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SOCIETIES

Joining an OU Students Association affiliated Society is a great way to meet new people and expand your interests.

Alchemy
Alchemy is for anyone with an interest in chemistry, whether they are currently studying or thinking about it, or even those who have to study it and aren't keen!

We offer newsletters full of chemistry-related wonders, past paper solutions, exciting visits (for example Jodrell Bank and a brewery) and updates on OU modules, careers advice and revision weekends.

Visit our website

Central Regions Arts Club
Central Regions Arts Club provides arts module related activities in central England for students and ex-students.

Six-monthly programmes include free talks/workshops by OU tutors, plus concerts, plays and outings at reduced rates. These events offer a relevant enhancement to your university experience.

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**Change Ringers Society**
We are the Open University Society of Change Ringers founded on 27 June 1979. Our aims are to promote the art of Change Ringing with all associated with the OU – past and present.

We have rung in many towers throughout the UK, at events organised by our members.

*Visit our website*

**OUDES**
Are you interested in third world development and the environment?

We’re the OU Development and Environment Society (OUDES). We exist to support students and alumni in promoting the protection of the environment, in reducing poverty and in defence of human rights. We organise an annual revision weekend for students taking OU courses related to the environment, international relations and development.

*Visit our Facebook page*

**Entrepreneurs Society**
The Entrepreneurs Society has created a friendly space where all forms of enterprise are promoted, developed and supported. We offer training and development events, networking opportunities and a supportive community of like-minded people.

Membership of the Society is open to all staff and current/former students.

*Visit our website*

**FUSION**
Fusion publishes regular newsletters with articles by fellow students and professional physicists, puzzles, event updates and news from the OU DPS. There is also a website and active Facebook page. Previous Fusion visits include EADS Astrium, Surrey Satellites and nuclear power stations.

Every March there is a lively weekend of lectures and tours, and includes the AGM – the venue varies - alternate years it is held at the OU campus.

*Visit our website*

**History Society**
The Open University History Society is nationally based with about 200 members throughout the British Isles. It is run by current and former students of the OU and is dedicated to the scholarly study of history. To this end it produces 4 issues of its magazine a year and runs trips, visits and holds a residential weekend.

Members cover a wide range of interests in historical matters.

*Visit our website*

**Law Society**
The Open University Law Society (OULS) is an active and supportive society for OU Law students. We hold mooting workshops and competitions for our members, alongside competing against other universities, holding careers evenings and releasing monthly newsletters.

We’ve got some big plans for the future of OU Law study – it would be great to have you on board!

*Visit our website*
Mountaineering Society

Interested in hill walking, mountaineering or rock climbing with a sociable club?

We have a meet every month in various locations including the Lakes, Peaks, Snowdonia, and Scotland.

OUMS is open to all OU students and staff past or present. All abilities and experience levels welcome.

Visit our website

Music Society

- Affiliated to OUSA
- £5 Subscription per year
- 3 Journals yearly with articles of a musical nature
- Annual Music Day with AGM in varying OU regions
- Members’ contact list available to all members
- Open to all students, graduates and tutors

Please contact the Secretary for further details.

Visit our Facebook page

The M500 Society

We run a summer revision weekend in May for all OU mathematics students covering almost all undergraduate and postgraduate courses and a winter weekend of recreational mathematics at Nottingham University in January.

Members are entitled to discounts on weekend fees. We publish a magazine of mathematical articles, problems and solutions six times a year.

We are also considering running mathematics based visits and supporting local OU mathematics groups. Let us have your thoughts, suggestions and offers of help on this by visiting our Facebook group.

Visit our website

Poets Society

OU Poets is the poetry group for Open University students and staff, past or present. We submit poems for reading and comment by members via workshop magazines, email, and social media as well as an annual residential tutored weekend and publication of the Openings poetry anthology.

See our Facebook page or follow us on Twitter @OUPoets.

Visit our website

Postgraduates

Facilitating and encouraging social contact amongst research students on campus.

Visit our Facebook page

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### Psychological Society

The Open University Psychological Society (OUPS) is a friendly and supportive not-for-profit society. We aim to support psychology students throughout their degree by building confidence and abilities by means of face to face contact. Distance learning can be a lonely experience, we provide social opportunities and academic support at both local and national levels.

Visit our website or find us on Facebook.

### Students for Ethical Science Society

Are you opposed to harmful animal research at the OU? Then join OU Students for Ethical Science. We campaign peacefully for the OU to replace their harmful animal experiments with equivalent or superior non-harmful experiments, while monitoring their module content and use of animal material. So if you want to learn, help out, or just show your support:

Visit our website

### Shakespeare Society

We are a group of students and alumni who have studied, or are studying, Shakespeare courses, and have a mutual interest in enjoying, learning about, and sharing Shakespeare-related material, events and reviews. As well as an annual Open Study Day in Stratford-upon-Avon, we publish a quarterly journal written by our members.

Visit our website or find us on Facebook.

### Tadpoles Society

It began with the OU course Art and Environment (TAD292 1976 – 85). Students inspired by material such as “There is no beginning there is no end” “Random Acts of Kindness, Senseless Acts of Beauty” decided to keep it going and the Society was born. It is all about meeting, sharing and expanding our boundaries. Be brave, join us.

Email us at OUSA@open.ac.uk

### Write Club

Write Club is The OU’s society for writers of prose. We aim to provide aspiring writers with a private, secure online space to share writing for feedback. We have a Novel Support Programme, monthly regional meet-ups and a social cafe on Facebook. Beginner’s and experts welcome!

Visit our Facebook page or email WriteClub@gmx.co.uk
Dr Turing Society

Members Needed for New Computing Society.

The Dr Turing society is a new computing society for Open University students. The name comes from the late Dr Alan Turing OBE FRS 1912-1954.

The society will offer trips to places of historical computer interest. We will also have exclusive interviews with computer professionals from companies and universities. Our aim is to bring support and fun to computers, whether you are a Computer Science student, a Law student it does not matter as everyone is welcome.

If you’re interested to help get this Society get underway:

Visit our website or find us on Facebook. Email us to find out more.

LGBT+ Society

Want to make a difference? Or just keep up with the news that matters to us? We want YOU to join the OUSA LGBT+ Society!

We’re looking to put together social events where we can meet up, elect members to manage each region, join in national pride events - the official London LGBT Pride organisers have already said they’d love us to be in next year’s parade - or even just make friends! We’ll have our own society social site, where you’ll have your own area, and be able to join discussions in our private forums, where you can be as anonymous as you like. And, you’ll get a regular email newsletter keeping you updated with relevant LGBT+ and student-related news.

To join us, just visit here for the form and I’ll be in touch when we’re ready to go:

Complete our form

Have fun and enjoy your student experience!
Get together with people who share your passion!
Think about starting your own society today!

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