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Astrobiology Society UoM:

Rethinking the Mission of University Student Societies

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The gap, and the **opportunity**

Creating a student society from scratch

Spread the word and enrich the university community

Deliver educational and careers resources and host events

Build a global network of students into astrobiology

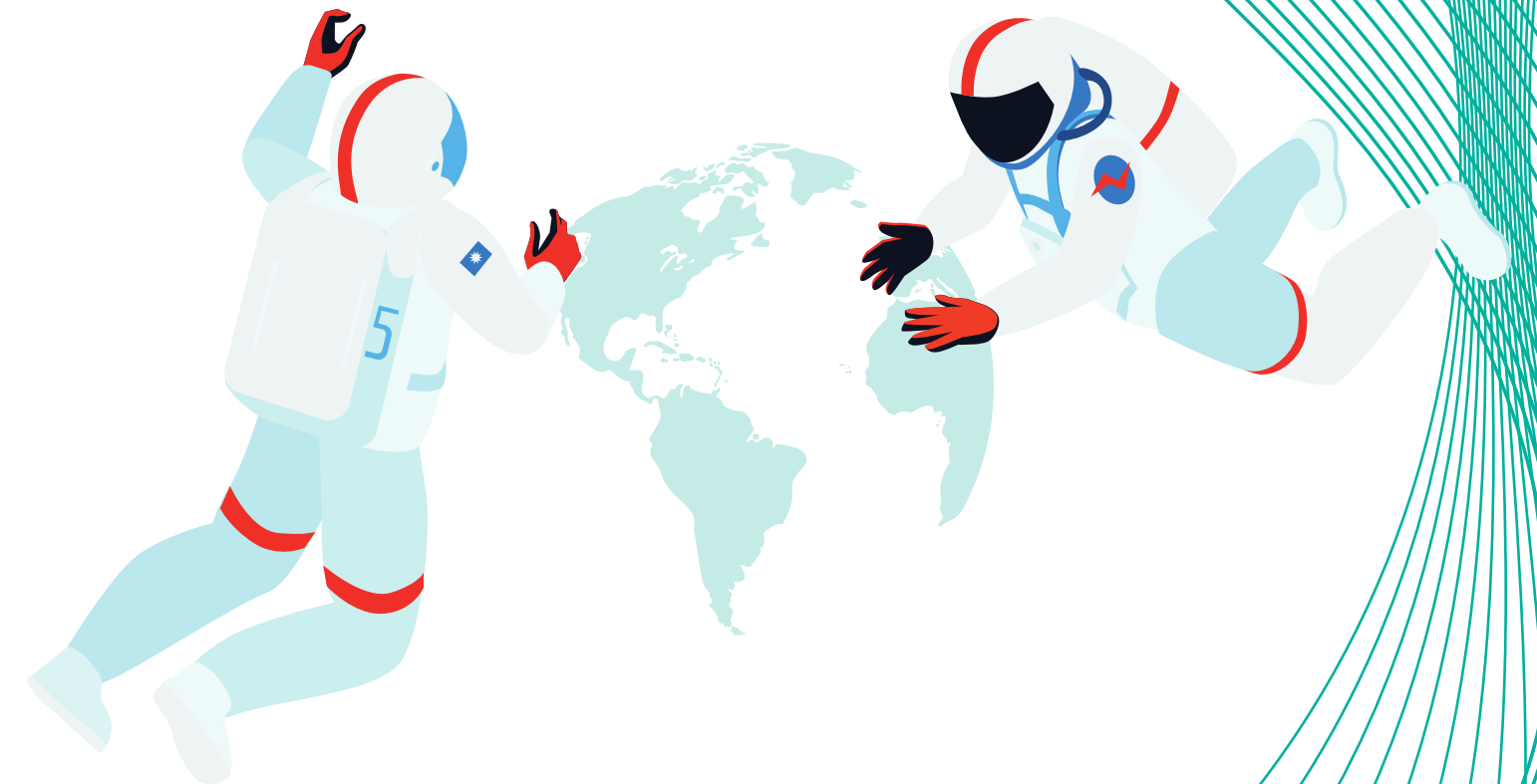
Going beyond the classic student society activities

Invited world-renowned researchers

Created a dedicated careers program

Organized an online astrobiology congress

What is it we actually do?





Resources and events

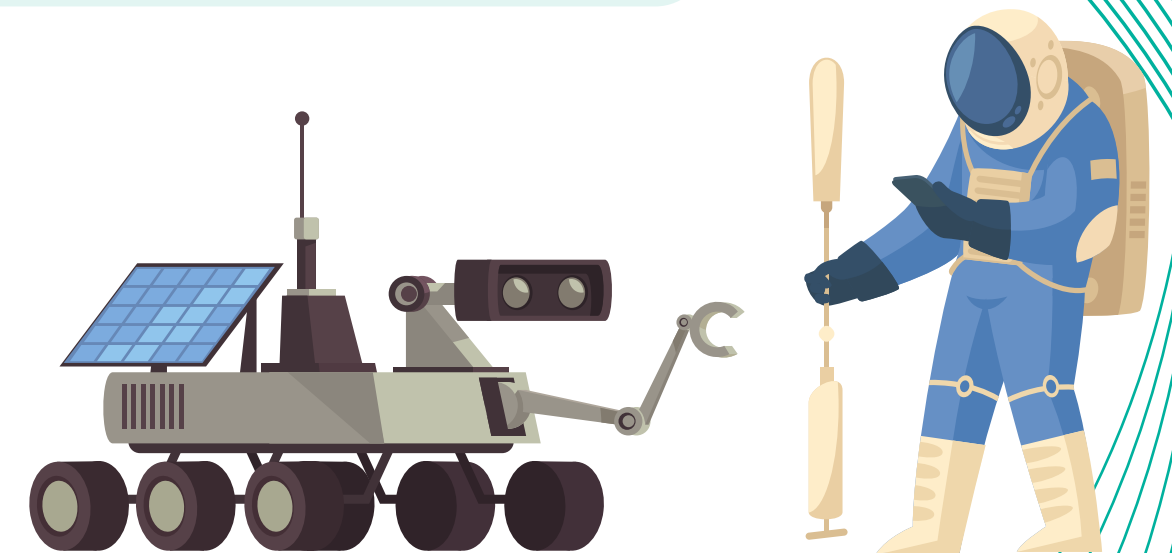
Resources we provide

- Outreach and writing opportunities
- Articles, publications and news
- Astrobiology-related courses
- Institutions and research groups
- Volunteering opportunities

Events we deliver

- Research updates from experts
- Careers events and workshops
- Trips to facilities and congresses
- Movie nights, discussions, socials
- Universal Dialogues

What impact this have had?





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Building a **community**

Our achievements in the last two years

One of the biggest student-led astrobiology online community

+3500 followers across social media platforms

+500 interested members in over 17 countries

Collaborations with several organisations and institutions

Daily content in social media

Our own discord server

Recognisable brand

**The keys to the
success of our
online community**

How to thrive in an ever-evolving world?



An innovative **digital approach**

The **Astrobiology Society's website**

An all-in-one online platform for students in astrobiology

A space where they can discover, learn and connect

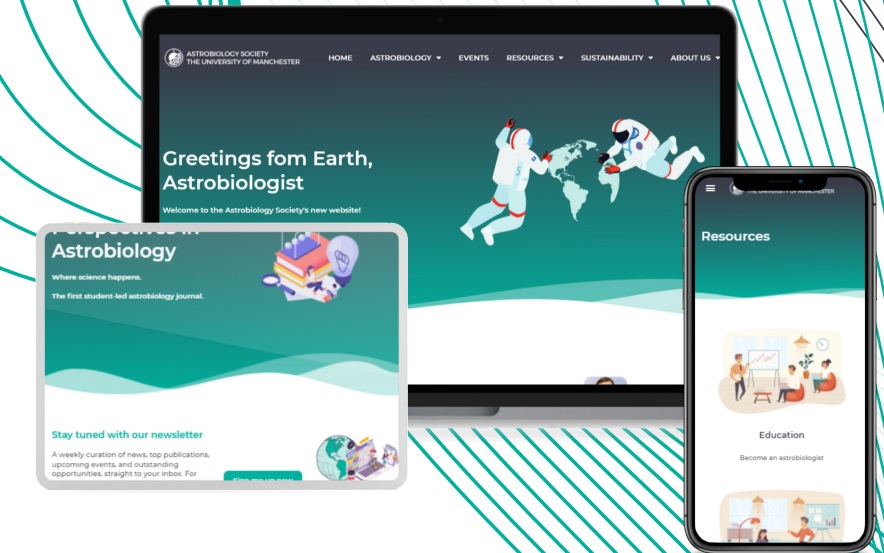
Innovation is at the core of our operations team

- Stay up to date with the latest research
- Read or write for the online blog
- Obtain a free student membership
- Discover how to become an astrobiologist
- Stay tuned and join weekly events
- Explore the community and the offerings

What is it we want to achieve?



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Leading by **example**

We want to spark change among student societies

Societies can push their boundaries and achieve bigger

We want to redefine what a student society can be

What we are working towards to

Grow our network, share expertise, and learn from others

Join forces with like-minded organizations

Showcase the potential of astrobiology



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