

Projects, Volunteering and the Website

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Background

With the introduction of the new category of student activities for outreach and charitable work under RWB named Projects the website needs to change to accommodate them. This includes information concerning what they are, how to get involved, how they are organised and governed etc.

A lot of this information is a duplicate of the information on the existing website pertaining to clubs – Projects must submit the same documentation, abide by the same rules, have access to the same resources and use the finance pages in the same way as Societies. The differences in rules could probably be accommodated in the existing Clubs & Societies tab of the website to include Projects. However, in doing this it would change the tab name from Clubs & Societies to either Clubs, Societies & Projects or Student Activities. It is unknown whether people would identify with this new label in the same way and the URL people may have bookmarked for their club might change. There would also be no obvious place to discuss Community volunteering or the activities of Central Union RAG and CAG Exec's activities.

If we were, in contrast, to create a new tab to hold all the information about Student Activities it would give Projects a much more unique status and would provide an obvious place for information about Volunteering. It would also provide a special place to discuss the activities of RAG and CAG's activities as an Exec – RAG in particular obviously runs many events on its own, not on behalf of its projects. However, this may result in a messy looking tab bar at the top of the page and runs into the obvious problem that people may not necessarily know to look under the Projects tab for information about these types of groups. It would also result in no complete list of student groups to join and would probably result in significant and potentially confusing duplication of information.

Matters for discussion

CSB to consider the following options:

- a) Accommodating Projects within the Clubs & Societies tab with
 - i. No name change
 - ii. A name change to Student Activities/Clubs, Societies & Projects but preserving the old URL
 - iii. A name change to Student Activities/Clubs, Societies & Projects with a new URL
- b) Setting up a new tab for Projects and Volunteering under:
 - i. The name Projects and Volunteering
 - ii. Some other name
- c) None of the above, some other proposal