

# Bye-Law 1

## Membership Of Reading University Students' Union

To be read in conjunction with:

1. RUSU Constitution and its Bye-Laws
2. University of Reading Calendar (G102- Students' Union Code of Practice)
3. Education Act 1994 (22(2) b- Requirements to be observed in relation to Students' Unions)

RUSU permits the following forms of membership:

1. Full Members
2. Associate Members
3. Honorary Members

### 1. Full Members

The members of the Union shall be as follows:

- Each and every Student who has not opted out, in accordance with the section below, by notifying the University of Reading of his or her wish not to be a Member of the Union.
- The Officer Trustees of the Union.

### Rights And Privileges

Full members

- Shall enjoy all rights and privileges relating to membership of all clubs and societies of the Union and to the use of the Students' Union buildings and its facilities.
- Save as provided in the RUSU Constitution shall be eligible to hold any Union office and to vote at elections.

### 2. Associate Members

The following may become Associate Members of the Union by applying directly to the Chair of the Trustee Board for approval:

- Carers of RUSU Full Members
- All members of RUSU staff
- All members of staff of the University
- Full members of other University and College Unions with which there is a reciprocal agreement
- Members of the Court of the University

The process for application and any associated fee will be agreed by the Trustee Board on an annual basis.

### Rights And Privileges

Associate members

- Shall enjoy all the rights and privileges relating to membership of the clubs and societies of the Union except that they shall not be permitted to participate in University matches.
- Shall also enjoy the use of the Union buildings and facilities.

Associate Members will have no speaking or voting rights. They may not stand for election as a RUSU Officer or membership of any RUSU committee or sub-committee or become an officer of any RUSU Student Support or Activity group.

### 3. Honorary Members

Honorary Membership shall be granted to Officer Trustees if agreed by Trustee Board. This will be at the first meeting after the completion of their term in office. It may be granted to other individuals by the Trustee Board throughout the year.

#### Rights And Privileges

Honorary members

- Shall enjoy all the rights and privileges relating to membership of the clubs and societies of the Union except that they shall not be permitted to participate in University matches
- Shall also enjoy the use of the Union buildings and facilities.
- Shall receive an invitation to Summer Ball (or similar events)
- Shall be sent a newsletter/impact report

Honorary Members will have no speaking or voting rights. They may not stand for election as a RUSU Officer or membership of any RUSU committee or sub-committee or become an officer of any RUSU Student Support or Activity group.

### Opting Out Of Membership

Under Section 22(2) c of the 1994 Education Act any Student has the right not to be a member of RUSU.

To exercise that right a Student must inform the RUSU President and the University Head of Administration in writing within two weeks of his or her registration or re-registration.

The decision then taken is binding until the student's normal re-registration.

A student who opts out of membership is not eligible to participate in the Union as a member and specifically not to hold office in the Union or any RUSU Student Support or Activity group.