

DIFFERENT TYPES OF EVENT AND ACTIVITY

What event do you want to deliver?

SOCIAL EVENTS

Quiz

Who doesn't love a quiz night? Campus bar spaces are the perfect setting for a fun and relaxed quiz evening. To boost interest, consider adding a theme and offering some quirky prizes to spark a bit of friendly competition.

To help cover the cost of prizes, it's a good idea to charge a small ticket fee for this type of event. You could even collaborate with other societies and turn it into a "Battle of the Societies" for extra excitement and bigger crowds.

Craft Evening

These are a great option when stress levels rise around assignment deadlines! Craft nights can be themed in lots of creative ways, or why not try a Drink & Draw session in the campus bar spaces? They're relaxed, social, and a brilliant way to help members unwind while getting creative.

Bake Sale

Why not channel your inner Mary Berry and host a bake sale on campus? Bake sales are a fantastic way to raise money for your society while also increasing its visibility and engaging with new members.

If this is something your society is interested in, be sure to check out our [Prepare and Share Food Guidance](#) for advice on planning and running the event safely.

Games Night

Make the most of your UUSU social space by hosting a games night. This is a great way for members to relax, chat, and have some fun. Whether it's console gaming or classic board games, it's guaranteed to be a fun and social evening.

Themed Party Night

Why not team up with other societies to host a themed party night in one of the campus bar spaces? Collaborating is a great way to boost attendance and create a lively atmosphere. Themes could include a Halloween fancy-dress party, a festive jumper night, or even a frat-style party—the choice is yours!

Movie Night

Take over the UUSU social space and bring a cinema experience to campus! Movie nights are a relaxed, low-pressure way for members to socialise and unwind. Why not host a movie marathon or spread a trilogy over a few consecutive nights.

Campaign Activity

Throughout the academic year, UUSU runs a range of campaigns that raise awareness, challenge key issues, and advocate on behalf of the student body. Why not get involved as a society by organising events or activities that align with a specific campaign? It's a great way to support important causes while engaging your members and the wider student community.



Ask your members at your society welcome events what they would see from the society throughout the rest of the semester.

EVENTS FOR COURSE RELATED SOCIETIES

Hosting events linked to your course is a great way to support your peers and add real value to your society membership.

Mixer Events

These are ideal at the start of the semester to encourage sign-ups and help new students settle in. Consider speaking with your course team to see if you can host an event for incoming first-year students or get involved in induction sessions. It's a great opportunity to make students aware of your society from day one.

Spill the Tea

Bring together students from different year groups and create a relaxed space where they can share top tips and insights based on their course experiences. Provide the tea (and snacks!) and give everyone a chance to chat, mingle, and learn from each other.

Keynote Speakers

Why not invite industry professionals or lecturers connected to your course to speak at one of your events? These sessions are a fantastic way for members to learn, gain insight into career paths, and build networks beyond the classroom.

Revision Sessions

Exam periods can be stressful and overwhelming, so hosting revision sessions can be a great way to support students. You don't need to teach—simply bring people together in a comfortable, relaxed space, offer some snacks, and encourage students to share knowledge and study collaboratively.

ONLINE EVENTS

Hosting events online is a convenient and cost-effective way to engage your members, especially when getting together in person isn't possible.

There are lots of platforms you can use to deliver online events, but we recommend Microsoft Teams.

All Ulster University students have free access to Microsoft Teams, and it's UUSU's preferred platform as it is secure, helping to minimise the risk of non-students joining.

You can use it to:

- Host video calls with society reps or members
- Share screens and documents
- Chat and collaborate in groups

It's a great way to stay connected and keep your society active online.

ONLINE EVENT IDEAS

Virtual Coffee Morning

A relaxed and informal way for members to catch up, especially at the start of the semester or during busy periods. These are great for building connections and welcoming new members in a low-pressure setting.

Study Groups

Online study sessions give members a dedicated space to revise, share notes, and keep each other motivated. These work particularly well during exam periods or around assessment deadlines.

Guest Speaker Events

Invite guest speakers, alumni, or industry professionals to join your session online. Virtual talks are often easier to organise and can attract speakers who may not be available to attend in person.

Quizzes or Trivia Games

Online quizzes are fun, interactive, and easy to run. Add a theme or split participants into teams to keep things engaging and encourage friendly competition.

Book Club

Host regular online book club meetings where members can discuss a chosen book, article, or topic. This is a great option for societies looking for ongoing, low-cost activities.

CODE OF CONDUCT

The UUSU Code of Conduct applies to all society events, whether they are in person or online, and on or off campus. Please ensure that you are familiar with the Code of Conduct and that all society representatives understand their responsibilities and how to respond appropriately to any issues that may arise during events.

TOP TIPS

- Get in touch with your Events Coordinator early to talk through your ideas and start the planning process.
- Don't leave event planning until the last minute. **Submit your request to host a society Event/Activity** at least 7–10 days before your event takes place. This gives enough time for UUSU to approve your proposal, secure your venue and support you to promote the event effectively.
- Share a poll with your members to find out which dates and times suit them best for events. While this doesn't guarantee higher attendance, it does help members feel involved and considered in the planning process.
- If you were a society member before becoming a rep, take a moment to think back to the events you really enjoyed—and consider running something similar for your current members.