



YORK ST JOHN STUDENTS' UNION

BYELAW (1) MEMBERSHIP

A Byelaw setting out the different types of Membership available at the Students' Union; the rights of those Members; and how to opt out of Membership.

Byelaw (1) Membership

1. Student Membership

- 1.1. Each and every student who has not opted out by notifying York St John University of their wish not to be a Student Member is deemed to be a Student Member in accordance with [section 22 of the Education Act 1994](#); and the Sabbatical Officers.
- 1.2. Student Membership is valid for the time in which a student is enrolled at the University.
- 1.3. Student Members are entitled to
 - access all activities run by the Students' Union;
 - use all services and facilities available through the Students' Union;
 - join sports clubs and societies;
 - participate in the governance of the Students' Union; and,
 - vote in or stand as a candidate in any Students' Union election.

2. Company Law Membership

The Articles of Association contain provisions for Company Law Members.

3. Associate Membership

- 3.1. The Trustee Board may admit individuals who are not Student or Company Law Members to Associate Membership for a limited time.
- 3.2. Associate Members are entitled to join sports clubs and societies at the discretion of the Students' Union.
- 3.3. The Students' Union shall maintain a register of Associate Members in accordance with data protection policies and relevant legislation.
- 3.4. Associate Members shall not be deemed to be Student or Company Law Members for the purposes of the Articles or Companies Acts.

4. Honorary Life Membership

- 4.1. The Student Council and Trustee Board may admit individuals who are not Student Members to be Honorary Life Members based on the individuals' contribution to the Students' Union.
- 4.2. The maximum number of Honorary Life Memberships which may be conferred in each academic year is limited to four plus the number of Sabbatical Officers reaching the end of their term of office.
- 4.3. Student Members and Trustees may nominate individuals for consideration to be admitted as an Honorary Life Member by writing to the President of the Students' Union, and Sabbatical Officers reaching the end of their term of office shall be automatically nominated.

- 4.4. The President of the Students' Union shall refer the nomination to the Student Council or Trustee Board, as appropriate, ahead of the bodies' next respective meetings.
- 4.5. Honorary Life Members are entitled to use the appropriate services and facilities of the Students' Union and attend Students' Union events.
- 4.6. Honorary Life Members shall not be deemed to be Student or Company Law Members for the purposes of the Articles or Companies Acts.

5. Opting Out of Membership

- 5.1. Any Student Member may opt out of membership of the Students' Union, in accordance with the Education Act 1994, without losing their rights to access the services and facilities of the Students' Union.
- 5.2. Any Student Member wishing to opt-out of membership of the Students' Union may do so by contacting the University's student records team within the University Registry.
- 5.3. There shall be no distinction between opted-out students and Student Members of the Students' Union in accessing Students' Union services.
- 5.4. Opted-out students may not
 - join sports clubs and societies;
 - participate in the governance of the Students' Union; or,
 - vote in or stand as a candidate in any Students' Union elections.
- 5.5. Associate or Honorary Life Members may resign their respective memberships by notifying the President of the Students' Union in writing.