**Year 10 Extension Task – Create your own society**

**Aims of Session:**

* Ensure that students understand how important the SU and societies are in the overall student experience
* Introduce students to the wide range of societies available for them to get involved in
* Allow them to be creative and work as a team to create their own society – an activity that can be done whilst at university

**Preparation for Session**

* Students will be in groups of 5-6, so the classroom should be set out in groups of tables to promote discussion
* Resources needed:
	+ Introduction Video
	+ Piece of flipchart paper – x 1 per group
	+ Coloured pens
	+ Counters (or post-it notes to act as counters) – x 1 per student

**The Activity**

* Students are required to create their own society, through working with the other people on their table. They should consider the following things:
	+ Society Name
	+ Purpose of the society
		- * Is it just for fun?
			* Is it for a good cause (fundraising, raising awareness)?
			* Is it to promote something?
	+ What will be their first event?
		- * Something that will bring other students in, and want to stay in the society
	+ What other events will the society run?
		- * Things that are related to the purpose of the society – may be a party, film-night, bake-off, or could be fundraiser, visit to somewhere, etc.
	+ What budget will you need? Will there be a membership fee?
		- * They should consider how much it’ll cost to run their events, and where the money will come from? Membership fee, fundraising?
			* They should know that the SU will support students in creating societies, with money, but they will need to ensure the society is sustainable.
* They should be given a minimum of 15 minutes for this activity, but 20-25 is preferable
* Once their time is up, each group should be given 2 minutes to present their societies to the classroom – bearing in mind that they are trying to get as many people as possible in the class to join their society
* After they have presented, you need to recreate a welcome fair. Each student needs to have a counter/post-it note.
	+ Each table will act as a stall in the welcome fair – one member of the team should man the stall at all times, and everyone else should wander round the fair and decide which society they will vote for (and give their counter to)
	+ All of the people wandering around can ask further questions to the society spokesperson to decide where they want to vote.
* You should then count up the votes and decide which group has one. You can then announce the winner.

**After the Session**

* Please instruct students to visit the Gateways webpages after this activity, where they are able to find out more information about university societies, and the Students Union and what they consist of: <https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/gatewaysresources/home/for-year-10/>
* If your students have any questions that you are unable to answer, please direct them to us at gateways@manchester.ac.uk and we will respond as soon as possible.