SOCIETY AWARDS 2020

JUDGING CRITERIA

SOCIETY HONOURS

+ Put forward by an officer/opportunities staff/council member
+ A student with at least one years’ experience with societies

Nominees must have consistently displayed the following:

+ A fully paid member of a society
+ Have been a positive ambassador for societies
+ Shown outstanding commitment to their society as a committee member/volunteer/instructor

SOCIETY OF THE YEAR

+ Have run regular activities related to their society
+ Are well organised, polite and inclusive
+ Has achieved all of the society’s aims and objectives as set out by the accreditation document
+ Engaged with The Union by attending societies council, completing paper work in a timely fashion and supporting other societies events
+ Stand out as a society that have gone above and beyond
+ Shown initiative to improve their society through various activities
+ Contributed positively to their members student experience

COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE YEAR

+ Is an official committee member
+ Has driven a significant change or achievement in the Society
+ Has been a positive ambassador and role model for their Society
+ Has made a conscious effort to ensure their society is accessible and welcoming for all
+ Shown outstanding commitment to their society
+ Stands out above other committee members
+ Has engaged positively with their Students’ Union, Committee members and Society members
+ Has inspired other students to take up a society committee role in the future

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YOUR OPPORTUNITIES

THE UNION MANCHESTER METROPOLITAN UNIVERSITY
BEST NEW SOCIETY
+ Was formed since the last society awards (May 2018)
+ Shown potential for continuous development
+ Completed all relevant paper work correctly and on time
+ Engaged with opportunities team for training and development
+ Run at least one event with their members
+ Contributed positively to their members student experience
+ Has put provisions in place to allow for society to continue in the coming years

MOST IMPROVED SOCIETY
+ Shown significant improvement compared to the previous year in the following areas:
  ▪ Membership
  ▪ Quality of events
  ▪ Attendance at societies council and committee training
  ▪ Management of finances
+ Shown active interest in bettering themselves
+ Contributed positively to their members student experience
+ Show planning for long term development, improvement and sustainability
+ Noticeably improved the Society to fulfil aims and objectives

EVENT OF THE YEAR
+ Was successfully and safely lead by the society
+ Engaged a wide range of students
+ Has made a positive impact on its cause
+ Was delivered smoothly and appropriately
+ Students had a positive experience
+ Good ambassadors of the university and union
+ Related to the core activity of the society
+ Paperwork was completed correctly and on time

BEST ACADEMIC SOCIETY
+ Gone the extra mile to ensure members feel settled within their course
+ Are well organised
+ Has achieved some if not all of the society’s aims and objectives as set out by the accreditation document
+ Engaged with The Union by attending societies council, completing paper work in a timely fashion and supporting other societies events
+ Attracted members across different study types where possible
+ Organised a variety of events which complements the field of study the society is related to
+ Improved employability prospects for their members
+ Worked with external partners that are relevant academically

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BEST CAMPAIGNING AND LIBERATION SOCIETY

+ Worked hard to ensure increased awareness or engagement with their society
+ Have run regular activities related to their objectives
+ Are well organised
+ Has achieved some if not all of the society’s aims and objectives as set out by the accreditation document
+ Engaged with The Union by attending societies council, completing paper work in a timely fashion and supporting other societies events
+ Had a positive influence on students through their activism
+ Had a measurable impact on particular groups of people
+ Made a tangible and measurable contribution through their work
+ Has inspired other students to participate in their cause

BEST FAITH SOCIETY

+ Gone the extra mile to ensure members feel settled at their institution
+ Are well organised
+ Has achieved some if not all of the society’s aims and objectives as set out by the accreditation document
+ Engaged with The Union by attending societies council, completing paper work in a timely fashion and supporting other societies events
+ Organised a variety of events which helped to educate or raise awareness of their faith
+ Supported those from their faith consistently
+ Has engaged positively with community groups who align with their faith

BEST NATIONALITY AND CULTURE SOCIETY

+ Gone the extra mile to ensure members feel settled at their institution
+ Are well organised
+ Has achieved some if not all of the society’s aims and objectives as set out by the accreditation document
+ Engaged with The Union by attending societies council, completing paper work in a timely fashion and supporting other societies events
+ Organised a variety of events which helped to educate or raise awareness of their culture
+ Supported those from their culture on a regular basis
+ Positively created an intercultural dialogue through their work
BEST POLITICAL PERSPECTIVES SOCIETY

+ Have run regular activities relating to the political group they represent
+ Are well organised
+ Has achieved some if not all of the society’s aims and objectives as set out by the accreditation document
+ Engaged with The Union by attending societies council, completing paper work in a timely fashion and supporting other societies events
+ Worked hard to ensure increased awareness or engagement with their perspective
+ Had a positive influence on local decision-makers
+ Had an impact on groups of people relating to their perspective
+ Made a tangible and measurable contribution through their work
+ Supported the work of either local or national issues
+ Has inspired other students to participate in their cause

BEST HOBBIES AND INTERESTS SOCIETIES

+ Have run regular activities related to their society
+ Are well organised
+ Has achieved some if not all of the society’s aims and objectives as set out by the accreditation document
+ Engaged with The Union by attending societies council, completing paper work in a timely fashion and supporting other societies events
+ Promoted and celebrated the unique qualities that your Society brings to your institution
+ Ran activities that are appropriate for different levels of interest and skill
+ Celebrated the shared interest that unifies and brings together the members of your Society

BEST MEDIA, PERFORMANCE AND ART SOCIETIES

+ Organised a variety of creative and innovative events
+ Are well organised
+ Has achieved some if not all of the society’s aims and objectives as set out by the accreditation document
+ Engaged with The Union by attending societies council, completing paper work in a timely fashion and supporting other societies events
+ Created content and events which appeal to a diverse range of students
+ Have invested time in training and developing the skills of both new and existing members of the society
+ Worked hard to encourage participation of members or a high standard of achievement
+ Positive contribution to the members through showcasing of talents
+ Provided opportunities for members to improve their talents and skills through working with others