



Elections: FAQs

Why do we need to run an election?

- As an affiliated group to the Students Union you are subject to the Union's Byelaws. The Core Committee need to be elected by a formal process.

Who can take part in the club or society elections?

- Only full paid members of your club or society are able to nominate or vote an election.
- Membership must be purchased each academic year in order to remain a member.
- Any members wishing to nominate themselves must do so by the nomination deadline.
- Associate members are not permitted to stand for election or vote.

Can we hold interviews/applications for positions?

- Any member of your society or club is allowed to nominate themselves for an available position.
- Prior vetting of candidates is strictly prohibited (including interviews, a selection process, tasks to complete, personal questions etc).
- Any groups found to have used a recruitment process risk having their election invalidated.

What positions do we need to elect?

- The core positions that all groups must elect are President, Treasurer and Secretary (or the equivalent such as Club Captain).
- Any other positions in the constitution for your group are subject to the same standards.
- If you have a sub-committee you can elect those roles at the same time or a different time of year depending on when those positions are required.



We need to add some more roles, how can we do this?

- You can add as many roles as required by the group.
- You can announce these at any point in the year, but there must be a consensus among the group membership that this role is accepted.
- Approval by the group must make up $\frac{2}{3}$ of the membership total. For example, if we had 90 members, 60 members must agree to this update.
- This can be approved either in person at an AGM, or another method such as online poll or form.

What is Hustings?

Hustings is the event whereby any candidate who is nominated for an election will get the chance to present their manifestos and answer any questions your members may have.

As elections are online this does mean you might need to be inventive with how you do this.

We recommend that you:

- Host a meeting on Zoom
- Ask candidates to submit 1 minute videos to post on your group social media/stories
- Create an election group to allow candidates to post their manifestos and answer questions on Facebook.

How you support the candidates in their opportunity to campaign to your members is up to you.

How can I hold my group hustings?

Hustings can be held at any point after candidates have been announced.

Once candidates and voting is announced as open, tell us when your hustings is going to be by [submitting an event form here](#).