

# Ultra Vires

## What Does it Mean For Us?



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## What is Ultra vires?

# ULTRA VIRES MEANS ‘BEYOND POWER’ OR IN EXCESS OF THE POWER POSSESSED.

Changes to the Student Union’s charitable status means that by law, ratified clubs and societies (which are part of the Student’s Union) cannot fundraise for anyone other than themselves or the Student’s union.

A ratified club or society cannot fundraise or aim to fundraise for charity. It would be like donating to Oxfam, and then Oxfam giving it to the RSPB.

## What about RAG?

RAG stands for raising and giving, and is the designated charity fundraising wing of the student’s union.

It is the exception to the rule, as it is part of the Union’s aims to promote student development, and fundraising is a key form of student development.

### But we want to fundraise!

You can! We can work together.

Although people don't always like change, it means RAG can work with all groups of people to do some amazing, fresh, and joined-up fundraising.

RAG can 'be there' at your events, or fundraising however you want us to.

By RAG, we mean YOU!

Any member of the union can be a RAG fundraiser. If you would like to fundraise, you can just let us know by emailing [rag@yusu.org](mailto:rag@yusu.org) and we'll make sure you're made an official fundraiser. The RAG committee do not need to be there.

What's more, the RAG committee do not need to have an active role in the organisation of the event – it is all yours! Just keep us posted on what you do and most importantly, pay money in efficiently to the finance office and let them know it is money from 'RAG fundraisers'.

### How?

Here are some examples of how you can fundraise:

- » If you would like to have a charity event, you can sell 'RAG tickets'. This means if a ticket costs £5, you can have one ticket where £2 of proceeds per ticket go to RAG, or an alternative ticket where £2 goes back to the society. This means we are not forcing people to donate to charity.
- » You can also have 'suggested donations' on entry as long as it is clear that it is not compulsory.
- » You can sell things at events with profits going to RAG – like glow sticks, raffle tickets, lollies...

This can all be done by YOU – as a RAG fundraiser. You can get RAG fundraiser labels from YUSU office (near the Roger Kirk) to be nice and official.





## **But we want to support one particular charity!**

### **Who are RAG supporting?**

Who RAG supports is NOT law. RAG can choose who they want to support, and different RAGs across the country do this in different ways.

We believe in democracy. Any York University student can nominate a charity, and everyone can vote on it online at the beginning of each academic year. These are our core charities, and if a club or society feels passionate about a certain charity, please do nominate it!

This year our core charities are St. Leonard's Hospice, The Island, Marie Curie Cancer Care, Water aid, Invisible children and we also support YUSU volunteering. There is more information about these charities online at [www.yusu.org/rag](http://www.yusu.org/rag)

On top of our core charities, we support other charities where the opportunities arise. We only support them if it is something we could not do ourselves e.g. collecting permits from the council, marathon places, one-off appeals such as Haiti. This is because we feel if we do not promote these other opportunities, we are neglecting our objectives in promoting charitable fundraising.

Any time we do this, it is brought to the RAG committee to ensure it will not detract from RAG's time or resources that would otherwise support the elected core charities.

### **I still have more questions!**

If you have any questions about this, or are planning on doing some RAG fundraising, let us know. You can email us at [rag@yusu.org](mailto:rag@yusu.org) we love to hear from you!

RAG love, Helen and Zoë  
Your RAG officers.

