

POLICY PROPOSAL

TITLE: ICIA PRACTICE CARDS

PROPOSED BY: CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL SOCIETY

SECONDED BY: BATH UNIVERSITY STUDENT MUSICALS SOCIETY, SOCIETIES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

INTRODUCTION

Music and the Arts play a very important role for many students at the University, as both social and individual activities, and play a vital part in the overall student experience. Whilst the University have recently invested in a new Arts building, including music practice facilities, the Arts still receive considerably less support from the University compared to other student activities, such as Sports. In particular, the level of financial support available for Arts activities is significantly lower than for Sports activities.

Currently, students wishing to use the music practice rooms in the Edge for individual practice are required to purchase an ICIA practice card (costing £12). Students wishing to take part in student society rehearsals are additionally required to have a music societies card (currently free, but will be charged at £12 in the next academic year).

REASON FOR CHANGE

Considering

1. The University provides free access to sporting facilities to all students; however students must pay to use the arts facilities within the Edge.
2. The Edge is the only University owned building where students or student societies are required to pay to book rooms.

Bath Students' Union recognises that

1. Both Sports and Arts groups make important contributions to the student experience and access to sporting and arts facilities are both important factors considered by students when applying to university.
 2. The University of Bath should aspire to have a reputation for excellence in both extra-curricular Sport and Arts activities.
 3. In order to attain a reputation for excellence in Arts, it is important for arts facilities to be maintained to the highest standard and freely available for students to use.
 4. Students are already paying large sums in tuition fees to the University and therefore expect that, in return for these fees, the University will provide suitable facilities for both academic and extra-curricular activities.
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THE PROPOSAL

Bath Students' Union will

1. Petition the University of Bath and the Edge Management Team to provide free practice cards to all students who wish to make use of the Edge for both individual and society use in practice and performance.
2. Work with the University of Bath to further the promotion of the Arts at the University to help achieve a reputation for excellence in extra-curricular Arts activities.