

Veg Soc Status

Background

Veg Soc were made dormant on 13/12/2010 and, to date, has 14 members. The society needs to obtain more than 20 members to be taken out of dormancy. If the society continues to have fewer than 20 members, the society will be closed. Closure will either happen from the Union Exec or the RCC. This paper has been written to understand why Veg Soc has fewer than 20 members and to assess if the society should be closed. A meeting to discuss this happened on the 19th of April at 2pm in the Student Activities Centre.

What is believed to have caused the lack of popularity?

The society believes that two reasons have contributed to the lower membership.

At the beginning of the academic year, the union kitchens were closed due to building works. The union kitchens are the regular meeting place for the society. The lack of kitchens meant the society could not fully function and sell itself to the incoming students. When the kitchens were opened, the student body had settled into their course of study. Thus, due to the late start, attracting members was a harder task.

To add to the closed kitchens, the new committee spent the first part of the year learning how to gain access into the kitchens. This issue has been resolved and the procedure can be passed to the incoming committee.

Next year, the committee will not have these problems and the society should be able to use its regular meeting place from the start. A successful start should allow a full membership to be obtained.

Gaining more members

To gain more members this year, the society is planning on hosting a BBQ event. If this is successful, the society will be able to come out of dormancy.

View on closing the society

The society should not be closed and run next year when the kitchens will have been available from the start of term. The society has not yet been dormant for 12 months. If the society has fewer than 20 members after 14/12/2011, serious closure talks should happen.