

# **University of Cumbria Students' Union**

## **Bye-Law 10: Student Networks**

### **1. Definition**

- 1.1. University of Cumbria Students' Union Student Networks are networks of students who share a recognised identity, personal or protected characteristic, or status as a student of the University.
- 1.2. University of Cumbria Students' Union Student Networks aim to provide a space for their members to represent themselves and voice their collective on views within the students, University, and local communities.
- 1.3. University of Cumbria Students' Union Student Networks aim to provide a space for students to network, socialise, and campaign.
- 1.4. The current, recognised University of Cumbria Students' Union Student Networks are:
  - i) Black and Ethnic Minority Students' Network
  - ii) Disabled Students' Network
  - iii) International Students' Network
  - iv) LGBTQ Network
  - v) Men's Network
  - vi) Parents & Carers Network
  - vii) Part-Time Students' Network
  - viii) Postgraduate Students' Network
  - ix) Return to Education Students' Network
  - x) Women's Network

### **2. Membership**

- 2.1. Membership of all University of Cumbria Students' Union Student Networks shall be free.
- 2.2. All members of the Union are eligible to join University of Cumbria Students' Union Student Networks so long as they self-define within parameters unique to each Student Network:
  - i) Black and Ethnic Minority Students' Network; members must self-define as black or any other ethnic minority.
  - ii) Disabled Students' Network; members must self-define as disabled; this includes physical disabilities, mental disabilities, and long-term illnesses.
  - iii) International Students' Network; members must be registered as an international student with the University or otherwise not a UK national or resident.
  - iv) LGBTQ Network; members must self-define as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, questioning their sexuality or gender, or as an active ally.
  - v) Men's Network; members must self-define as a man.
  - vi) Parents & Carers Network; members must self-define as having parental or caring responsibilities.

- vii) Part-Time Students' Network; members must be registered on a part-time, Apprenticeship, work-based learning, or any other programme delivered on a part-time or primarily off-site basis.
  - viii) Postgraduate Students' Network; members must be registered on a postgraduate programme of study or research.
  - ix) Return to Education Students' Network; members commencing an undergraduate programme must be 21 years of age or above; members commencing a postgraduate programme must be 25 years of age or above.
  - x) Women's Network; members must self-define as a woman.
- 2.3. Membership must be obtained via the Union website.

### **3. Decision-Making**

- 3.1. In accordance with Bye-Law 8: Ideas & Policy, decisions may be delegated by Executive Committee to Student Networks.
- 3.2. Decisions made must be approved by the Student Network's membership.
- 3.3. If not originally specified by Executive Committee, the arrangements for decision-making or voting shall be at the discretion of the Student Network itself.

### **4. Creation or Dissolution of Student Networks**

- 4.1. Student Networks may be created, split, or dissolved via policy approved in accordance with Bye-Law 8: Ideas & Policy.

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