



Student Groups Overview

Students play an important role in the promotion and continuation of the Women's Engineering Society Work. Current students take on volunteer positions not only within their own University affiliated groups but also as part of the University Group's Board and Council. Students are tomorrow's engineers and their experience and voice helps shape WES' future.

Student Engineering Groups are a great way to meet others in your field, share ideas, access advice, network, and support one another. A student group can be any STEM society which has the aim of promoting these careers to women. Their events should be things that encourage future engineers, support their members through networking and personal development as well as social events which are a key part of University life. Affiliated groups get the benefit of WES support and knowledge and encourage members to be more involved in national society as a whole.

Why not take a look at the social media of some of our affiliated groups to see what type of events they put on?

<https://www.wes.org.uk/content/students>

Benefits of affiliation:

- ❖ Financial support of up to £250 per event
- ❖ Request resources- leaflets and student group banner
- ❖ Ability to request speaker for events
- ❖ Guidance document produced by UGB your fellow groups
- ❖ Celebration of your events and promotion of social media or newsletter
- ❖ Networking with fellow students groups and WES
- ❖ A place on the University Group Board for student voice
 - As part of the support structure for WES last year they introduced the University Group's Board which not only represents the interests of the voice of University students but also offers support and networking. The aim is that of creating a UK-wide network of student groups to enable networking opportunities and share best practice.
 - Affiliated WES university groups are eligible to nominate 1-3 people from your committee to apply for your university's place on the University Groups Board. The UGB is a peer support network with its main focus on supporting and promoting the university groups. This includes discussion, advice and joint events with other universities and guidance for funding, events and media. The UGB also represents the interests of university

students to WES national as the chair holds a role on the young members board. Get your voice heard on a national scale.

- Taking a place on the board is a great opportunity to gain experience on a national board; raise the profile of your university group and network with other enthusiastic and inspiring people.

Jennifer Glover co-ordinates the WES Student groups and can advise you on how to set up a group and is on hand should you have any questions once your group is set up. If you're interested in affiliating your student group with WES email Jennifer at students@wes.org.uk for more information.

Set up a new group or affiliate your existing group (general engineering societies can affiliate) and join a larger network of women engineering students from across the UK.