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## Student Societies

### How to take the movement to your campus

#### Form an official University Society

The provisions for forming university societies vary from one student union to another. The most general condition to become an official society and receive support from your union is to have a minimum membership of 20 - 25 people.

#### Society Marts

However, this doesn't mean you need twenty members before booking a table at a Society Mart (Freshers Fair). The Society Mart held at the start of semesters is your best chance to get people to sign up to your society, especially at the start of the academic year. The availability of slots at Society Marts vary from campus to campus - some unions tender their Society Marts to private marketing companies.

The smaller the university the more chance of getting a Society Mart table you will have. Contacting the union as soon as possible is a good first step; your union knowing about you before September will help your chances of a Society Mart presence.

#### If you don't get to Society Marts...

If you are unable to get a stall at a Society Mart you can arrange to have a stall set up in your union or on campus in the first few weeks in order to recruit your twenty members. A stall separate from the Society Mart has advantages and disadvantages - less people will be walking past your stall, but you will have more time to explain your motives.

#### Who do you approach?

A first good target for recruitment is a politics department. (if your university or college has one). Students who are wised up on politics will be more open to your arguments and you might find some allies in the department, be that a student or lecturer. Debating Societies and other Political Societies may also have people willing to join or help your cause. Make sure you appeal to every party and ideology as you will find reformers within Conservative Labour, Lib Dem and smaller parties.



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### Steering Groups

Some unions may request that you appear before a steering group or a sabbatical officer so that they can check that your society will be both unique and something that students should be involved with at your union. In most cases it will be unlikely you would find another electoral reform society at your campus. It's important to mention the larger campaign of TBP and the upcoming referendum on AV.

Be assured, Take Back Parliament will do our best to support you in your endeavour to take the call for reform to the campuses across the country.

**Once you have your society set up we can provide you resources.**

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