

The first Board meeting of 2008 took place on February 14th. Apologies were received from Naomi Cohen & Simon Palmer. All other Board members were present.

The Board received a presentation on the Union's corporate social responsibility strategy. This prompted a wide ranging discussion and the Board noted the Union's recent assessment for the Sound Impact award.

The major area of discussion was on the impact that the opening of a new venue in Leeds will have on the Union's operations. The Board noted the steps that were being proposed and agreed that Leeds University Union should continue to fight for live music. The Board noted the proposals for making up any shortfall and agreed that managers should do more work to develop the options.

The other key area of discussion was on the Union having a presence in LS6. The Board felt that in the current financial climate the Union should not be looking to open a satellite site in LS6 that would result in incurring additional cost. The Board agreed to remove this from the plan and to re-examine the proposal as part of the 2010 plan.

The Board also discussed the formation of a trading company. The Board had previously discussed this issue at its September meeting and details of that discussion can be found by going to

<http://www.luuonline.com/downloads/boardreport07sept07.pdf>

The outstanding issues have been resolved and the board agreed that the new trading company should be created as of August 2008 to tie in with the new financial year.

The Board received a progress report on the Union's work towards the Students' Union Evaluation Initiative. The Board was pleased with overall progress and noted that the assessment date is in April.

The next meeting of the Board is on 31 March.