



‘Working in partnership with Higher Education Institutions and their student bodies to reduce crime, and increase trust and reassurance in order to promote safer Higher Education Neighbourhoods for all those who work, live and study there or visit them.’

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Dear Colleague

I am writing to formally invite you to become a member of the Police Association of Higher Education Liaison Officers.

PAHELO was formed in 2001 by the then police liaison constable for the University of Southampton and has seen a steady annual growth to its current level of approximately 50 members largely consisting of police constables and police community support officers whose responsibility it is to police UK Higher Education Institutions and their neighbourhoods; this represents nearly half of the Universities in the UK (Higher Education Statistics Agency). The Association is supported by the Association of Chief Police Officers through our current patron, Deputy Chief Constable Stuart Hyde (Cumbria Police) and works nationally with partners such as The National Union of Students, The Association of University Chief Security Officers and The Association of Student Residential Accommodation.

Latest statistics indicate that there are nearly 2,370,000 students in Higher Education attending nearly 100 Universities in the UK (Higher Education Statistics Agency). Home Office research released in 2003 indicated that of the students they had surveyed, 1 in 3 had become victims of crime in the previous 12 months, and the British Crime Survey also indicates that the 18-24 age category are at high risk of becoming e.g. victims of burglary. It is clear, therefore, that students are a vulnerable community; it should also be stressed that some university campuses are equivalent to small towns in terms of size, crime levels, diversity, reassurance and intelligence issues. With these in mind, the Association’s Mission Statement is indicated above, and to achieve this, its objectives are:

- To promote the importance of the role of Police Higher Education Liaison Officer nationally and to all UK police forces.
- To work with national partners, for example the Home Office and National Union of Students, to reduce Higher Education (HE) campus and student related crime.
- To be the focus and consultants of improving levels of policing Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the UK.
- To share and promote effective practice amongst members of the Association through annual conferences attended by Association members together with others having an interest in police issues on campuses, and through the work of regional representatives, the organisation’s website and regular correspondence.

Benefits of continuing membership include liaison with over 50 other officers in similar roles to yourself where you will be able to share good practice, similar problems, and intelligence; you will have access to the PAHELO website and will be given updates and information on national work and concerns. You will also be eligible to attend the Annual Conference which is a great networking opportunity –Topics covered usually include problem solving common crime types workshops and increased opportunities to share effective practice; updates from NUS & Home Office; Preventing Violent Extremism on HE Campuses, and how to tackle alcohol & drug misuse.

Enclosed with this letter are PAHELO Subscription & Conference 2010 Forms and the Summary & Feedback from Conference 2009 to give you a flavour of what you could experience from Conference 2010.

Cost of **PAHELO membership is just £30/yr.** Renewable January to April each year.

This letter is being sent to you by either a PAHELO Committee Member or Regional Representative and for more information about the Association please contact them at: Chair. Harvey.watson@leicestershire.pnn.police.uk **Vice Chair.** e.thompson@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk **.Secretary** keith.emery@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk.

On behalf of the Association I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this invite and I hope to be able to welcome you to the Association shortly and to meet you at the next Conference!

Yours sincerely
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