	5
Society of Business and Occupational Psychology	3
Spanish & Portuguese Speaking Society	27
Statistics and Research Society	5
Stop the War Society	6
Tai Chi Club	17
UL Archery	11
UL Big Band (Jazz)	4
UL Boat Club (Rowing)	12
UL Canoe Polo	2
UL Fencing Club	14
UL Judo Club	3
UL Polo Club	6
UL Sailing Club	9
UL Sub-Aqua (Scuba Diving)	6
UL Swimming (LUST)	3
University Challenge	30
Volunteering Network	3
Website Editing and Development	3
Welfare Campaigns Committee	1
Wine Society	36
Women's Campaign	1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1209</b>