



## **Social Club Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Why do we need a social club?**

The Social Club was devised by a group of Unitec staff members who want to get to know their colleagues at social gatherings and have fun outside of work.

Our philosophy is that we all work hard, so why shouldn't we have the opportunity to go along to a fun and exciting event with our work colleagues. We all deserve to.

### **What sort of functions will be organised?**

The Social Club aims to organise events that are fun, safe and enjoyable for all people. All events will be promoted at least one month out to ensure maximum registrations.

If you have any suggestions that you'd like to see, please email your event suggestions to [unitec.socialclub@outlook.com](mailto:unitec.socialclub@outlook.com) because it's run by staff for staff.

### **Can I suggest my ideas?**

Of course you can. Please feel free to send us an email to [unitec.socialclub@outlook.com](mailto:unitec.socialclub@outlook.com) and we'll discuss your idea at the next committee meeting.

### **Is there a membership fee? If so, how much is it?**

Yes, there is a membership fee. Social Club membership costs \$5.00 per fortnight. When you complete your membership application form, you'll specify that you'd like your membership debited fortnightly.

### **How often will there be an event?**

The aim is to organise four functions per year. We'll aim to promote each event two to three weeks out to ensure maximum attendance. Keep a look out on [the Nest](#) the [Yammer group](#) and email for upcoming Social Club events.

### **Is the social club run by Unitec?**

The social club is run independently of Unitec by a group of Unitec staff members. Unitec have allowed the Social Club team to use their communications channels (The Nest and Yammer) to promote the Social Club to keep you fully informed of what's happening.

### **Who is eligible to join?**

All Unitec employees (permanent, fixed-term and contractors) are eligible to join the Social Club.

**What if I want to join later?**

Yes, that's fine if you'd like to join later. As soon as you've completed the membership form, your membership fee will be deducted from your pay not long after that.

**What does the committee do?**

The committee will have up to eight members including a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Only Unitec staff members can apply to be a committee members. The role of the committee is to organise and run social club events.

**Is being on the committee for me?**

Yes, if you want to be involved in leading and running events, get in touch (this way).

This year we're looking for volunteers

This would not be part of your regular workday. Therefore, it's up to you to prioritise your workload and organise your time.

If you're interested in joining the Social Club at this stage, register your interest via the email and someone will be in touch. It's on a first in, first served basis. There will be a committee member position description made available at a later date with details on how you can apply.

There will be an annual AGM meeting held where committee members will be voted in. This won't be until next year (2016) and further details will be made available closer to the time.

**Can I bring a friend/partner to functions?**

Yes, you're more than welcome to bring a friend or partner to Social Club events. Note that there will be an additional fee for them to pay and this will be negotiated with the event organiser for each function.

**What if I don't like the functions that are organised?**

If you don't like the events that are being organised, that's fine - you're entitled to your opinion and we respect that. But please feel free to tell us what events you do like and we can look at potentially including it in the events calendar. Our aim is to ensure that the events cater for all audiences, so your input is really important.

**What if I want to leave the Social Club?**

If you'd like to leave the Social Club, that's absolutely fine. All you need to do is send an email to [unitec.socialclub@outlook.com](mailto:unitec.socialclub@outlook.com) confirming your intention to leave. We'll cancel all future bill payments. Please note you will not receive a refund on payments made. As you've paid for a membership, your fee goes towards event costs.

**Can I get my money back at the end of the year if I don't attend anything?**

Unfortunately, you can't get your money back if you don't attend any events. You've voluntarily signed up to become a member of the Social Club, and your membership fee covers the event costs. Please remember that it was your decision to not attend an event/s.

**What is Unitec doing to help?**

As previously mentioned, the social club is run independently from Unitec by staff for staff. To help us get on our way, the Unitec Executive Leadership Team have generously agreed to match the membership fees dollar for dollar.