

Constitution of Transition Edinburgh University (TEU)

1. Aims and objectives

1. Transition Edinburgh University is a student and staff group that exists to raise awareness and promote practical community-led action to make the University of Edinburgh and its surrounding communities more sustainable, in response to the challenges of Climate Change and Peak Oil.
2. We are an official initiative of the Transition Network and members of the People & Planet network.
3. The group has taken and will continue to take all necessary steps to ensure that our meetings, events and socials are accessible to all, irrespective of any disability.†
4. The group has ensured and will continue to ensure that it complies with any relevant data protection legislation.†
5. The group believes that discrimination or harassment, direct or indirect, based on a person's gender, age (except where it relates to licensing laws), race, skin colour, nationality, religious belief, socio-economic background, disability, HIV status, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, family situation, domestic responsibilities or any other irrelevant distinction, is detrimental to the society, the university and wider society, and will not be tolerated.†

2. Membership

1. Membership shall be open to all.
2. Membership shall be at least 75% matriculated students of Edinburgh University.†

4. Decision making

1. The group will hold regular Steering Group Meetings with details, including the agenda, publicised at least 10 days in advance. Members of working groups will be expected to participate in these.
2. All decisions shall be made by reaching consensus where possible. If consensus cannot be reached agreements must be approved at a Steering Group Meetings by a majority of those present.
3. A special annual Steering Group Meeting will take place once in each academic year to elect office-bearers and share reports, including a record of the group's accounts. Details will be publicised at least 21 days in advance and the EUSA Societies' Admin shall be informed.†
4. The quorum of a Steering Group Meeting shall be 10, including at least one office bearer.†

5. Office bearers

1. There shall be three office-bearers who shall all be matriculated students of Edinburgh University who are ultimately responsible for the conduct, administration, and finances of the group.†
2. All office-bearers shall be elected annually with members who are University of Edinburgh students entitled to stand and vote.†
3. Elections shall take place at a Steering Group Meeting. Details of elections shall be publicised at least 21 days in advance.†
4. The group's cheques must require two signatories: two of the office-bearers.†

Note.

1. This document lays down aims and decision making process of Transition Edinburgh University.
2. Changes to this document require approval at a Steering Group Meeting. Details of a vote on any changes shall be publicised at least 21 days in advance.†
3. Clauses marked with [†] are adapted from guidance for member-societies of Edinburgh University Students Association. See www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/pageassets/societies/start/Sample-Constitution.pdf
4. This document was prepared by Ric Lander and approved by the group on 15th June 2011. Email info@teu.org.uk for more information or visit www.teu.org.uk.