

The Proctors draw the attention of members of the University to the following:

2. *Freedom of Speech and Events on University Premises*

Under the Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023, the University has a duty to secure lawful free speech and has issued a Code of Practice, which includes procedures for managing related issues at University events on University premises. Separate but similar arrangements apply to events held in colleges.

Questions about the Code and its application may be addressed to the Secretary to the Committee on Prevent and Freedom of Speech at freespeech@admin.cam.ac.uk.

Guidance is published in relation to bookings and permissions for meetings and other events to be held on University premises (indoor and outdoor). Bookings must be made at least fourteen working days in advance.

Organisers must comply with any conditions set and meet the costs of doing so (other than security costs, save in exceptional circumstances). Organisers and others subject to the Code must comply with lawful and reasonable instructions given, in the proper discharge of their duty, by a Proctor or any other University officer or person authorised to act on behalf of the University.

Organisers of meetings or events to be held on University premises (especially those to be addressed or attended by persons who are not resident members of the University) that might attract significant protest or at which lawful free speech might be compromised should consult the Proctors at the earliest opportunity, by email to contact@proctors.cam.ac.uk.



Code of Practice on Freedom of Speech

<https://www.governanceandcompliance.admin.cam.ac.uk/governance-and-strategy/university-code-practice-freedom-speech>



Guidance for booking University meetings and events

https://www.em.admin.cam.ac.uk/files/uoc_event_booking_guidance_0.pdf

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