

Vote YES

...for a modern student union

OUSU is changing

- Like other students unions in the UK, **OUSU will be registering with the Charity Commission** this year as a charity independent of the University.
- We are **'incorporating'**, which means **adopting a legal structure** we have not had before.
- **The Memorandum and Articles of Association (M&A) has been adopted by OUSU Council**, and will be the senior governing document of OUSU from the next academic year onwards. **OUSU will have a membership of all students who wish to be members**, and a formal trustee board.
- The changes to the current Constitution brings it into line with the M&A, and ensure they are **consistent** and as brief as possible.
- These changes mean OUSU will be better placed to deliver the things that students need: **effective representation** to the University and beyond, high quality **student support** for any student that needs it, and **training and development opportunities for common room officers** to help them deliver for students.

This year we have worked on...

- Higher education **funding** and **tuition fees**
- **Postgraduate student experience**
- **Quality of teaching**
- **Sexual health** provision
- **Discipline, harassment** and **complaints** procedures
- **Training opportunities** for Common Room Officers
- Events to celebrate **Queer History Month**
- Increased **student representation**
- **Ending affiliation fees**
- Providing **advice** to 400 individual students

...and much more!



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This year has been the culmination of years of work to prepare OUSU to register as an independent charity and improve what OUSU does with and for students. These changes are part of that bigger picture.

This year I have changed the way OUSU is funded so that we now have a stable basis for moving forwards, and the changes proposed in this referendum ensure that we complete the process of reforming OUSU's internal structures to make them more effective and consistent.

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OUSU President