Bath SU Society Tiers

Societies at Bath SU

Bath SU supports up to 85 student lead Societies. These Societies come in all different shapes and sizes, providing fantastic opportunities to their members and enhancing the student experience. Societies at Bath are split into 5 areas:

- Arts – for students who want to perform, rehearse, create, or appreciate arts
- Departmental – for enhancing the student experience within an academic department
- Ethical & Political – for students wanting to discuss, campaign or learn about ethical and political issues
- Faith & Cultural – providing a network for students to share and experience different faiths and cultures
- Recreational – for students with a shared interest in an activity

This wonderful diversity in Societies is precisely what makes the area so great. We know that every Society has different needs, so we have developed a tailored support scheme to ensure you are getting the level of support that best suits you.

We have developed 3 packages for you to select from that work on one year cycles. Check them out…

Green Tier

What Bath SU gives to you:

Committee email @lists.bath.ac.uk

Support from the Activities Officer and Socs Exec

Support from Bath SU Staff

1:1 meeting with Area Rep once a semester

BathStudent.com website

Society account with SU Finance

Hire of Bath SU vehicles

Societies Special Request Fund

Access to Bath SU marketing tools & branding

Public liability insurance

Equipment insurance

'How to' guides on BathStudent.com

Activities Fair table in Freshers' Week

Core Committee member training

Access to a rollover (subject to application and the discretion of the Activities Officer)

Access to a society printing code

What you give Bath SU:

Budget plan

Society Constitution

One year Development plan

Health and Safety information

Equipment list

Promote central SU messages and elections

Follow Bath SU Articles, Constitutions, Bye Laws, Policies and Guidelines

Host all events on BathStudent.com

Event planners for Society activities

Roundup page for Society Yearbook

Membership- minimum of 30 registered members - which are non-associated members

Representation from society to attend all GMs

Core committee members to attend Core training sessions

Information on sponsorship agreements with external organisations

Blue Tier

What Bath SU gives to you:

Committee email @lists.bath.ac.uk

Support from the Activities Officer and Socs Exec

Support from Bath SU Staff

1:1 meeting with Area Rep once a semester

1:1 with Activities Officer once a year

BathStudent.com website

Society account with SU Finance

Hire of Bath SU vehicles

Societies Special Request Fund

Up to £300 budget (subject to application, membership fee and discretion of the Activities Officer)

Access to Bath SU marketing tools & branding

Public liability insurance

Equipment insurance

'How to' guides on BathStudent.com

Activities Fair table in Freshers' Week

Use of storage facilities (subject to availability)

Use of showboards to promote events

Core Committee member training

Access to a rollover (subject to application and the discretion of the Activities Officer)

Access to a society printing code

What you give Bath SU:

Budget plan

Society Constitution

Three year Development plan

Health and Safety information

Equipment list

Promote central SU messages and elections

Follow Bath SU Articles, Constitutions, Bye Laws, Policies and Guidelines

Host all events on BathStudent.com

Event planners for Society activities

Roundup page for Society Yearbook

Membership- minimum of 30 registered members - which are non-associated members

Representation from society to attend all GMs

Core committee members to attend Core training sessions

Information on sponsorship agreements with external organisations

+ 1 ribbon

Details in blue indicate requirements that are not included in previous tiers

Orange Tier

What Bath SU gives to you:

Committee email @lists.bath.ac.uk

Support from the Activities Officer and Socs Exec

Support from Bath SU Staff

1:1 meeting with Area Rep once a semester

1:1 meeting with Activities Officer once a semester

BathStudent.com website

Society account with SU Finance

Hire of Bath SU vehicles

Societies Special Request Fund

Access to a budget from Bath SU (subject to application, membership & discretion of the Activities Officer)

Access to Bath SU marketing tools & branding

Public liability insurance

Equipment insurance

'How to' guides on BathStudent.com

Activities Fair table in Freshers' Week

Use of storage facilities (subject to availability)

Use of showboards to promote events

Core Committee member training

Access to a rollover (subject to application and the discretion of the Activities Officer)

Access to a society printing code

What you give Bath SU:

Budget plan

Society Constitution

One year Development plan

Health and Safety information

Equipment list

Promote central SU messages and elections

Follow Bath SU Articles, Constitutions, Bye Laws, Policies and Guidelines

Host all events on BathStudent.com

Event planners for Society activities

Roundup page for Society Yearbook

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Representation from society to attend all GMs

Core committee members to attend Core training sessions

Information on sponsorship agreements with external organisations

Active Social Media presence

Photos or films to sumarketing@bath.ac.uk

+ 2 ribbons

Details in orange indicate requirements that are not included in previous tiers

Ribbons

A new introduction for this year, ribbons are a way for societies to complete the criteria for the Blue and Orange Tiers and develop their society in a direction they choose. There are 10 ribbons to choose from, each with 5 criteria that 3 must be completed to receive the ribbon (unless stated otherwise). To complete the Blue Tier requirements, you will need to receive 1 ribbon and Orange Tier requirements will need to receive 2 ribbons by the end of the year. The ribbons available are:

Sport & Well-being

Media

Environment & Sustainability

Community

Campaigning

Inclusivity

Expansion

Academic Development & Employability

Performance

Collaboration

You can select your ribbons in the development plan, where you will need to outline the criteria you wish to complete. You can have an event which meets more than one of the criteria, which can be done across multiple ribbons if you are an Orange Tier society.

The full criteria are on the following pages.

Ribbons

Sport & Well-being

- Organise a competitive sporting event for your members.
- Organise a recreational sporting event for your members (can be done through the 3:Thirty Club).
- Organise, or participate in, a sporting event/competition with another society (this can be competitive or recreational).
- Host a specific mixed sporting event for members of your society.
- Organise a non-sport related well-being event.

Media

- Work with CampusTV to assist in producing a video for your society.
- Engage with bathimpact to produce articles/publications in their paper/online outlets (either paper or online article minimum).
- Work with an URB radio show (not Rock your Socs off!) to promote your society.
- Get your society events in an external publication (e.g. Bath Chronicle)
- Produce your own publication to showcase your society (e.g. semesterly society newsletter).

Environment & Sustainability

- Collaborate with the Green Team on environmental issues and events.
- Participate in Go Green Week by hosting an event/activity.
- Host an event tackling a sustainability issue.
- Organise an event with an external speaker to expand the understanding of your members on an environmental issue.
- Participate in a sustainability focused project/activity.

Community

- Host a fundraising event for a charity.
- Organise, or participate in, a volunteering event that benefits the local community (e.g. Big Spring Clean) with V Team.
- Organise engagement events with local schools/community groups to showcase your society.
- Host off-campus events that promote your society to the local community.
- Work with the Hall Reps to engage with the on-campus community.

Ribbons

Campaigning

- Campaign on campus on an issue that your society believes is important.
- Work with other student groups to form a wider student campaign.
- Host events with external speakers to discuss the causes of your campaign.
- Liaise with external groups to participate in national/off-campus events.
- Host workshops to develop a campaign on an issues with the members of your society.

Inclusivity

- Submit application for Inclusivity Award and achieve at least "working towards the Inclusivity Award". (This can be completed with one other point in this ribbon due to the size of the task)
- Work with the relevant student groups (e.g. PGA and ISA) to develop a greater understanding of these student areas and how they are likely to participate in your society.
- Host events which specifically engage with different groups of students (e.g. international students through the ISA, postgraduate students from the PGA, etc.) to increase their participation.
- Organise an activity that participates in one of the SU's diversity awareness programmes (e.g. LGBT awareness week, One Bath week or Black History Month).

Expansion

- Increase society membership by 20% from last year.
- Host 1 more event per semester than last year.
- Gain sponsorship from an external company.
- Send reports of your society's successes to SU marketing for promotion.

Academic Development & Employability

- Host an event with an external company to boost personal development.
- Host an event that adds to your member's understanding of their course.
- Engage with external companies to host networking opportunities.
- Host an event with external speakers to develop the understanding of your members.
- Participate in an academic campaign coordinated by the academic exec.

Ribbons

Performance

- Host a performance on campus (not Socs Showcase) that is free to attend.
- Host a performance event off campus.
- Produce a ticketed event that runs for more than one night.
- Participate in an event with societies from other universities that involves an element of performance.
- Host workshops to develop your members in the performing arts.

Collaboration

- Host an event with a society within your area.
- Host an event with a society that is not in your area.
- Host an event with a student group that is not in the societies area of the SU.
- Host an event with an academic department in the university.
- Participate in an event with a society from another university.

What Tier am I?

Really, this is up to you. Any Society can be in any Tier. It is up to you to decide how much support you want to receive for the year, and to be aware of what you will be required to offer in return for this support. Make sure you think about what you will need next year and what is realistic for your Society.

During handover each year you can reassess your level and change according to your Society's needs. You can move up, down, or stay the same. The Activities Officer will let you know the deadline for choosing your Tier.

What if I can't meet the requirements of my Tier?

If you do not meet the minimum requirements of your Tier this will limit which Tier you can be the following year. If you do not meet the minimum requirements of your Tier, you will only be able to be at a lower Tier the following year. If you are Green Tier and do not meet the minimum requirements you will be called to see the Societies Disciplinary Panel.

Can I change Tier throughout the year?

No, you can only change during the handover period. The Activities Officer will inform you of the deadline for choosing a Tier. We're piloting this new structure for Societies and know there will be some teething issues to iron out in the first year. For this reason, we want to keep it as simple as possible and will be constantly reviewing the Tiers throughout this year.

I'm in the Green Tier, can I still do volunteering activities with my Society?

Yes, of course you can. For Orange Tier Societies, holding a community or volunteering activity is a requirement, for Green Tier and Blue Tier these activities are a great opportunity for your members.

Can Green Tier Societies meet with the Activities Officer?

Yes, definitely. At Blue & Orange Tiers you will have a minimum number of meetings with the Activities Officer. Everyone can arrange a meeting with the Officer at any point, and you can all pop in to the office when you need to. The same principle applies for all requirements at higher Tiers: some Societies will have to do them, but all Societies can do them if they want to.