

BYE LAW 14 - LIBERATION GROUPS	
Purpose, duties and responsibilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Liberation groups are groups of students who share a specific common interest or circumstance, who meet together to provide opportunities for debate, a social network and representation, and to provide feedback into the Union structure. 2. The Officer Committee shall determine the duties and responsibilities for all liberation groups, which shall include, (but not be restricted to) the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 to affiliate to Hallam Union, and by so doing to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1.1 accept the objects set out in Article 7 of these Articles of Governance 2.1.2 accept the provisions of these Articles of Governance, and to operate within the scope of them 2.1.3 accept the policies of Hallam Union, and to act in accordance with them 2.2 to adopt a model constitution in the form set out by the Officer Committee. This constitution may not be changed without the approval of the Officer Committee 2.3 to hold elections for office holders in accordance with provisions set out in these Articles of Governance and Bye Laws 2.5 To be open to all relevant members of the Union as detailed in Bye Law 1.
Resourcing liberation groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Liberation groups may make applications for funding through their responsible Officer of the Officer Committee. This application will be taken to the next Officer Committee on behalf of the liberation group.
Ratification of Liberation Groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Liberation groups may, on the recommendation of the Officer Committee, be affiliated to the Union if the affiliation is confirmed by a resolution of Union Council passed by a simple majority vote and providing that the aims and objectives of any liberation group are different from those of a club, society or any other Union body. 5. A liberation group which is already affiliated to the Union may, at any point, apply to have its affiliation reconfirmed by a simple majority vote of Union Council.

	<p>6. The affiliation to the Union of a liberation group will lapse on the third anniversary of the most recent resolution of Union Council to confirm or reconfirm the affiliation of that liberation group.</p> <p>7. Union Council shall have the authority to disband any liberation group if its activities or conduct are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7.1 deemed contrary to the objects set out in Article 7 7.2 deemed contrary to the provisions of these Articles of Governance or Bye Laws 7.3 inconsistent with the constitution of the liberation group in question <p>8. All new Liberation groups are required to complete an application to be a new liberation group, prior to being considered for affiliation.</p>
Complaints	<p>9. Procedures for complaints by or against liberation groups (or any individual member(s) of liberation groups) shall be conducted in accordance with the Strategy and Guidance Documents - Complaints Procedure, found in these Articles of Governance</p>

TRANSITION