

LSE Students' Union Safe Space Statement

"We believe that all students should feel empowered and able to realise their potential."

London School of Economics and Political Science Students' Union is proud to be a not for profit, diverse member led organisation. We want all our members to have access to our services and decision making processes and to take full advantage of the opportunities open to them. To achieve this we all have a responsibility to create a safe, inclusive and welcoming environment for all students.

- A safe space is one where all students, staff and visitors should feel welcome to participate in empowering, non-judgemental and non-threatening discussions, activities, services or events, free from threat, intimidation, harassment-and free from fear of these and deliberate or negligent creation of unsafe or welcoming environments
- We welcome healthy debate with differences of opinion and respect everyone's human right to express themselves. We also expect those who express views to do so in non-threatening and respectful way.
- The purpose of this statement is to allow students who face discrimination in wider society to meet in a "safe" environment. In this safe space they can support each other, and also discuss their solutions to these problems.
- Safe Space extends to Union premises, any event or activities run by the Union, internal or external communication and any external event in which a member is representing the Union.
- Anyone on Students' Union premises or representing the Students' Union through activities is subject to our safe space policy ([link](#))

Here are some top tips to help you create an effective safe space:

1. Be respectful of each other
2. Actively listen and ask questions without assumptions and judgments
3. Be an ally
4. Choose an accessible location where everyone can participate
5. Make a space that is open to all levels of knowledge
6. Respect one another's voice—do not interrupt or speak for someone else

If you would like to know more please read the Students' Union Safe Space Statement ([link](#))

How to raise a concern?

We take all complaints seriously. If you have been intimidated, harassed, or made to feel uncomfortable in the Students' Union or any external event, it is vital that you let us know about it. Speak to a member of the Sabbatical Team or staff, who are ultimately responsible for ensuring that the Safe Space Policy is upheld. Contact su.info@lse.ac.uk for further assistance.