

SMI society for musicology in ireland
aontas ceoleolaíochta na héireann

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**LEARNED
SOCIETIES**

Benefits of Membership I

Julian:

- Learned societies represent your discipline; they help you (funding, circulars etc.), and they also defend your interests.

Nicole:

- Societies are a vital nucleus of activity for your discipline, and they put you in touch with the right people.
- Societies provide important opportunities for students to pursue particular aspects of their career path, for instance by providing opportunities to organize study days and conferences.

Gwen:

- Learned societies are very important; sometimes interests will overlap and it can be useful to be a member in more than one society.

Benefits of Membership II

Roy:

- Annual Study Weekend organised by IAML each year; it takes place in Manchester this year (1–3 April 2016); the Music Libraries Trust (<http://musiclibrariestrust.squarespace.com/>) provides bursaries. The deadline for bursary applications is 19 February 2016; the deadline to register for the event is 11 March 2016.

Stephanie:

- To the recruiter the type of society you have joined does not necessarily matter, what matters is how you can show you contributed to a society you joined and were interested in, and what you got out of the experience (for example extra or new skills, good networking opportunities, public speaking experience).
- Recruitment agencies: job seekers can make contact with such agencies and leave their own CVs. Self-initiative is an important aspect.

Benefits of Membership III

Suggestions from the floor:

- Being involved in societies, especially in Councils, is not just great for the CV, but also enables one to know who is who.
- Being part of a society also means that one gets regular circulars and reminders, as well as all the other attractive membership benefits.