



UNIVERSITY OF LINCOLN STUDENTS' UNION BOARD OF TRUSTEES Political Activity Policy

The Students' Union Board of Trustees has a responsibility to ensure that Charity Law is upheld at all times. As such this policy is to ensure that the Trustees can meet their obligations.

The objects of the Union are the advancement of education of Students at the University for the public benefit by:

- promoting the interests and welfare of Students at the University during their course of study and representing, supporting and advising Students;
- being the recognised representative channel between Students and the University and any other external bodies; and
- providing social, cultural, sporting and recreational activities and forums for discussions and debate for the personal development of its Students.

The University of Lincoln Students' Union can only engage with political parties in order to educate its members and must remain a position of neutrality at all times.

Political activities that can be carried out by the University of Lincoln Students' Union in adherence to the Charities act are:

- Host a fair and balanced debate involving students and/or guest speakers on any issue
- Provide fair and balanced information to its members on any issue
- Adopt resolutions on any issue through its formal democratic structures, such as union councils, general meetings and referenda
- Communicate any resolutions decided on by those bodies to its members
- Represent positions taken to the university or to NUS

Any campaign that the Students' Union allocates resources to must pass the Student as a student test. Any campaign may only target students whilst they are students, not for example students because they are part of a group or community that are affected because they live there or have the same beliefs as non-members.

Clubs and Societies

Clubs and Societies, although they have their own constitution are part of the Students' Union, and as such fall under the responsibility of the Trustee Board.

The University of Lincoln Students' Union encourages political societies to hold meeting to educate their members on the policies of the party that they support and to debate issues that affect them as a group.

If a political speaker is invited to speak at a meeting of its members, the meeting must be a closed event with only members of the society present. This also applies to Sports Clubs who invite political candidates or speakers to their events.

No canvassing of support for a political party is permitted to take place at any ULSU event, included Club and Societies events.

No money may be collected for a political party at an event organised by a ULSU Club and Society.

No money given to a Club or Society by ULSU may be used for supporting a political party in canvassing. This includes printing, hiring minibuses to transport members to a canvassing event or hiring rooms. Monies donated by members can be used for this purpose.

If you have any doubts on whether an activity should take place, please highlight this on your event application form and the Activities Office will be able to provide guidance.