

Life and Associate Membership

This paper is intended to clarify in one place the arrangements which are in operation regarding Life and Associate Membership of the Union. Certain aspects are the gift of the Executive Committee, as are setting of the various charges which are made for these memberships.

Associate Membership

Requirements for Associate Membership are defined in the constitution:

“The Executive Committee may grant Associate Membership to College or Union staff, or to any Further or Higher Education student over the age of eighteen under such conditions as it may establish, entitling them to use the facilities of the Union.”

The working practice for granting associate membership is as follows:

- College staff are able to become Associate Members upon payment of a fee of £4/month. College staff are taken to be those individuals supplied on a regular electronic feed to the Union by ICT. College staff who are also registered as students are taken to be Full Members of the Union.
- Permanent staff of the Union are automatically made Associate Members for the duration of their employment.
- College staff on long term secondment to the Union are automatically made Associate Members for the duration of their secondment.
- Students of the Royal College of Music and Royal College of Art are able to become Associate Members upon payment of a fee of £5 per academic year or part thereof¹.
- Students of any of Further or Higher Education Institution are able to become Associate Members upon payment of a fee of £4/month

Life Membership

Requirements for Life Membership are also defined in the constitution:

A person shall be entitled to become a Life Member of the Union upon payment of subscription if they have been:

- a. A Full or Associate Member of the Union for at least one academic year,*
- b. A Research or Teaching Assistant for at least two academic years,*
- c. A member of the full time Union staff for at least two years, or*
- d. A member of the Imperial College staff for at least two years.*

Life Membership is charged at £50 (one off charge for life) in all but two instances, which are also defined in the constitution:

- 3. Life Membership shall be bestowed upon Lay Trustees, the Union Honorary Senior Treasurer and other Honorary Senior Treasurers without payment during their tenure.*
- 4. Honorary Life Membership may be awarded without payment of subscription by the Council.*

¹ Agreed by the Executive Committee 14/01/10