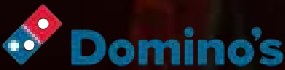


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Your Elected Representatives at the University

YOUR STUDENT EXECUTIVE

The Student Executive Committee, known as 'The Exec', consists of seven students from the University. The Exec are elected annually to represent the student community across societies, academic support, wellbeing, representation, fundraising and community. There are four full-time, paid sabbatical members of the Exec and three part-time, unpaid, non-sabbatical officers who undertake their role alongside their studies. So who's who?



STUDENT VOICE AND REPRESENTATION

NICOLE OKORO (she/her)
Vice President of Representation
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Building on her successful first term as VP Representation, Nicole returns with a renewed focus of increasing representation awareness and further amplifying student voices, enhancing student experience. Nicole's key priorities are increasing representation awareness and further amplifying student voices, enhancing student experience and focusing on student participation in the election process. This includes running for positions and actively using your vote to shape student representation. Every voice holds the power in making real impact on campus life. Nicole's unwavering commitment to collaboration extends to student reps, groups and universities administration. Together, they will develop inclusive policies and initiatives that empower every student to thrive.

DANI MCFAWNS (she/they)
Vice President of Academia
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Dani graduated with English and Philosophy in June, and she's your new Vice President of Academia! She has journeyed through all the levels of student representation (Class Rep, Society President, School President) so is well-seasoned in all things learning and teaching. Her puppy, Dougal, may also make guest appearances at DUSA's Dog Therapy.

Her job is to make your learning and teaching experience the best it can be by working with the University on policy and quality assurance, and the Advice Team to help students facing academic issues. She also has a keen interest in technology, and will be working year-long on policy and strategy to shape the Dundee experience in the age of AI!

ESTHER AJAYI-AKINSULIRE (she/her)
Vice President of fundraising
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Esther is a second-year Biomedical Sciences undergraduate from London who oversees and commandeers DUSA's Raising and Giving (RAG) initiative. She is in charge of raising funds for this year's chosen charity, Barnardo's, as well as assisting societies in their fundraising efforts where possible.

Esther aims to foster an environment where the student body can remain passionate in donating to worthy causes and giving back to their community to make a local and national impact. To be up to date on all things VPF makes sure to follow her Instagram account @esther.vpf and @ragdundee



RAVI BARAL (he/him)
Vice President of Student Activities
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Hi I'm Ravi, your new Vice President of Student Activities (VPSA), and I'm here to make your student life vibrant and engaging! I'm currently completing my degree in Biomedical Sciences along with managing societies.

My job is to oversee societies and events, ensuring that there's always something exciting happening on campus. Whether you're looking to join a club, start a new society, or simply find out what's happening, I'm your go-to person. I'm here to support and empower student groups, working closely with them to enhance the Dundee experience.

ALISHBA AHMAD (she/her)
Vice President of Community
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Alishba, your Vice President of Community (VPC), is in her final undergraduate year studying law. Her focus this year is to create awareness around intersectional identities, she's responsible for highlighting and celebrating all the uniqueness and diversity in our campus through social and cultural events and projects! Alishba firmly believes in the saying "it takes a village." She will also be an advocate for building support networks for students, by students.

To stay up to date with all things Community, make sure to follow her Instagram: [dusa.vpc.alishba](#)



NIHIN AKANNI (she/her)
Vice President of Student Wellbeing
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Nihin, our VPSW and campus Zen Master, is passionate about leading DUSA's welfare campaigns, which covers mental health, sexual health, wellbeing, and healthy living. She works closely with the University of Dundee. As VPSW, Nihin is focused on creating a welcoming and safe environment at the University for everyone, with special attention to addressing common concerns. This year, she's especially excited about supporting all genders. Instagram account : [nihin_vpsw](#)



MANASWI BUDHATHOKI (she/her)
President
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Manaswi, aka Manu, is the main spokesperson and lead for the entire student body. She is responsible for managing and supporting the DUSA Executive team and is keen on ensuring all aspects of student issues are addressed effectively and well heard on campus. She closely works with DUSA's Board of Trustees and Senior Management Team to achieve DUSA's strategic vision and goals. Manu is from Nepal and has graduated from the Dundee Law School in June 2024. She was the VP Community (23-24) and has been an integral part of the Dundee University's Boxing Club. Manu is passionate about international political issues and values people's unique perspectives and expressions. She is set on establishing campus vibrancy through expressive arts, culture and events on campus.

STUDENT VOICE AND REPRESENTATION

Previous achievements and policies from the Exec

EXEC-LED PROJECTS

Over the years, the Exec have worked hard alongside the student body to implement change that will really benefit the Dundee University community.

SHOW RACISM THE RED CARD Returned October 2024

The annual staff vs. students football match returned this year, with VPA Dani and VPC Alishba leading from the DUSA side as your resident football fans on Exec. Working together with the Sports Union, we rallied together teams of staff and students to play off all in support of Show Racism the Red Card, an anti-racism charity.

Undeterred by the cold and windy weather, the teams played on, ending on a final score that for the staff team's dignity, we won't repeat. A great time was had by all though!

ACADEMIC SKILLS WEEK Returned 2024

Academic Skills Week is traditionally run each semester by the VPA, which means that this year, it's Dani's responsibility! The week is packed full of sessions all about expanding your arsenal of academic skills so you can thrive in your studies. Typically, this includes sessions on referencing, essay and report writing, avoiding academic misconduct like plagiarism, and from this year, we've started including sessions on ethical use of AI.

Despite being led by the VPA, the week is a huge collaborative effort between DUSA and the University, including not only staff from various teams but also some of our student representatives and some individual students who were kind enough to give their time to develop sessions for their own disciplines. For the



first time ever, during Academic Skills Week last semester, we also introduced an Escape Room! The puzzles were designed together with the Academic Librarian team, and based in Library Hub 3.

It was booked out for the whole week, which was really exciting for something that we were trying for the first time! Since it was so successful, we're designing another escape room for this semester's Academic Skills Week and hoping to offer even more chances throughout the week to try it out – so make sure you book your space quickly when booking opens!

Academic Skills Week this semester will be from 3rd-7th February. Keep an eye on

our socials and website for sessions and booking information!



SIP HAPPENS Introduced November 2024

Inspired by Dundee's ever-growing pub quizzing scene, and her own pub quiz fanaticism, our VPA Dani started up a weekly pub quiz in our very own Liar Bar! Sip Happens runs every Tuesday at 7pm, with questions spanning from general knowledge, true or false, and music, society collaborations, and prizes to be won every week! So, will we See You Next Tuesday at Sip Happens?!



SAFE : A STAND AGAINST GBV October/November 2024

As a survivor of gender-based violence, working on the S.A.F.E. (Standing Against Fear and Exploitation) campaign has been a deeply fulfilling experience for me. From creating the posters to organising the events, I felt a strong sense of purpose in contributing to this important cause. I love that students can scan the QR code on the posters and access the support they need.

The campaign was launched on November 25th at the School of Medicine. It received amazing support from staff and students, everyone coming together to fight against gender-based violence (GBV). Seeing people write messages of support in many languages, including Hindi, Yoruba, Chinese, Arabic, French, Spanish, Italian, and many others was touching. These messages were written

on sticky notes and then stuck on mirrors, showing our commitment to creating a safer community for everyone. On November 26th, the main campus event brought energy and excitement to the DUSA and SU buildings. The unbreakable mirror installation, sticky notes, purple ribbons, and crested wristbands helped to bring people together. Students wrote messages like "I commit to being a safe person", "This is my stand against GBV", "Take your time to heal."

The purple bunting around Campus Green, installed by volunteers on November 1st added a cheerful touch, symbolising our shared goal. On November 28th, Dundee Women's Aid and Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre held a workshop on active bystander training, empowering attendees to take action and support each other in our community. The highlight of the campaign was the Reclaim the Night march on November 29th. Many

people joined together to walk from The Union to City Square, holding signs with strong messages like "Support Survivors," "Stop GBV," and "We Are Not Ovaryacting." The atmosphere was filled with energy and unity as we took back public spaces, showing our commitment to a safer future for everyone.

I am incredibly grateful to everyone who worked on this project with me, including Lindsay Randell, Candy Preater, Manaswi Budhathoki, Claire Lornie, Chris Gourley, Ronald McGuinness, Pippa Newbery, Mia Jennings, and all the societies involved. I could go on and on and not finish the list, but I want to give them credit for a successful campaign! The S.A.F.E. campaign brought a spirit of resilience, inclusivity, and empowerment to Dundee Uni. It sent a clear message: our community will not accept fear or exploitation, and together, we can make a real difference.

Learn more about how we promote

STUDENT VOICE

Every student at Dundee has a voice and these voices are key to shaping what happens at the University, whether that's in or out of the classroom. As an automatic member of DUSA, you also have a right to vote in all DUSA elections. Our University have a distinctive and active partnership between staff, students and DUSA. It is this partnership that puts you at the heart of

DUSA EXEC

- A team of seven annually elected officers that are the most senior representatives on campus. The seven officers are also the internal trustees of DUSA.
- The Exec are your voice at the highest levels of University governance.
- They lead widespread changes on campus and are committed to helping all students and societies reach their goals.
- The Exec lead the entire representative system across campus, assisting representatives at all levels to work the most effectively.

SCHOOL PRESIDENTS

- Presidents are the lead representatives of each academic school and seek to transmit the student voice at key management committees.
- They chair the Student Board, which is made up of all their Vice Presidents, academic society Presidents and Class Representatives.
- Presidents also sit on the Staff Board, various governance committees and the School Management Group. They are the key link to the School Dean (head of the school).
- Presidents sit on the Student Representative Council as their School's ambassador. The SRC is the oldest and most powerful student representational body on campus.

STUDENT REP COUNCIL

- An independent representative body facilitated by DUSA.
- An elected group of councillors, including the eight School Presidents, and seven exec officers tasked with proposing reforms, introducing initiatives, and debating key student issues.
- The SRC meets formally four times a semester – which is open to all students to attend – and operates within various sub-committees on a regular basis.

everything throughout the course of your studies. There are a wide range of ways you can be involved in student representation across campus. If you do not want the added responsibilities of a leadership role, you can simply tune in and engage with your representatives throughout each year.

SCHOOL VICE PRESIDENTS

- The lead representative for a specific group of students within a School, for example a specific subject.
- Works with leading members of the School, University and DUSA to make change happen.
- Direct links with Deans and School Managers.
- Has real impact on how things are run.

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

- Every student's first point of call within the representation system.
- Each class or course is represented by a selection of class representatives.
- They are appointed through students nominating themselves or a ballot.
- They assist with raising academic issues, concerns or recommendations pertaining to your experiences with content, deadlines, and assessments.
- Their duty is to transmit accurate feedback to the relevant members of staff who can make changes within your courses.

- The SRC can also recommend policies to DUSA and the University.
- The SRC works closely with University management and the DUSA Executive to meet common objectives.

SRC GUIDE



WHAT IS THE SRC?

The Student Representative Council is the formal student representative body at the University of Dundee. Is an important body on campus and leads on areas which improve all students lives and University experience. Put simply, it is a student collective who discuss/address student issues and deliver solutions tailored to student needs. Solution-based ideas can come to fruition in the form of campaigns, projects, events and motions for governance change. **SRC Values are democracy, collaboration, fairness, respect.**

WHO IS ON THE SRC?

- **Voting members:** DUSA elected Executive, School Presidents, SRC Councillors, Independent Member of Court, Sports Union President, SRC Chairperson.
- **Non-voting members:** Rector, Rector's Assessor.
- **SRC Councillor positions:** International, Taught Postgraduate, Research Postgraduate Student Parent, Women's, BME, Trans and Non-binary, LGBT+, Environmental and Sustainability, Equality, Diversity and Welfare, 1st Year and more.

All students at the University are invited to observe SRC meetings.

WHAT DOES THE SRC DO?

- Idea generation
- Research and work with fellow councillors (working group) and student consultation.
- Define why, who, how, what, when, where
- Update the council: submit a motion, start a campaign, outline a project plan or event idea.
- Submit passed motions to the DUSA board of trustees.
- Make it happen!

GOALS:

The SRC aims to provide a space to discuss student issues (e.g., ongoing University and College Union strikes, the need for additional multifait prayer spaces on campus). To provide the network to form working groups to come up with solutions to student topics (e.g. sustainability and environment campaign, decolonising the curriculum campaign).

It also gives the opportunity to collaborate with the operational team to run events to raise awareness and fundraise for student causes and external charities.

THIS YEAR'S FOCUS:

The SRC are working in tandem with the DUSA Executive to achieve one of their manifesto aims: Visible Representation, Visible Results. This means the SRC should be visible on campus and on social media, and you should see the results of their work.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

The SRC is a democratically elected committee of students who are passionate about meeting the needs of students and are here to represent you. The SRC acts as the formal means to resolve and discuss student issues.

The SRC has a series of important responsibilities which make sure that students have a lead role in deciding what DUSA should be fighting for on students' behalf. Student engagement, your engagement, is key.

PERKS:

It will give you the tools to develop transferable skills such as **communication, organisation, problem solving, motion writing, project planning and confidence building**. It will also provide you with insight into the workings of a charity while **collaborating towards charitable causes** to improve student life.

You will establish **invaluable networks, enhance your CV and expand your professional and personal growth** while working on matters that you are passionate about. Aside from these, you'll also be given a DUSA staff card which grants you half price hot drinks on site, which is a no brainer really.

HOW TO GET INVOLVED?

Read on about how you can get involved!
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MEET YOUR SRC

MAUD VERHOEVEN
SRC CHAIR



MARCUS FLUCKER
IMC



I'm Maud Verhoeven, your SRC Chair and a third-year History and Psychology student from the Netherlands. Since starting at Dundee, I've been active in our student community – from being President of the History Society and a Class Rep, to volunteering with the Breakfast Club Programme and serving on the Volunteering Executive Committee. I believe in student-led change, and now, as Chair, I'm dedicated to ensuring our voices make a real impact.

My role as Chair is guiding SRC meetings, ensuring discussions run fairly and everyone's input is valued. The SRC exists to create positive change on campus, and I'm here to ensure that your concerns and ideas lead our efforts.

As chair, I need to remain independent, so my manifesto is centred around SRC development rather than direct changes to student life. My main points include:

- **Broadening the SRC's Scope:** Ensuring we hear from all student voices across campus.
- **Building a Progressive, Accessible Campus:** Advocating for progress and support that serves everyone's needs.
- **Increasing SRC Visibility:** I want to make the SRC more present in your student life – with more campaigns, transparency, and an active social media presence.

The Independent Member of Court (IMC) sits on the University Court, the highest governing body at the University of Dundee, providing an independent voice to ensure that the student body's opinion is being heard.

The IMC works closely with student representatives to collect important feedback about the student experience and applies this knowledge when debating matters at Court meetings.

This position is voluntary and the post holder will undertake its duties alongside their studies. This role also gives them a seat on the Students' Representative Council, the highest body of student representation at the University of Dundee.

The SRC is here to amplify your voice, so I encourage you to get involved, attend our meetings, or share your ideas. Together, we can create meaningful change and a campus experience that supports everyone.

CHIGOZIRIM UDEH-IBE
EMPLOYABILITY REP

I understand that excelling in any career path can be challenging. As the Employability Rep, my goal is to enhance career prospects by making employability resources more inclusive, accessible, and impactful. Every student deserves the tools they need to succeed, regardless of their background or experience. A key focus of my role is to boost access to

skill development workshops. Whether it's mastering interviews, building a strong CV, or improving networking skills, I aim to ensure these opportunities are relevant and available to all students.

I also plan to work closely with employability teams to bridge the gap between academic experiences and the job market. By incorporating industry insights and real-world opportunities, I hope to help students transition smoothly into the workforce. I'm excited to represent you and look forward to unlocking your potential and achieving career goals together!

EMMA SANDIFORD-GIBSON
RESEARCH POSTGRADUATE REP



- Working with the Doctoral Academy and DUSA to improve the PGR experience.
- Organising events specifically for

WHY YOU SHOULD GET INVOLVED

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE

Make a difference, your voice matters! Join the SRC to shape your university experience and create positive change for yourself and your peers. Represent your peers, advocate for the needs and interests of your fellow students, ensuring their voices are heard at the highest levels. Develop leadership skills, gain invaluable experience in leadership, communication, and problem-solving as you work with a team to achieve shared goals.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your voice matters! The SRC is your platform to voice your concerns, ideas, and suggestions. Shape Your University Experience: Be part of the conversation, the SRC is where you'll be part of discussions that directly impact you and your

fellow students, from academic policies to campus facilities.

PERSONAL GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Connect with students from diverse backgrounds and build lasting relationships. Enhance your CV by developing transferable skills like teamwork, negotiation, and project management. Finally, gain confidence by overcoming challenges and achieving goals as an SRC member.

IMPROVE YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Influence decision-making by having a say in important decisions that affect student life, from academic policies to campus facilities. Create a better campus community by contributing to building a welcoming and inclusive environment

for all students. By joining the SRC, you'll have the opportunity to make a tangible difference in your university experience while developing valuable skills that will benefit you throughout your life. So, what are you waiting for?

Become a student representative councillor, nominate yourself for a position.

Find out more on <https://www.dusa.co.uk/elections/src> or contact DUSA Vice President of Representation, Nicole at vpr@dusa.co.uk

Have an idea, suggestion, or question? Share it with us! We have a student voice hub where you can submit your thoughts and suggestions for improvement. Whether you have a brilliant idea, a small change you'd like to see, or simply a question, we want to hear from you!



Research Postgraduate Students, to build a community and facilitate a network for PGR.

- Helping DUSA to better support PGR's to continue towards their PHD study and professional development.

HANNAH BALLINGALL DISABILITIES REP



I'm Hannah, your SRC Disability Representative, and I look forward to representing the student voice on disability matters. With a background in school counselling and advocacy, I'm now pursuing an MSc in Psychology of Mental Health.

My goal is to reduce stigma and barriers for students with health conditions. I aim to create a safe space for students to share their experiences and use my own journey with disabilities to foster a more accessible learning environment. This year, I plan to:

- Establish drop-in sessions in the Global Room to advocate for students' rights.
- Organize talks and training to reduce stigma and improve the learning experience.
- Distribute sunflower lanyards during disability assessments.
- Arrange career and networking events tailored to students with health conditions.

I'm excited to serve on the SRC and contribute to making the university more inclusive.

MAHIMA RAVICHANDRAN INTERNATIONAL REP



I'm Mahima Ravichandran Sivajyothi, your International Student Representative on the SRC. Originally from Kerala, India, I'm passionate about fostering cultural connections and creating a welcoming environment for students worldwide. As an MSc Business Analytics student, I'm here to ensure your needs are met. Manifesto: My Commitments

- Enhancing support for international students
- I aim to push for tailored support, such as orientation programs, to help international students adjust and feel at home in Dundee.
- Promoting cultural inclusion and diversity
- I will create opportunities for cultural exchange through events and language-sharing sessions to celebrate Dundee's diversity.
- Prioritizing mental health and well-being
- I'm committed to advocating for better mental health resources to support international students.
- As your representative, I'm here to listen and support you. Let's make this year impactful! For support, email me at src.international@dundee.ac.uk

MARYAM FORGHANIALLAHABADI ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY REP

As the Environment and Sustainability Representative and a PhD student in Environment and Sustainability, I advocate for sustainable practices and aim to build a community that values environmental



stewardship. Sustainability is a responsibility to ourselves and future generations. My role on the SRC allows me to champion initiatives addressing both the immediate and long-term environmental impacts of our university's actions. A key priority is raising awareness about sustainable practices, from waste reduction to responsible consumption. I plan to work with student groups, staff, and local organizations to support programs on energy efficiency, biodiversity, and sustainable transport. Together, we can make our university a model of eco-friendly innovation.

I'm committed to making our sustainability efforts inclusive and accessible. Whether you're passionate about recycling, reducing carbon footprints, or environmental justice, I want to ensure you feel empowered to get involved. My role is about listening to students who care about our planet.

Let's work together to make our campus greener. I encourage anyone interested in environmental issues to share ideas and help drive change. Together, we can make a meaningful impact

SAMANTHA FLIGHT WOMEN'S REP



As Women's Representative on the SRC, I feel strongly about supporting women on campus. From personal experience and listening to others, I understand the struggles women face in everyday life. I joined the SRC to make a difference and be a supportive listener for any concerns women may have about their student life.

By the end of my term, I aim to raise awareness about period poverty and menstrual health, ensuring these issues are well known to the university and students. Addressing these concerns is vital to helping women feel seen and reducing stigma.

Safety and empowerment in education are also key areas I want to impact. Women should have a strong voice during their studies, and it's important their voices are heard.

Feeling safe on campus is essential for comfort. I want to ensure everyone feels secure or knows who to turn to when things don't feel right, and I hope to help make this a reality.

SIMILOLUWA ABE BLACK & MINORITY ETHNIC REP



As the BME (Black and Minority Ethnic) representative for the SRC, I aim to address challenges faced by BME students and provide support through increased sickle cell awareness, targeted mental health resources, and improved support services.

Sickle cell disease is a genetic disorder mainly affecting African, Caribbean, and Mediterranean communities. To address this, I will promote blood drives and fundraisers to raise awareness and support organisations emphasizing the importance of blood donations for sickle cell patients.

Mental health issues often impact BME students differently. I will advocate for tailored mental health resources and work with university counselling to ensure appropriate support. Additionally, I will strengthen peer support groups where BME students can share experiences and cope with pressures.

I will actively engage with the student body to ensure your voice is heard and your needs are met.

TOM CHRISTISON LEARNING AND TEACHING REP



Since its founding in 1969, the SRC has championed student needs. As a student of English and History, I'm excited to join this legacy as this year's Learning and Teaching Representative. I also serve as Vice President of a student society and Section Editor for The Magdalen, reflecting my commitment to enriching the student experience. Through the SRC, my focus will be amplifying your voice and shaping our learning community.

My platform centres on three priorities:

Amplifying Student Voices: I'm committed to ensuring student feedback on learning and teaching is acted upon. Your insights are essential, and I'm here to make sure they are heard.

Integrating AI Responsibly: I aim to promote initiatives that use AI to enrich education, while addressing concerns about academic integrity and working with staff to ensure safeguards regarding AI, especially GAI.

Enhancing Career Opportunities: I'll work with the Academic Skills Centre and Careers Service to expand programs

supporting skill development and employability, preparing students for success beyond university.

My goal is to foster a dynamic learning environment that reflects your needs and aspirations. I'm here to listen, advocate, and ensure your voices are at the heart of every decision.

VICTORIA SIMPSON STUDENT PARENT REP



Hi, I'm Victoria, a final-year Business Management student. I'm your Student Parent Rep, representing students who juggle academic work, raising children, and often working part-time. Balancing these roles with university life can be tough, but I aim to engage fully with all aspects of student life.

In my previous role as a Rep, I worked with DUSA and ISE (now SpAH) to organize a Dip and Sip event where student parents could bring their children, enjoy the pool, and have coffee at the Liar bar. I'm keen to reinstate this event and secure funding to make it an annual tradition.

I want to work with DUSA and the university to better signpost family-friendly events, as many parent students feel their student life and family life can't mix. I'll also highlight existing support to ensure student parents know how the university can help them.

I'd also like to improve campus food options. As we spend more time on campus, having limited choices is a challenge. I'd love to showcase foods from different cultures, helping students appreciate diverse cuisines and engage with each other.

Whether or not you're a parent, I'm

committed to improving the student experience. Please reach out with any suggestions to help us better represent you.

**AAQIL HUSSAIN
FACILITIES REP**

I will work with the Library and Learning Centre (LLC) and Estates and Buildings (E&B) to improve student learning and recreation facilities. I will liaise with the DUSA executive to ensure students have access to good facilities, not only on the main campus but also in Kirkcaldy and Ninewells. I'm committed to supporting DUSA in providing spaces that allow students to make the most of their recreational, learning, and study time.

Currently, I'm the Vice-President of Energy, Environment, and Society within the School of Humanities, Social Sciences, and Law. I've also served as a class representative for Politics and International Relations for the last three years, and as Vice-President of Humanities and class representative for Philosophy for two years.

I'm the right person to electrify the structure and ensure everything runs smoothly. As Facilities Representative, I will promote fairness and equality for all, delivering for the many, not the few. I promise to bring more vending machines, bike racks, and water fountains. There's a lot to do, and I'm ready to fight for a better campus for all.



**JESSE VICTOR-IGWE
FIRST YEAR REP**

- Engaging with first year students to improve services, helping them transition into university life and make the most out of their first year.



- GUIDE: Improve signposting to support services.

- ELEVATE: Enhance academic and professional skill development.
- I aim to build on UoD's support systems, ensuring TPG students' voices are heard and their needs met, advocating for a thriving, enriched experience for us all.

**MOLLY WILSON
LGBT+ REP**



I'm Molly, and I will be your LGBTQ+ Representative this year. I study History and Politics and work on campus, so please feel free to come up to me and say hi. I enjoy reading, writing, and my favorite movie is 9 to 5 starring Lily Tomlin, Jane Fonda, and Dolly Parton.

I believe that this role is vital to a functioning and inclusive student body that welcomes and celebrates queer students in student life.

My role is to ensure that LGBTQ+ students feel represented and have a voice within the SRC. One way I will achieve this is by liaising with the LGBTQ+ Society.

For this academic year, I aim to increase awareness for LGBTQ+ History Month in February and the beloved Pride Month. This would include socials and events that put queer people at the center.

In addition, I will work toward increased support for students who may be questioning their gender and/or sexuality, particularly for those who do not have their family's support.

**RIDWAN BUSARI
MATURE STUDENT REP**

- Working with the University and DUSA, feeding back issues that first year students face, helping them progress towards second year.

**LAURE NEVEU
TAUGHT PG REP**



My name is Laure, and I'm your Taught Postgraduate Representative (TPG Rep) on the SRC this year.

Originally from France, I came to Dundee in 2018 for my undergraduate degree in Anatomy and returned for my master's in Science and Health Communication. My undergrad experience, enriched by campus involvement and a strong sense of community, inspired me to step into this role to help create a more engaging environment for TPG students.

Although TPG students have diverse goals, I believe we share three key needs that I'm committed to addressing:

- CONNECT: Strengthen the sense of community at the TPG level.



I am an international student from Nigeria, currently studying for an MSc in Sustainability and Renewables.

I first learned about the SRC during Open Week when I arrived in Dundee, and I loved everything about it. It reminded me of the Student Union Government (SUG) back in my home country.

My aim as a member is to ensure mature students feel just as supported and included as younger students on campus. I also want to broaden the SRC's reach by: Raising public awareness about its role and benefits for student. Offering helpful welcome tips to new students upon arrival. Let's prioritize sustainability in everything we do—sustainability is the key!

**KAIMA FABIAN-EGUN
GENERAL REP**



I'm Kaima Fabian-Egun, your SRC General Representative and an international student from Nigeria. Balancing studies and work while adjusting to a new environment has shown me how important it is for all students to feel supported and

comfortable at university. That's why I'm committed to addressing key challenges with practical solutions to improve student life.

I also understand the importance of affordable nutrition, especially when budgets are tight. I'm working to bring more budget-friendly grocery options closer to campus so we can all maintain a balanced diet without added financial pressure. My role on the SRC is to support you and create a university environment that meets our needs, ensuring everyone can thrive academically and personally.

**ANNA MELNICHENKO
GENERAL REP**



I'm Anna, one of General Representatives on the SRC! I'm excited to help make change happen through open communication with students and by identifying areas that may need attention.

My goals are simple: I want the University of Dundee to be a welcoming place for everyone, where every voice is heard and students know exactly who to reach out to with their ideas.

I want to be someone who can listen, support, and act— the more feedback I receive, the more the SRC team can work towards real change. I think of the university as a large organism: every part plays a role, each signal matters, and together, we can create a better experience for everyone.

It's great to see student engagement so my goal is to make sure that students who have any thoughts about the educational process or other topics, know that they'll be considered at the SRC's monthly



meetings. And finally I want everybody to know that raising your voice—it's important and valued!

**ELISABETH TAYLOR
GENERAL REP**

My name is Elisabeth, and I am one of three General Representatives on the SRC. I joined to help improve the student experience and because I find the workings of DUSA fascinating. As an MSc Health and Science Communication student who also completed a BSc here, I've been in Dundee since 2019 and care deeply about the community.

My main goal is to increase student blood donations with Scotblood. Donating blood saves lives daily, and only about 3% of eligible people donate. Whether on campus or at Ninewells Donor Centre, I want to encourage students to get involved (plus, free biscuits!).

I also plan to collaborate with our BME Representative, Simi, to raise awareness of Sickle Cell Anaemia, a blood condition mainly affecting people of African heritage.

Lastly, I'll work with the other representatives to maximise our impact during our time on the SRC. I look forward to serving as your General Representative and hope we all have an amazing year!



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STUDENT CAMPAIGNS

Being a student at university comes with many perks, and that includes having a platform to campaign on issues you care about most. Campaigning takes many forms, and can range from academic initiatives, social justice projects, environmental campaigns and issues surrounding equity and inclusion.

Your issue does not need to be large, but equally, your projects can have a community-wide impact that has a lasting impact for years to come. As students, you are agents of change and ultimately the next generation of leaders. DUSA strongly encouraging all members to fully use their time at university, to dream big and go beyond their studies, even if that involves lobbying for small campus reforms or engaging with student representatives.

Below are some recent examples of campaigns and projects led by students, demonstrating the potential impact students can have at a DUSA, University and Dundee-wide level.

CORE PRE-MATRICULATION AWARENESS TRAINING

In 2021, a group of social science students developed a university-wide proposal for enhanced pre-matriculation training for all students. The proposed training covers areas including Gender Based Violence and Consent, Equality and Diversity, Climate Action and Academic Integrity. Widespread consultations were held before they launched their final report, involving over 1000 students and various staff. The university welcomed the proposals and committed to developing the proposals in partnership with students and DUSA.

This project was launched with an online campaign to raise awareness on the connecting issues, with involvement from societies, clubs, and representatives. This gave the project much needed attention and momentum. Work has been underway for two years to fully implement core awareness training for all students by

2024, and it was all started by students like you. Learn more at <https://www.dusa.co.uk/pre-matriculation-survey>

PRONOUNS ON BLACKBOARD

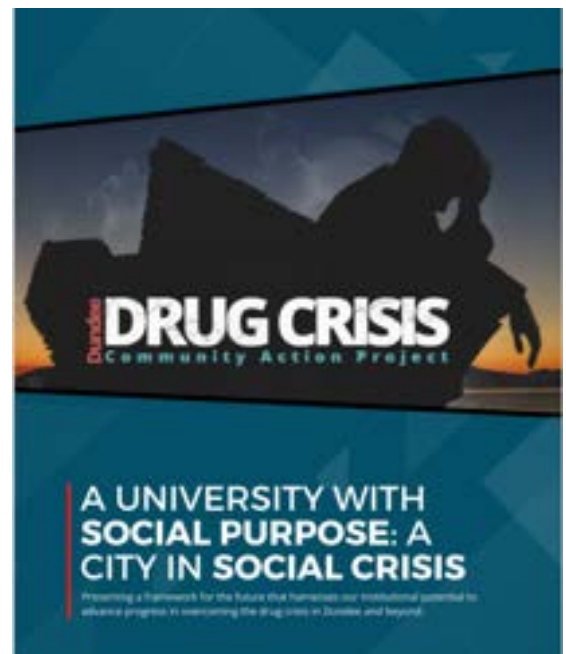
Last year, a motion led by Erin MacInnes (co-President of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law) was passed that pushed the University to change the pronouns feature on Blackboard from opt-in to opt-out. This means that your pronouns will display automatically unless you choose for them not to. Erin and Dani (the other co-President) had identified concerns among transgender and non-binary students about unintentional misgendering in online spaces. Students should not have to announce their gender identities, but at the time, there

wasn't a way to put your pronouns on your profile, other than to use the pronunciation section in Blackboard - which should be for putting your name pronunciation! After research done and resources developed on the benefit of visible pronouns, the motion was presented to the SRC and debated on. Concerns included that no-one should be forced to share their pronouns, which is why the feature is now opt-out - so no one has to if they don't want to! So, remember and make sure your correct pronouns are on your profile - and remember, this was an SRC thing.

DUNDEE DRUG CRISIS COMMUNITY ACTION PROJECT

In 2023, a group of students designed and launched a campus-wide campaign on the local and national drug-death crisis, seeking to raise awareness, reduce stigma and make various calls to action. They partnered with hundreds of societies and sport clubs and engaged with over 3000 students. The group designed a large framework that consisted of a five-year plan of recommendations. Through intense lobbying and building strong student support, this project reached national media and is now being reviewed by university management and the DUSA Executive.

Any project you pursue can be this large with this level of reach. There should be no limit to your ambitions, and community action projects are just as important as student-related initiatives. This campaign was for all of Dundee, and DUSA are committed to keeping it alive. Learn more at <https://www.dusa.o.uk/drug-crisis-community-action-project>



Making friends is always a daunting experience no matter where you find yourself. To help ease the pressure and stress, why not look into joining one of our many societies? These societies bring many different people together, with the goal of shared interests, passions, or ideas.

DUSA is proud to be the hub for 130+ award winning, student-led societies. We support student societies to create new and diverse opportunities on campus; thereby improving student experience and making it kinder, greener, and more diverse. Our societies span many different genres, groups, and creeds.

From singing and dancing to fundraising to learning and participating in multi-ethnic festivals and events. We are proud to have societies that support your studies and mental health, as

well as develop your crafting skills and encourage you to participate in other societies outside your comfort zone. Joining these societies is very easy and many students join multiple societies. You will be able to meet these societies during freshers fair and throughout fresher's week, as many of them will be hosting events during the week and throughout the academic year.

Now, don't fret if you can't make it to Refresher's fair, you can contact the societies via email (information on the DUSA website linked below or QR code) or via their social media pages. If you've gotten this far, that's amazing but if you're thinking none of the societies fit your aesthetic and vibe, then you can start your own society or re-active an inactive society that fits you. If you'd like to re-start a society or start your own, please contact the societies team or VPSA at DUSA.

SAVE THE CHILDREN

@uodsavethechildrensoc

The Save the Children society is a student run society created with the purpose of raising funds and awareness of Save the Children, a global charity with the belief and motive to ensure that every child should have a chance at the future they deserve. Save the Children at UoD have raised thousands of pounds over the past 4 years in aid of Save the Children and are immensely proud of how far the society has come. We are a dynamic group of students, with a real passion for the cause and are the friendliest bunch you'll find! We are always welcoming new members who can take on as much or as little responsibility as they choose! We have upcoming campus clash events, so come along and join us!



INDIAN SOCIETY

@uodindians

The University of Dundee Indian Society is a vibrant and inclusive student organisation that serves as a hub for students of all backgrounds to come together in unity and harmony.

At its core, the society fosters a sense of community and belonging. It creates a welcoming space where students can connect, learn, and grow together. The society hosts a myriad of events, including Bollywood night, International Food Festivals and Diwali Celebrations. Visit our instagram page for more information!



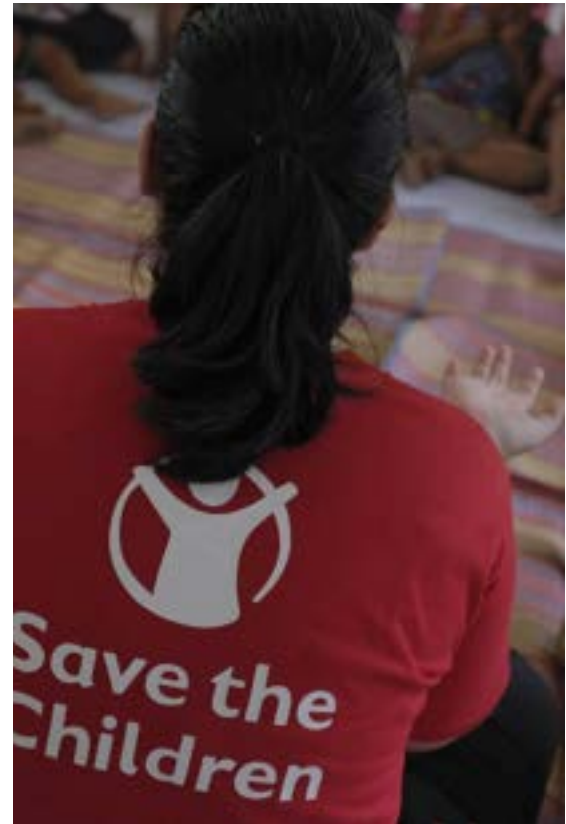
AERONAUTICAL

@aerodundee

Aeronautical society is a place for everyone! No matter what you study or what past experience you have, being a part of a drone team is a valuable and fun experience. And planes are cool, aren't they?

Most of our time, we work on designing and manufacturing drones and planes. However, throughout the year, we also take part in various business and industry events, keeping in touch with companies around the world to find internship opportunities for our members. Being a member of Aero gives you a lot of practical knowledge and skills that look really nice on your CV! You can even learn how to fly planes on our flight simulator.

If you're still doubting, just give it a go! Get in touch with us or come to the society meeting, and we'll get you involved. Find us on Instagram @aerodundee or email aerodundee@dundee.ac.uk



AERIAL SOCIETY

@dundeeuniaerialsociety

Want to try pole dancing, hoop or silks? All levels are welcome and no need to bring a partner!

We have classes 3 days a week, for all levels of experience. We also host showcase events, so you can show off all of the skills you gain from our classes. Find out more on our instagram @dundeeuniaerialsociety. Hope to see you there!

MEDIEVAL REENACTMENT

Dmrs@dundee.ac.uk

Join us in re-enacting the Scottish Wars of Independence; it's more fun than a history lesson and much better for you than one too! We can teach you medieval crafts and skills, like sewing, wood working or how to make chainmail. We can teach you how to fight like a mad, heat crazed re-enactor using a pulled blow combat system and die gloriously in the process! All of these skills can be shown off at events throughout Scotland, we'd highly recommend it. You can meet wonderful and likeminded people round the campfire and hear tales of great battles or how a particular type of stitching came into being. So if you like making new things, trying new things or learning new things come join us! We're denizens of sodden camping fields, eaters of feasts and travellers of journeys long. We're willing to have you if you're willing to give it a try!



POLITICS SOCIETY

Politics@society@dundee.ac.uk

The aim of our society is to allow those interested in Politics to come together, providing a safe space for political discussion, hosting events and keeping up with current affairs.

As we are a new society, we have not held any social events, but we do have lots planned! For the rest of the year, we have lots of events planned, ranging from social events, special guest talks, and study sessions, meaning there is something for everyone!



DUNDEE ANIME SOCIETY!

@uodanime

Are you a fan of anime or manga or just looking to connect with like-minded people? Dundee Anime Society is the place for you! Whether you're an enthusiast or just curious, we're a friendly and inclusive community offering monthly socials, lively discussions, and special events designed to bring people together. In our society, you'll find:

Monthly Socials – Join us at Nether Inn for a chance to connect and make new friends in a relaxed atmosphere.

Quizzes – Our quizzes are always a big hit! Test your knowledge, have fun with fellow fans, and win awesome prizes.

Manga Club – Meet at Waterstones Dundee twice per semester to dive into different manga series. It's the perfect spot for manga enthusiasts to discuss and share recommendations.

A Huge and Active Community – Our Discord server is always buzzing with members! We're always welcoming new members, and it's the perfect place to find all our future event info, as well as have a say in upcoming events like our manga club.

Don't miss out on our upcoming movie night, as well as larger events like our ceilidh and exciting collaborations with other societies in the works!

Whether you're interested in watching, discussing, or just enjoying shared interests with others, Dundee Anime Society has something for everyone. Plus, our events are a fantastic way to unwind and meet fellow students. Ready to join the fun? Follow us on Instagram (@uodanime) for updates on our latest events or drop by one of our meetings to see what we're all about. We can't wait to meet you!

DUSA EVENTS

See what's on offer

REFRESHERS' 2025

Your first week at university at university is a pivotal moment in your life – it's a time when you dive headfirst into campus life, forge lasting friendships, and embrace new experiences. Amidst all the excitement, if you ask any student about the highlight of their first Refresher's Week, they'll undoubtedly point you to the electrifying nightlife.

Making new friends can be nerve-racking, but during refreshers' Week, you'll be in the company of up to 1000 students each night, providing ample opportunities to meet like-minded individuals.

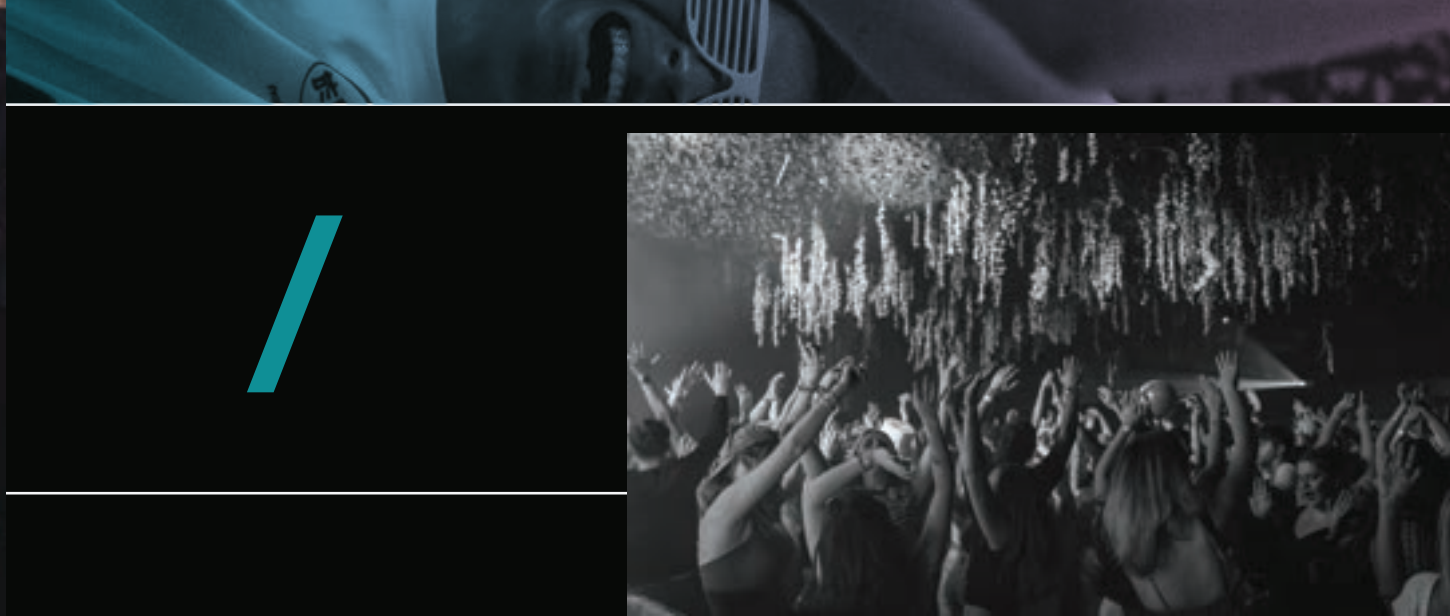
Now, if you're worried about your age, fret not. Students of all ages are invited to be a part of the action. DUSA is your private members' club, and even if you're only 17, you can still join in on the excitement. However, we must remind you that if you're under 18, alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited on the premises. Aside from the incredible nighttime events, another exciting one planned for you is our Refreshers' Fair.

With around 130 societies to join and plenty of freebies, this is one event you definitely don't want to miss! The Fair is

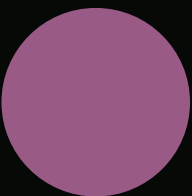
held in Bonar Hall on Saturday 20th January 12pm-5pm and introduces you to the wide range of extra-curricular activities on campus. This is the one day you do not want to miss out on! In fact, last year we asked third and fourth year students what their one piece advice was for first years and the most popular one was 'to get stuck in', so use this time to explore and try new things.

So get ready for your first week on campus and don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to kickstart your university years with a bang!





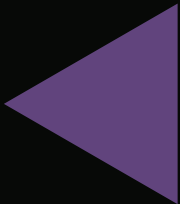
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DUSA's Legendary

ST PATRICK'S PARTY: 17th MARCH

An Unmatched Irish Celebration

For two decades, the St. Patrick's Party at DUSA has been an institution. This may seem surprising, as Scotland doesn't observe St. Andrew's Day or St. George's Day with the same fervour. However, there are two compelling reasons behind the resounding success of this event. First, with over 1000 Irish students studying at Dundee's two universities, the city boasts the highest percentage of Irish students among all Scottish universities. Second, DUSA throws the most spectacular St. Patrick's party in town, making it a day of jubilant celebration.

Dundee's Irish student community adds a distinctive flavour to the city's culture. With such a significant number of Irish students, it's no wonder that St. Patrick's Day becomes a momentous

occasion. When it comes to honouring Ireland's patron saint, DUSA leaves no stone unturned in delivering a celebration. The

celebration lives up to its name, offering a schedule of events that span from day to night. During the daylight, our bars at DUSA come alive with the lively tunes of folk, ceilidh and cover bands. We'll have free attractions like photo booths, face painters, and glitter stalls.

As the sun sets, the celebrations transition into our nightclubs. Expect an endless flow of Guinness alongside multiple bands and DJs! Whether you're Irish or not, this event promises an unforgettable experience filled with laughter, friendship, and the true spirit of Ireland. Sláinte!



DJCAD DEGREE SHOW AFTERPARTY

An Unmissable End-of-Year Celebration

For a remarkable 25 years, the DJCAD Degree Show Party has reigned as the most anticipated event post-Easter, marking the unofficial end-of-year celebration for students. As part of the illustrious Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design (DJCAD), one of the country's leading art schools, DJCAD students showcase their brilliant creations in an exhibition during the penultimate week of the semester.

To commemorate the opening night, DUSA hosts a colossal party that has become legendary. While the festivities cater to the artistic sensibilities of DJCAD students, they are open to all, attracting artists and enthusiasts from all walks of life. The DJCAD Degree Show Party is

an extraordinary fusion of artistic talent and vibrant festivity. The event offers a glimpse into the creative minds of DJCAD students, where imagination knows no bounds. As guests explore the exhibition, they are transported into a world of artistic brilliance, encountering awe-inspiring displays across various mediums.

In previous years Edinburgh Club promoters FLY joined forces with DUSA, bringing the captivating sounds of Jasper James, Le Freak, and DEMS renowned from FLY's Open Air and Otherlands festivals. The energy on the dance floor was palpable. Beyond the celebration, the DJCAD Degree Show Party is also about giving back to the creative community. The Party

has raised an impressive £2.5K in past years, a testament to the generosity and support of attendees, with the proceeds benefiting DJCAD Textile Design students. This contribution helps fund their exhibition in London, providing them with a platform to showcase their extraordinary talent to a broader audience. One of the beauties of the DJCAD Degree Show Party is its inclusivity. Regardless of whether you're a seasoned art connoisseur or just someone who appreciates a great party, this event is for everyone. It's a night where creativity meets camaraderie, where art merges with music, and where diverse minds come together to celebrate the essence of human expression.

If you've ever marvelled at a masterpiece or found yourself lost in a world of creativity, the DJCAD Degree Show Party is an experience not to be missed. Whether you can distinguish Van Gogh from coq au vin or simply love the thrill of a great celebration, this event promises an unforgettable night. Running for a quarter of a century, the DJCAD Degree Show Party has become a legendary affair, attracting art enthusiasts, students, and partygoers from far and wide. So, clear your schedule, gather your friends, and head to DUSA for a night that celebrates the power of human creativity.



GRADUATION BALL

One final night of celebration and lasting memories!

Graduation Ball is a formal event organised by DUSA and the University of Dundee to celebrate the graduating students at the end of their University journey following the graduation ceremony and serves as a final farewell party for the graduates.

Graduation Ball offers a final opportunity for graduates to come together one last time as students and curate lifelong memories. Graduation Ball at the University of Dundee is always an extraordinary night of celebration and unforgettable

memories. The event takes place at picturesque Campus Green, offering a perfect setting for the graduating students and their guests to come together and honour a significant milestone in their lives. Family members, friends, faculty, and university staff are invited to join in the celebration, making it a collective effort to honour the graduates' accomplishments.

Graduation Ball celebrations are more than just parties; they are symbolic and sentimental events that hold deep

meaning for both the graduates and their families. It's a time of pride, accomplishment, and anticipation for the future, as the graduates prepare to move forward on new adventures beyond the walls of the university. Expect lively Scottish ceilidhs, karaoke, live bands,

DJs, funfair rides, film screenings, hot food and much more. With all these activities there are so many layers of excitement to the event that makes it accessible to everyone.



DUSA MEDIA

Ever wanted to have your work published or be involved in radio or TV productions? If so, DUSA Media are the people for you! DUSA Media comprises four outlets and is based at the Media Hub on Cross Row floor 2. To find out more, drop by the Media Hub, chat with them at the Refreshers' Fair or read on...

Love music? Want to start a podcast? Then why not get involved with **JAM?** Dundee's biggest student radio station. Run a show on your own or with a friend, interview DJs and bands, or head to gigs with a press pass. If presenting isn't your thing, then get involved behind the scenes, in production, tech, social media and more. JAM runs a programme of events including the Annual 55 Hour Radio Marathon for RAG and coverage of major student events including DUSA's elections and the Varsity games. With JAM you will experience student media first-hand, making professional contacts within radio and the wider media industry.

If you're interested in joining, find JAM at the Freshers' Fair or **email** radioman-ager@dusamedia.com



THE MAGDALEN is the University's award-winning student magazine and the heart of student journalism. Their mission is to provide top-quality student journalism on campus. With eleven sections to write and dozens of articles to design, photograph and illustrate, there are many ways to get involved. The Magdalen team consists of students from all courses, and they are always looking for new contributors.

The Magdalen is published six times each academic year, and they also run events and socials throughout semester. **Follow us at** [@themagdalenmag](https://twitter.com/themagdalenmag) **or you can email** editor.in.chief@dusamedia.com

TAY PRODUCTIONS is an award-winning student television station, creating content for students, produced by students. As a member of this growing society, you will have the chance to develop as a filmmaker, transforming your ideas into high-quality video. Whatever your interest, from acting or current affairs to documentaries or experimental short films, they are the outlet for you.

Come and say "hi" and learn more, you'll find Tay Productions on Facebook and at the Freshers' Fair. **Follow us at** [@tayproductions](https://www.facebook.com/tayproductions) **or you can email** dusatv@gmail.com



SPORT AND ACTIVE HEALTH

Transforming lives through sport, exercise, and physical activity.

Formerly known as the Institute of Sport and Exercise (ISE), Sport and Active Health (SpAH) is dedicated to transforming lives through sport, exercise, and physical activity. The University offers high-class campus facilities, including tennis courts, a swimming pool and sauna, and outdoor playing fields. With a

wide range of exercise and sporting opportunities, you can take care of both your body and mind. Whether you are an athlete, a club-level competitor or simply enjoy focusing on your health and wellbeing, Sport and Active Health provides endless opportunities to advance in your fitness journey.



OUR FACILITIES:

SPORT AND ACTIVE HEALTH



GYM

The campus gym offers a welcoming and safe environment to exercise and focus on physical health. With over 100 stations spread across the gym and mezzanine level, you can cycle, run, and row to get your heart pumping. Use the cable strength machines for resistance training or grab a mat to stretch before and after your workout.

You will find:

- peloton bikes
- stair climbers
- queenax rig
- weight benches and rack
- plate loaded leg press and glute drive

CYCLE STUDIO

The Wattbike and Intelligent Cycling studio offers a state-of-the-art, immersive cycling experience! Wattbike Pros are a significant upgrade from regular spin bikes, designed to enhance performance for everyone from beginners to elite athletes. This immersive studio features both instructed and virtual classes, complete with onscreen analysis of your progress and group performance for an added competitive edge. Choose from over 30,000 training sessions, each with its own tailor-made soundtrack. Whether you prefer Madonna, Queen, or Pitbull, the choice is yours! You can also customise your workout experience with high-quality gaming graphics. If you're unsure what to do, simple instructions in the studio will guide you.

INDOOR SPORTS HALLS

Our campus features two versatile sports halls, perfect for engaging in a wide range of athletic activities. These multipurpose spaces are designed to accommodate everything from casual play to high-stakes tournaments and competitions.

- badminton
- basketball
- netball
- football
- volleyball



EXERCISE STUDIOS

Sport and Active Health also offers an extensive selection of fitness classes designed to be fun, friendly, and highly effective. With over 120 classes each month, there's something to suit everyone's fitness goals, no matter your level of experience or preferred workout style.

- sleek physique
- yoga
- pilates
- Zumba
- escalate



SWIMMING POOL AND SAUNA

Situated at the heart of the campus, the 25m swimming pool is one of few in Dundee. This pool serves as a hub for a wide range of aquatic activities, welcoming both recreational and competitive swimmers. It is also home to several aquatic sports clubs, offering opportunities for athletes to train and compete in a supportive environment. The swimming pool caters to swimmers of all levels, from beginners looking to improve their technique to seasoned athletes aiming to achieve peak performance. Additionally, the pool area features a heated sauna, providing a perfect way to relax and unwind after a swim.



RIVERSIDE PLAYING FIELDS

Just a short walk from campus, Riverside Playing Fields offer an array of outdoor sports facilities. The complex features floodlit, all-weather artificial pitches for football and hockey, complemented by several well-maintained grass pitches and two dedicated rugby fields.

- football
- rugby
- hockey
- gaelic sports
- cricket
- lacrosse



The facility is designed to accommodate both competitive and casual activities. Whether you're participating in local league matches, Scottish Universities fixtures, or simply organising a friendly game with friends, the pitches provide an excellent setting for all types of sporting events.

TENNIS COURTS

At the heart of campus, you'll find four state-of-the-art, floodlit, all-weather tennis courts. These courts offer a top-quality playing experience in any weather. Thanks to their floodlit capabilities, you can enjoy tennis at any time of day, whether early in the morning, late in the evening, or after sunset. Conveniently located, these courts are perfect for casual play, training sessions, or competitive matches.



SQUASH COURTS

Their three glass-backed, competition-standard squash courts provide the perfect setting for an exhilarating game of squash or racquetball. Designed to meet professional standards, these courts offer an ideal environment for both casual and competitive play. Squash and racquetball are fantastic ways to build up a sweat, improve cardiovascular health, and have fun, making them suitable for players of all ages and skill levels. Whether you're a beginner looking to try a new sport, an experienced player seeking to refine your technique, or simply someone who enjoys a vigorous workout, these squash courts cater to everyone's needs.



SPORT AND ACTIVE HEALTH

SPORTS UNION

The hub of all student sport at the University of Dundee.

The Sports Union (SU) is a representative body that provides sport and exercise opportunities for University of Dundee students. Whatever your aspirations or experience in sport, there's something for everyone. Whether that is playing, coaching, volunteering, or supporting the teams, they want you to be part of their community. The team works closely with Sport and Active Health to ensure the best coaching, equipment, and facilities are available.

Mia holds an LLB (Hons) in Law (Scots) and formerly served as Vice-President of Sport for the Sports Union and Treasurer for the University of Dundee Gymnastics Club. In her current role,

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HONORARY SECRETARY: George Macris
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Mia offers support and guidance by representing the interests of SU students and is tasked with promoting and developing sport at the university.

She also acts as a liaison for SU clubs with external organisations such as Scottish Student Sport (SSS) and British University and College Sports (BUCS), as well as internal bodies like the Students Representative Council (SRC). Additionally, she manages the day-to-day operations of the SU, delegating, approving, and overseeing the responsibilities of the SU executive committee

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SPORTS CLUBS

There are 46 different sports clubs for you to join and be a part of. All the clubs are very welcoming and enthusiastic about new members. Most importantly student sport is full of like-minded people, and you will find yourself among a great team, club, and group, who will become friends for life.

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SPORTS UNION EVENTS

SPORTS FAIR

The Sports Fair takes place during Welcome Week in Sport and Active Health and is an opportunity for you to come along and meet all 46 sports clubs face-to-face.



VARSITY

The biggest amateur sporting event in Dundee's calendar! Varsity is our annual event where more than 600 athletes from the Universities of Dundee and Abertay go head-to-head and compete for the coveted Tay Varsity Challenge Trophy. The sports involved vary each year, but you can usually expect to see basketball, football, golf, hockey, netball, rugby, tennis, and volleyball. Cheerleading and dance performances also entertain the crowds during half-time shows!

The majority will be held at the University of Dundee's Riverside Grounds and Sport and Active Health, with golf and athletics matches being held at an external location.



GIVE IT A GO SESSIONS

At the beginning of each semester, all sports clubs host "Give it a Go" sessions, giving you the opportunity to try out various sports for free. We recognise that choosing the right sport can be overwhelming, and these sessions are designed to help you explore different options and find the perfect fit.



CAMPUS SPORT

Campus Sport offers a monthly lineup of sports activities organised by students for students. The range of sports includes everything from basketball to glow in the dark dodgeball and more, providing a great opportunity for students to try out new activities or enjoy a fun hour of play without the commitment of joining a full-time club





RAAC & THE BUILDING

Time to Be Real About Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete

Do you know what RAAC is and why people are talking about it? RAAC stands for reinforced autoclaved aerated concrete, a type of concrete commonly used in construction across the UK between the mid-1950s and the mid-1990s. Its popularity stemmed from its affordability and the speed with which it could be produced and installed.

While RAAC was practical and widely used at the time, concerns about its durability have grown over the years. It's important to note that the mere presence of RAAC in a building doesn't necessarily make it unsafe. However, national

investigations revealed that RAAC can become problematic over time, especially if exposed to prolonged roof leaks or environmental wear. Such exposure may lead to the deterioration of RAAC planks, potentially compromising their structural integrity.

Recognising these risks, new national safety guidelines were introduced. At the university, thorough reviews were conducted to identify any buildings containing RAAC. These areas were then assessed according to enhanced criteria set by the Institute of Structural Engineers. Some parts of the DUSA building were identified

as needing to close as a precautionary measure, following these guidelines.

The good news? Every space currently open and accessible to students has been confirmed as safe. At DUSA, student safety is always the top priority, and every decision has been made with your well-being in mind.

So, while RAAC might sound alarming, you can rest assured that necessary steps are being taken to address any risks and keep the campus safe for everyone. If you have any concerns or want to know more, feel free to reach out or ask questions—your safety and understanding matter!

THE HIVE

Discover the Hive: Your Friendly Reception Service at DUSA

University life can be a whirlwind of new experiences, places, and questions. Whether you're a fresher still finding your way around or a seasoned student looking for quick advice, the DUSA reception, fondly nicknamed the Hive, is here to help. Located in the DUSA main building, you'll find this welcoming hub conveniently placed by the water station.

The reception is your ultimate go-to for all things student-related. Open every weekday, the Hive offers consistent support with accessible hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1-4 pm, and Wednesday from 11 am-2 pm. Don't be confused by the dual name—whether someone refers to it as the reception or the Hive, they're talking about the same service!

So, what can you ask at the Hive? Pretty much anything! Whether you're trying to locate an elusive lecture hall, want to explore DUSA events, or need information on how to join a society, the friendly staff will point you in the right direction. If it's

support you're after, they'll connect you with DUSA's dedicated Advice and Support team, ensuring you get the help you need. And if they don't know the answer to your question? They'll make sure to find out for you—no problem is too big or small.

One of the best things about the Hive is the team itself. Every staff member is a student at the university, which means they truly understand your perspective. They've stood where you're standing, so they're not just knowledgeable—they're empathetic and approachable. Need a little guidance or simply want to chat?

You'll find a friendly face ready to listen. Can't make it to the reception in person? No worries! You can always get in touch by emailing thehive@dusa.co.uk, and they'll respond promptly to your queries.

Whether you're navigating campus for the first time, seeking answers about university life, or looking to get involved with DUSA activities, the Hive is here to make your journey easier. Stop by for help, a friendly chat, or to learn more about the vibrant opportunities awaiting you at DUSA. Remember, your questions have a home, and it's right here at the Hive!



YOUR UNION

Everything you need to know about the building, the team and our services on offer to you

YOUR ADVICE AND SUPPORT TEAM

Independent and confidential advice and support service

Meet the advice team across campus doing various activities at refreshers week such as arts & crafts / dog therapy/ interactive games



No matter what problems you are facing, you are never alone. DUSA Advice team can help you, we are here to support you through any obstacles you face throughout your university journey. We listen, support and advise, providing the information you need to make informed choices. We can advocate on your behalf.

The Advice and Support Team cannot make decisions on your behalf, or tell you what to do, but we can help you understand your issue and explore all your options. And sign post you to other appropriate services. We Offer drop-ins & one-to-one appointments. There is a wealth of useful guidance on DUSA

website - dusa.co.uk & we supply free sexual health and sanitary products. You will often see us having a coffee in the Liar café level 2 DUSA building and we are happy for students to come and speak to us at any time. We have a private meeting room for confidential meetings. At DUSA your well-being is our priority, and we are always happy to help. Please reach out if you feel you may need support: a problem shared is a problem halved.

For support please email: advice@dusa.co.uk

Candy Preater
Advice and Support Co-ordinator

HOUSING



support includes:

- finding accommodation
- deposit / tenancy issues
- repairs
- advertising on DUSA's housing Facebook page

support includes:

- mitigating circumstances
- appeals
- fitness to practice
- academic misconduct
- course issues and concerns
- extensions
- additional support
- disability plans

ACADEMIC



support includes:

- mental health and wellbeing
- health issues
- gender-based violence
- financial worries
- loneliness
- employment
- international student support
- LGBTQ+

WELLBEING



DUSA VOLUNTEERS

Fostering a Strong and Supportive Student Community

“DUSA Volunteers is more than just a group of individuals working together - it's a family where students find a sense of belonging and discover the true value of community.”

At DUSA, we believe in the power of students coming together to make a positive impact. That's why we established the DUSA Volunteers program, a vibrant community of students dedicated to helping their fellow peers at Dundee University. What began as a group of five students has evolved into a close-knit family of over 250 students, driven by a shared mission to support and uplift the student community.

The journey began with a clear purpose: to support vital cost of living measures - the breakfast club and the campus pantry. Gradually, the breakfast club and the campus pantry evolved into fully volunteer-led events with the support of Lead Volunteers and over the last 6 months, they distributed thousands of free breakfasts and free grocery items, supporting students facing financial challenges.

They also took the initiative to organise a massive litter picking project following the St. Patrick's Day festivities. The efforts of 60 DUSA Volunteers resulted in the collection of over 50 kg of rubbish, contributing to a greener university.

DUSA Volunteers is more than just a group of individuals working together - it's a family where students find a sense of belonging and discover the true value of community. Within this supportive environment, volunteers not only make a difference in the lives of others, but also grow personally and professionally. They support each other with academic work, finding accommodations and employment, or helping with CV writing etc and through

these acts of kindness, lifelong lessons are learned, and deep friendships are formed.

Volunteers also learn the importance of collaboration, empathy, and selflessness - qualities that extend far beyond their volunteer roles. Together, our volunteers create an inclusive and empowering atmosphere, where everyone feels valued and connected.

Join the DUSA Volunteers family today and become part of a community that uplifts and supports one another. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of our fellow students, fostering a stronger, kinder, and more resilient student community at Dundee University.



WORKING AT DUSA

If you are already thinking of topping up your bank account, you'll be pleased to learn that DUSA is the biggest student employer in Dundee.

We have a range of student roles that will teach you skills that will help prepare you for life after university. We are usually recruiting for the Student Experience Team and have roles in our hospitality and events as well as customer safety teams. The Student Experience Team allows you to work for a specific department while still having the opportunity to work in other areas.

We also recruit for the Retail Department and occasionally have project-related roles with short-term contracts. The benefits of working for DUSA include training, flexibility to work around your studies, free entry to events, and the chance to meet lots of people. In addition, we do not ask students to work more than 20 hours per week, so not to impact on your studies. We



are a Living Wage Employer and Disability Confident. All our vacancies are advertised on dusa.co.uk/work-for-us where you can also register to get notifications of new

roles being advertised. If you have any queries, **please email hr@dusa.co.uk** and we will be happy to help.

SAFETY AT DUSA

Your safety is our priority, and you can come to DUSA with total peace of mind. Our door policy is the most stringent in Dundee and our student Customer Safety Team are the best in the city.

This highly trained team can deal with any situation, ensuring that you have the best possible experience. Not only are we a designated Safe Place, but our staff are trained in first aid, suicide prevention and administering Naloxone.

We have a Zero Tolerance Policy, which means you enjoy your night out without fear of harassment or abuse. We also operate the Ask for Angela safety initiative. If you ever feel threatened by someone who you have met, or are just feeling out of your depth, go to the bar and ask staff for “Angela”.

Our Customer Safety Team will then ensure that you are kept safe and get home safely. In fact, when it comes to

getting home, DUSA runs a free night bus which takes you straight to your door.

We also have Safe Taxi Scheme, so if you run out of cash on a night out, you can still get home safe from anywhere in the city by contacting Tele Taxis (01382 825825) and showing them your matriculation card.



All the essentials on campus with THE PREMIER SHOP

Fresh fruit & veg, meal deals, chilled and frozen foods, sandwiches, snacks, soft drinks, groceries, Costa Coffee innovative hot and chilled takeaway drinks, off sales, confectionery, branded sustainable organic clothing and stationery.

The Premier Store is your own award winning convenience store. We say “your” because Premier is owned by DUSA, so any profit generated by the store and it’s other outlets in Ninewells Hospital and The Library Café is used to fund student support facilities and activities.

With its can-do attitude, and great sustainability vibes and innovation. DUSA’s Premier Store has won multiple awards and is notably currently “The Scottish Local Retailers”, Sustainability Champion and Soft Drinks Retailer of the Year 2024 amongst others.

Premier leads the way in environmental protection, health and wellbeing which includes being a part of the Scottish Grocers Federation Healthy Living Programme in collaboration with the Scottish Government at our DUSA Kiosk in Ninewells Hospital. We also stock a range



of cost effective natural skincare and cleaning products alongside branded stationary and a sustainable, organic branded clothing range.

We also offer an extensive range of dietary products including gluten-free, vegan, vegetarian and halal products and champion local businesses for our

fresh chilled ranges from award winning local Dundee based Clarks and Nicolls Rosebank Bakeries to name but a few. Located on your doorstep on campus, our ever changing promotions and bespoke student based products make it one of the most convenient places to shop whilst contributing towards your own student experience

THE LIAR

Fancy a coffee and a sweet treat? Looking for a toastie and some hot soup for your lunch? Or fancy a few beer bites and a pint in the evening? Look no further - The Liar has it all.

Open from the early morning to late at night, The Liar is our main venue and serves a range of affordable food and drink. Discover our sustainable, top-tier coffee and indulge in a range of syrups, and tray bakes, which are made in-house each day.

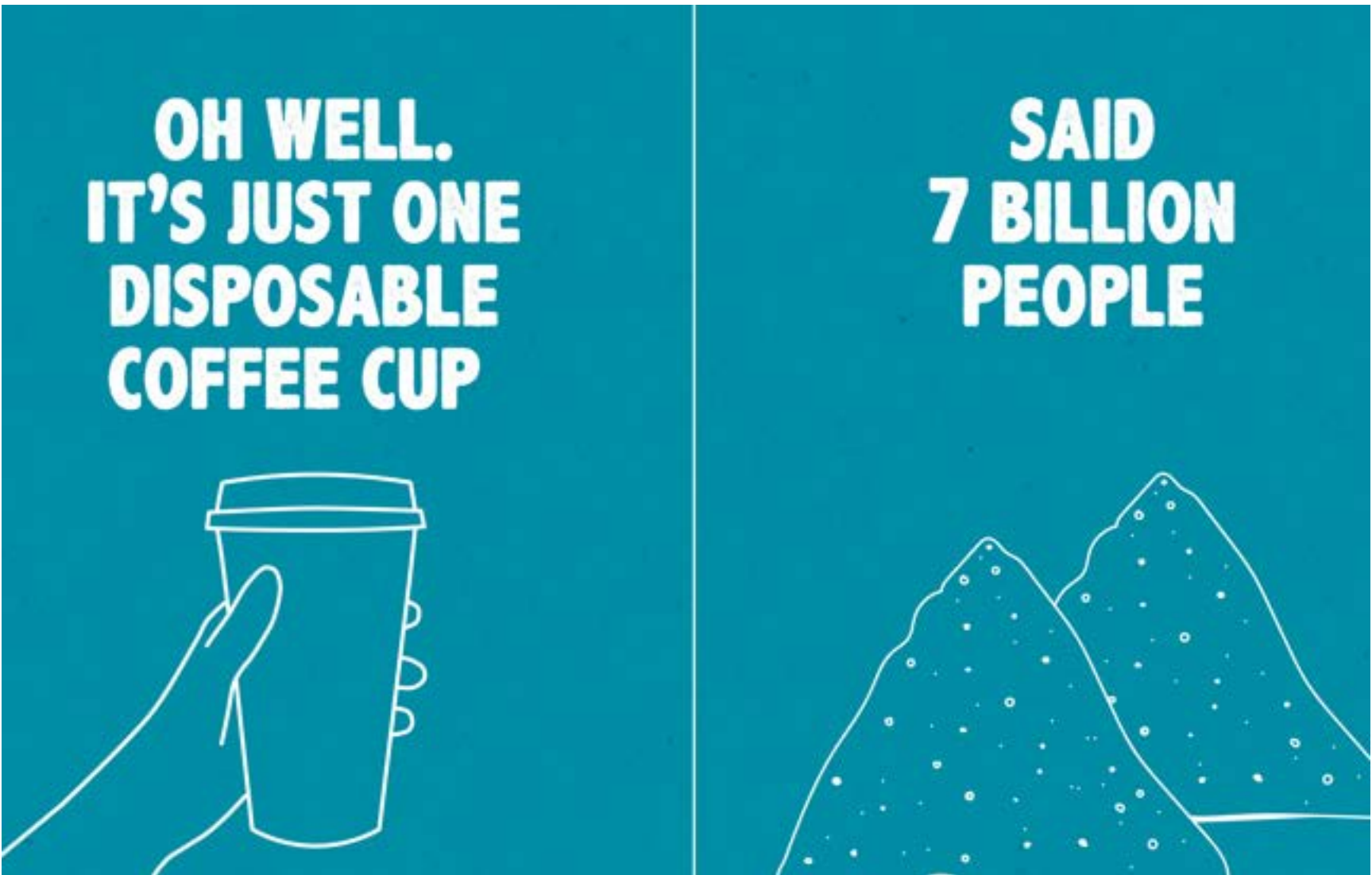
We serve great food throughout the day, and our chefs create a menu of locally sourced produce, where possible. Keep an eye out for the soup of the day, a true campus icon. We also serve a wide variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Sustainability is important to us. Our coffee is

organic and fairtrade, our takeaway packaging is recyclable, and we encourage all of our customers to bring a reusable cup for takeaway coffees.

The Liar is more than the food or drink available. It’s a gathering hub for students; somewhere to connect, collaborate and share your passion for good times and great company. So, whether you want to meet friends for a drink, take your lunch break, or get a quick caffeine fix, The Liar is here for you. **Check @theliardusa for up to date information on The Liar.**

TERM OPENING TIMES

- **Monday – Friday, 8:30am – late**
- **Saturday - Sunday, 11am – late**



THE GOOD CUP

A step forward for The Liar

Every year, over 500 billion single-use plastic and paper cups are manufactured globally, generating a total of over 1 million tonnes of waste in plastic lids alone. These lids are more often made of polypropylene or polystyrene; which are petroleum-based plastics that are difficult to recycle. The process of recycling and making these plastic lids usable again is prohibitively expensive, and costs more than it does to manufacture new lids. As a result, more lids are produced, and these find their way into landfill sites at alarming rates. In addition to the landfill issue, when coffee cups are tossed into a recycling bin with their plastic lids attached, their components must be divided into separate recycling streams – slowing the process dramatically. Our mission is to eradicate the use of plastics in takeaway cups. The amount of plastic lids being produced for single-use purposes is increasing exponentially worldwide, and demand has never been greater

for an ecological, economical solution to this critical issue. THE GOOD CUP solves these issues with a coated paper certified plastic-free (by Flustix), in turn streamlining the recycling process and ensuring a fully green drinking experience.

The former biodegradable DUSA coffee cup suffered from a lack of awareness about what a biodegradable cup is and how to properly recycle it. Many customers thought because it was eco-friendly, it was to be placed in the recycling bin, instead of the intended food waste bin - with so many bin types, and the lid and cup being different materials, it was confusing. Being more eco-focused is important to us, and once we identified this issue, felt the need to change to make sure that being green is as simple and user-friendly as possible!

So, we are excited to announce our new fully paper lidless cups in all our Food and

Beverage outlets in February 2024. We're starting a new campaign to help get the message out there that with The Good Cup, and with #nomorelids, recycling is super simple. Once you've enjoyed your coffee, just pop the whole thing into any paper recycling bin!

DUSA's commitment to using fully paper lidless cups means that on average 105KG of plastic lids and 24.75KG of plastic-coated paper is saved per year. The saving on packaging of changing from a lidded product to a #nolid product helps reduce the carbon emissions of transport by 40%. We understand the new look is different to what you're used to seeing with takeaway coffee cups, but after explaining the concept, our baristas tested the product (very thoroughly) and gave us the thumbs-up. Get ready to test out the new cups yourself, and be part of a greener DUSA.



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