

TO: Assembly
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Proposal for Durham SU's Affiliation with Tyne & Wear Citizens

Assembly notes:

1. Citizens UK is the nation's largest and most diverse alliance of active citizens and leaders from local institutions who are committed to working together for the common good.
2. The charitable aim of Citizens UK is 'to develop the capacity of the citizens of Britain and Ireland to participate more fully in society and to strengthen their institutions and groups in the process'.
3. A number of Students' Unions, such as Leicester SU and Middlesex SU, are already affiliated to Citizens UK.
4. In November 2017, communities from across Tyne & Wear came together to launch Tyne and Wear Citizens, as part of Citizens UK.

Assembly believes:

1. Membership of Tyne & Wear Citizens would:
 - Give Durham Students' Union access to community leadership training, such as a 6-day Activist Academy, and free places on local training.
 - Enable Durham Students' Union's participation in neighbourhood, city-wide and nation-wide campaigns, such as the Living Wage campaign.
 - Provide Durham Students' Union with connections to other local institutions with similar values such as schools, trade union branches, health centres etc.
2. Becoming a member of Tyne & Wear Citizens would offer the potential to improve relations between students and the local community through collaborative campaigning, as well as provide access to local organisations with similar values.
3. Citizen's UK members pool together money and Durham Students' Union would be required to make a contribution of between £1,200.00 and £1,700.00 for affiliation.

Assembly resolves:

1. To mandate the Opportunities Officer to facilitate the affiliation of Durham Students' Union to Tyne & Wear Citizens.