

CHARTER OF **MINIMUM** **RIGHTS** FOR **STUDENTS'** **ASSOCIATIONS**

RIGHTS TO RECOGNITION & AUTONOMY

- to exist and be recognised
- to autonomy of decision-making
- to advice, guidance and support from the institution
- to proper channels of communication with the institution
- to affiliate to national bodies, and to receive external support and training
- for student officers not to be penalised for taking part in students' association activities
- for students to receive reasonable time off classes for students' association activities

RIGHTS TO FUNDING & RESOURCES

- to full-time students' association staff
- to at least one adequately paid, full-time elected officer
- to be adequately funded through a block grant
- to full involvement with a effective class representative system

RIGHTS TO FACILITIES & DEVELOPMENT

- to a dedicated, adequately sized and furnished office
- to decent office equipment – a modern, networked computer, a private telephone line, printing facilities, a fax machine, a lockable filing cabinet and storage space
- to private space for confidential enquiries
- to operate a space in which students can meet to socialise safely
- to receive institutional support for continued growth and development