Policy name: UUSU Training for Committees  
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Student Council notes:

Current training for UUSU affiliated Society committees’ focuses on the support provided by UUSU, the UUSU website, running a UUSU affiliated society.

Committee members are not provided with training with regards to Mental Health Awareness and Signposting, Conflict Resolution, or Leadership and Group Coordination.

Student Council believes:

Societies would benefit from their committees receiving comprehensive training in regards to mental health awareness and signposting, conflict resolution, leadership and group coordination etc. which would allow committees to address issues appropriately and safely, should they arise during society events.

Currently society committees aren’t universally prepared to deal with situations surrounding mental health or conflict resolution, creating a potential risk to both the safety of society members and that of the committee, should such a situation arise during a society event.

While Society committees will receive training in these areas they should not be held responsible or feel that they must deal with these situations themselves. Instead training should focus on how to appropriately signpost students to the correct services within UUSU, The University, Student Wellbeing or through local charities etc.

UUSU should provide committees the opportunity to receive this training, encourage them to avail of these opportunities and potentially reward committees who do so.

UUSU should coordinate with Student Wellbeing, Mind Your Mood, and external bodies to provide these opportunities to UUSU affiliated Society committees.

Student Council resolves:

UUSU will endeavour to provide training opportunities to the committees of it’s affiliated the societies with regards (but not limited) to the following:

- Mental Health awareness and Signposting
- Conflict Resolution
- Leadership and group coordination
- Safe space training or its equivalent

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