

# Fisher nets top union leader title

FORMER Australasian Union of Jewish Students (AUJS) national chairperson Michael Fisher (pictured) has been named the union leader of the year for 2016 by the World Union of Jewish Students (WUJS).

The honour, which was presented at the WUJS annual conference in Israel on January 4, is awarded to the national student union president or chair who has been the most active and innovative.

Although not present at the conference to accept the accolade personally, Fisher told *The AJN* he was very pleased.

"It's a reflection on the whole team and it's an incredibly exciting award to receive," he said.

He noted the award reflects a few key changes AUJS has implemented in the last couple of years, including the establishment of the Susan Wakil Fellowship, which aims to empower a new generation of Jewish leaders through high-level seminars, workshops, personalised mentoring, internships, and more.

Fisher said the 2017 executive, led by chairperson Belle Polgar, will continue to build on these initiatives. "There are so many opportunities afforded to AUJS and its leaders ... Providing we continue to take those opportunities, there's nothing that can really hold us back," Fisher said.



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