

Students' Union Council Proposal

Current Problem

People who wish to be associate members currently must pay the fee of £20 to the Students' Union. However, this also applies to people who wish to volunteer their time. This has been highlighted quite recently by the Stafford Reception team, the information regarding this can be found in the evidence section of this proposal.

After the Stafford Forum, a proposal to solve the problem where volunteers can join without paying the fee was highlighted. The proposal can be seen below within the solution section below.

Solution

A membership option open to volunteers only and who has access to nothing but some volunteering aspects of the Students' Union. This membership could be included within the current membership system and be named Associate Volunteer Membership (AVM).

If the student wanted to have access to the venues they would have to pay as a guest or purchase the upgrade to become a full Associate Member (£20). They would also have to pay the fee if they wanted to partake in any clubs and societies events, even though they would not be able to play in fixtures they would still be able to partake in training.

There is an issue that if the student wanted to volunteer, the Union would not be able to pay the CRB fee. To solve this, the student would pay the cost of the CRB or pay the fee for full associate membership if this would allow them to volunteer. If not then they would have to pay the fee, which is agreed to, the Union might subsidise other they pay the full fee themselves.

To enhance the Student Volunteer scheme (InVOLved) this could be opened previous students/staff members who wish to volunteer.

Evidence

A good example of the current problem, a student who volunteers his time to drive the minibus for clubs and societies must pay the £20 fee even though he does not wish to take part in any other activities. As with this student, he paid the fee with regret as he would gain nothing except being able to use the licence he already has to drive for the societies.

With regards to the CRB checking the fees would account to a standard check being £26 and for an enhanced check being £44.