

The holistic student: How linking societies and academia can help students reach their full potential

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Embedding employability in education requires student engagement. One of the best mechanisms for effective student engagement has been academic societies. Some of these societies have very strong ties to major employers, great methods of encouraging group work, and often go above and beyond the department in terms of employability.

Our workshop will discuss how academic societies can be used and collaborated with by using case studies of academic societies that have excelled in this manner.

Through examining the model of SPSSoc we will show excellence in a small group setting. Through ArchSoc we will see how groups can be formed around years in industry so students can have support. Finally, by examining LawSoc we will demonstrate how academic societies can help with finding summer internships.

The presentation will then tie it all together with recommendations on how to move forward so academic societies are fully on board with our employability agenda