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## **Associate Member Policy**

Individuals who are not core students at Anglia Ruskin University can join Students' Union affiliated clubs and societies as **associate members**.

For every 1 Associate Member who joins a group, there must be 10 full core student members already in the group.

Associate members might be members of ARU or Students' Union staff, students at another local university or ARU alumni. Associate members must be over 18 and must be endorsed by a current committee member of the club or society they wish to join.

The role of an associate member is to observe, and attend club/society meetings or activities but not to lead, act or run these meetings or activities, as they are there under the concession of the committee and this should not have a negative effect on any core Anglia Ruskin student members.

Associate members cannot vote in society elections and cannot be a committee member.

If an associate member also works as a Faith Worker then they must refer to the Faith Worker Policy as this overrides these guidelines.

To become an associate member, individuals should fill out our [online application form](#) and include the name of the endorsing committee member. Once this form is filled out, it is sent to the Student Activities team at the Students' Union who will speak with the committee of the society and approve or reject the application. The Student Activities team will then support the individual to come in and purchase their membership.

Associate memberships must be purchased in person at a Students' Union Reception and must be purchased before the individual takes part in the group's activities. If the individual is joining a club that requires Activities Insurance, they must purchase this alongside their group membership before taking part in the club's activities.

Once an associate member joins a club or society, they are subjects to the articles and policies of [ARU Students' Union](#). They are also subject to the Students' Union's [Terms and Conditions](#).

### **When deciding to allow an associate member to join, you should think about the following:**

- Will the club/society benefit from their involvement?
- Has the decision to support the associate membership come from the current committee?
- How much will the membership cost? (It must be the same for all associate members.)
- How many members does the group have? There must be 10 full members for every 1 associate member.

### **Are associate members able to help with stalls on campus and at Freshers Fair?**

No, any stalls that the club or society run should be run by the group's current committee and full student members. Associate members **WILL NOT** be allowed to help run or promote these stalls either on campus or at Freshers Fair.

**Are associate members able to help run and support the group's meetings or activities on campus?**

No, associate members are allowed to attend society meetings or activities on campus but these should be run by committee members.

**Are associate members able to attend and help with group activities on campus?**

Associate members are allowed to attend certain group activities on campus and this will be down to the University and Students' Union discretion. However they are NOT allowed to help set up or run the event. If the society is trying to engage new members in the activity, this should strictly be done by core Anglia Ruskin students or the committee.