

Under 18s Guidance Student Groups

If you are under 18 years old you may still become a member of clubs and societies, **but you will need some extra permissions.** You will not be allowed to buy clubs and societies memberships on the website until you have followed the steps below:

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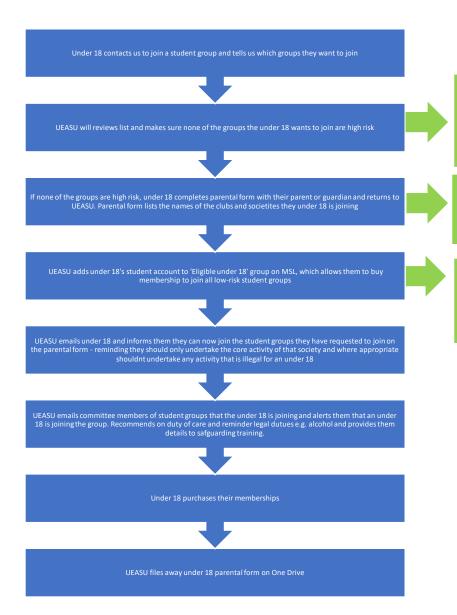
- 1. Complete and return the above document to <u>union.opportunities@uea.ac.uk</u>
- 2. Email <u>union.opportunities@uea.ac.uk</u> with information on what clubs or societies you want to join.
- 3. You'll need to get one of your parents or guardians to give permission for you to join these groups, so they will need to sign the information document.
- 4. Once we've received the information document back, we will need to contact the club or society to ensure they have capacity, or we may need to refuse the application based on the club or society preferring to only allow over 18s.
- 5. Please note applications of students under the age of 18 where the core activity requires you to be 18 years old to participate will be immediately refused e.g. cocktail society
- 6. Once we have confirmation from a parent or guardian and the club or society, you will be given access to purchase your memberships online via the website.

Under 18s should not take part in the following as a member of a student group:

- Any activity in which it is a legal requirement to take part
- Any trips away with the society without consent
- Any very high-risk activity without consent (e.g. skydiving)

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Societies are flagged as high risk depending on the activities they undertake and whether it is legal for under 18's to participate in these activities. High-risk societies include societies with a drinking focus, such as Cocktail and Real Ale, and societies with a gambling focus, such as Poker

Parental forms available from the SU website. Chloe will link to the form on the website or send over a pdf copy of the form if necessary. Parental forms to be completed electronically –

Under 18 eligibility requirements removed from all high risk societies in their MSL set-up to eliminate the possibility of under 18's buying membership to high-risk groups once they are added to the 'eligible under 18' list