

## **Societies with Affiliation to external Groups**

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### **AFFILIATIONS:**

*All Societies must disclose all external associations. Academic Societies by definition are to be affiliated to Academic Departments. For Societies in the following constituencies 'Social Action and Political' and 'Volunteering and Religious' there is requirement for affiliation with a recognised external body, the external body's ethos must be in keeping with the policies and procedures of the Universities, and a letter of approval from the external body will also be required. For Societies using the name of an external body, a letter of approval from the external Body confirming their right to use the name will be required.*

Societies are granted recognition only as NUI Galway Societies. Affiliation of any kind to an external organisation is secondary to this. Societies are answerable to NUI Galway and subject to the policies, procedures, regulations and the code of conduct of the University. Individual students are entitled to be members of any external organisation they choose but this cannot be part of or a condition of being a member of an NUI Galway Society. There must be a clear distinction between the NUI Galway Society and any external body.

Support is welcome from outside bodies and is to be encouraged and a Society which has affiliations to an external group should not behave in a way which would bring such a body into disrepute but the day to day workings of the Society in NUI Galway and the Students involved are subject first and foremost to all NUI Galway policies, procedures, regulations and rules.

### **Societies day:**

Please note Societies (in particular political) or those with external affiliations that sign up members using the tool box method and/or swipe card method, must only be signing up members to be a member of an NUI Galway Society.

If Societies wish to sign students up to an external organisation, this must be made clear to the potential members and they must sign a separate membership sheet. Not all Society members need to choose to do this, they may choose to just join the NUI Galway Society. Only members choosing to become a member of the external organisation and who have paid any subscriptions to the external organisation are to have their details given to the external organisation.

An external organisation who believes that an NUI Galway Society no longer represents their aims or brings the organisation into dispute and can clearly establish same to the satisfaction of the USCG has the right to withdraw the use of its name from a particular Society. This Society so disaffiliated, if adhering to all University codes and rules, may seek to establish itself with a new name subject to approval of the USCG. A new potential student led committee may then apply to re-establish a Society with affiliation to the original organisation, this must happen within the academic year and must be done with approval of the USCG. Both groups must have a minimum of 100 members to be considered for approval, the status of the approval is at the discretion of the USCG. The two Societies, the one who has changed their name and the one who is affiliated to the external organisation in question Societies will then be reviewed at the end of the first year.