

STUDENT PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT



What is the Student Partnership Agreement (SPA)?

The student partnership agreement (SPA) is a joint agreement between the university and the student association. The agreement serves a purpose to get both parties committed to jointly work towards the improvement of the overall student experience.

Key Themes:

Vibrant Campus:

Foster a vibrant, dynamic, and lively campus environment that students want to spend time on. Engaging students and staff on campus, for in-person activities, and working with partners to deliver this.

Health and Well-being:

Improve awareness, effective collaboration, and access to existing DUSA and university services to promote health and well-being throughout campus.

Student Voice:

Amplifying the student voice with a well-established rep structure and effective communication between the university staff and the student body.

ACTIONS:

Vibrant Campus

Social Engagement:

- Increasing student presence on campus through various engagement activities, and events.
- Supporting all society and sports club-led social events and activities.
- Continuation of events like Jazz night, live sports night, pop-up art events, Brush and Booze, DUSA open mic, quiz night and karaoke sessions.
- Review the provision of communal social spaces to ensure student needs are met.
- Utilize the campaigns working group to establish proper communication and collaboration of events and campaigns, across the university.

Academic Engagement:

- Promote higher levels of class attendance by reinforcing that in-class attendance leads to higher attainment, and by ensuring optimum amounts of study space are available on campus.
- Promoting high standards of academic attainment through awareness of self-study techniques
- Pilot new methods and initiatives to engage students who are currently disengaged.

Health and Wellbeing

Awareness:

- Promote awareness of all existing initiatives within the University and DUSA.
- Ensure effective collaboration and signposting between DUSA and University services to ensure that students can find the right support, quickly, when they need it.
- Run University-wide well-being campaigns like S.A.F.E, Choose Love, etc. to ensure issues faced by the student community are addressed effectively.

Effective Collaboration and Engagement:

- Collaborative health and wellbeing campaigns between the University, DUSA, and the Sports Union (SU).
- Help ensure inclusivity and accessibility of all events and activities within sports clubs and societies.
- Collaborating with Dundee-wide organisations to reach and support the student community such as active bystander training.

Student Voice

Amplifying Student Voice:

- Collaborate with student reps, to prioritise the student voice and its role in enhancing the learning and teaching experience.
- Maintaining transparency through regular reporting and updates between the University, DUSA and the student body.
- Gain student feedback on different aspects of student life, through DUSA's marketing projects.
- Elevating and promoting the visibility and accessibility of the DUSA representatives to the student body.

National Student Survey (NSS):

- Increase DUSA's ranking in Question 25 by 10% and score above the average across all Scottish universities.
- Ensuring awareness of DUSA is embedded in the academic curriculum, and DUSA is promoted by both academic and professional staff at the School level.
- NSS training is given to all School Presidents, School Vice Presidents, and Class Representatives to gain targeted feedback to strengthen areas where we previously performed poorly.
- Promote awareness of the NSS at student forums like the Societies Council, SRC, and Sports Union council, to gain student engagement around the NSS.