

Most Inclusive Event Award

UWA Undergraduate Philosophy Society (UPhilSoc)

Open Mic Philosophy Night

Event Information

Event Name: Open Mic Philosophy Night

Date: Thursday, 19th August 2021

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Venue: The UWA Tavern

Entry fee: Free

Fee to Speak: Free

Event Overview and Purpose

This semester the **UWA Undergraduate Philosophy Society (UPhilSoc)** ran the club's first **Open Mic Philosophy Night**. We invited attendees to present a short talk (or rant, or spiel) on a topic about which they were passionate. To many, philosophy appears a white, cisgender, heterosexual male-dominated field. We acknowledge this can intimidate many people outside of this demographic and those who are not specifically majoring in philosophy. The Open Mic Philosophy Night was one way we tried to mitigate this. The aim? To create a space where people can get up on stage to talk about topics that interest them, especially (1) people who do not fit the stereotype demographic of philosophy outlined above, and (2) people who would otherwise feel like they needed to be a philosophy major or a serious intellectual to speak.

Inclusivity

We think of inclusivity as “the quality of trying to include many different types of people and treat them all fairly and equally” (Cambridge Dictionary). We believe our event aligned with this definition and the criteria for the award for the following reasons.

Firstly, we were strategic to ensure inclusive marketing. On our poster, our marketing officer Brindy made a conscious decision to have an illustration of a woman presenting with a

microphone to challenge the stereotype surrounding philosophy and to encourage women to attend and participate.

Secondly, we set the entry barrier very low. Entry was free and we also allowed non-members to also participate. On the night, each table also had a QR code sheet where people were able to sign up to speak at any time. There was also no requirement for speakers to speak strictly on philosophical topics. This helped to create a more jovial and welcoming environment for all attendees.

Finally, at the event we created a space for a diverse range of speakers. Our MC and events manager Kate organised a diverse speaking list to get the event started. Then, Kate provided regular encouragement for attendees to speak over the night. The result? We ended up with a diverse range of speakers who also spoke on a broad range of topics.

The Response

We expected roughly 20 people to attend, but to our surprise over 50 people attended. The response was overwhelmingly positive, with many people asking the committee when we would host our next Open Mic Philosophy Night. Overall, the event was a big success and a great experience for all who attended.

Signed,
The 2021 UPhilSoc Committee
21st September 2021

Marketing

Facebook Event Post: <https://www.facebook.com/events/618807745764915>

Speaker Sign-up Form: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfOmX0eUobF0rhHji8XBIRGEc84DUJ3oA-Ce5fxN7kRijjGyA/viewform>

Poster:



Ticket:



Event Photos

Below are a selection of photos from the night.

To see all the photos, please go to the Facebook event photo album: <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?vanity=UPhilSoc&set=a.1011923739620394>



Event Photos (cont.)



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Pre-Event

On Event Day

Approved!

Your event has been approved.

This EMP is locked from making further changes

Medium Event in a Licensed Venue

A medium event in a licensed venue has ANY of the following features:

- Alcohol is available, but in a licensed venue where the licensee is responsible for providing service (staff and security)
- No underage guests

Medium EMP's should be submitted at least 4 weeks prior to the Event.

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