

By-law (1): Membership

This By-law lays out the different types of membership, their entitlements and the process for opting-out of Union membership.

Membership

1. Membership shall be as defined in the Constitution of the University of York Students' Union.
2. There shall be the following types of membership:
 - 2.1. Full membership
 - 2.2. Associate membership
 - 2.3. Honorary Life Membership

Opting-out

3. Every student of the University of York shall be able to relinquish their membership of the Union;
4. A student who opts out of the Union shall continue to have the right to attend Union-run events and participate in the activities of Clubs and Societies but shall have the same rights as an associate member and be termed a "User";
5. A student who opts out of Union membership shall not be able to participate in the democratic and decision-making function of the Union. This includes not being able to stand for any officer or representative position, including club and society committee members. Any positions that they held at the time of opting-out that are incompatible with not holding full membership shall be vacated and filled according to the relevant Bye-laws or student group constitution;
6. A student wishing to opt out must indicate this in writing to the Registrar and Secretary of the University. The student shall cease to be a member upon receiving written approval of this request;
7. A student who has opted out who wishes to become a member of the Union shall notify the Registrar and Secretary in writing. If the application falls within twenty University working days of nominations opening for a Union election, the student will not be eligible to take up the full privileges of membership until the nomination period has closed;

Rights and Privileges

8. All members are subject to the Ordinances and Regulations issued by the University.

Full Members

9. Full members of the Union shall be entitled:
 - 9.1. To make use of any services and facilities of the Union;
 - 9.2. To hold ordinary membership of any Union club or society;
 - 9.3. To attend and participate in Union meetings, except in such cases as are specified in these Bye-laws;
 - 9.4. To vote in, and to stand for office in, Union elections according to the eligibility criteria outlined in Bye-law [ELECTIONS]; and
 - 9.5. To vote in, and campaign for motions in, Union Referenda
 - 9.6. To attend and vote at the Annual General Meeting of the University of York Students' Union.

Associate and Honorary Life Members

10. Associate Membership shall be granted in accordance with the Bye-Laws.
11. Any full member may propose that Honorary Life Membership be bestowed upon an individual who has made an important or substantial contribution to the Union;
 - 11.1. Any such nominations shall be ruled upon annually by a panel consisting of the President, two Trustees and two ordinary members and shall be put to members at the Annual General Meeting for final approval.
12. Associate and Honorary Life Members of the Union shall be entitled:
 - 12.1. To have restricted use of any services and facilities of the Union which may from time to time be made available to them by the Trustee Board;
 - 12.2. To hold ordinary membership of any Union club or society; and
 - 12.3. To attend the Annual General Meeting of the Students' Union as observers.

Users

13. A user of the Union shall be entitled:
 - 13.1. To make use of any services and facilities of the Union;
 - 13.2. To hold ordinary membership of any Union club or society; and
 - 13.3. To attend all open Union meetings as observers, except in such cases as are specified in these Bye-laws.