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DUSA & LIFE ON CAMPUS

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YOUR UNION

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



Your Students’ Association

POWERED BY YOU

Did you know that every time you grab a coffee from the Liar, a sweet treat from the Premier, or even a ticket for a Freshers Week night out, that you’re directly supporting your students’ association? Here at DUSA, we have a “circular economy.” That means that every penny that comes into DUSA is reinvested right back into your students’ association. Your spending keeps DUSA student-led and student funded. Powered by you.

HOW IT WORKS:

You Spend: Flat’s out of milk? Cheeky pint with the lads? Cosy new hoodie to rep your uni? Every time you tap your card at a DUSA shop, bar, or cafe, you’re starting a cycle.

We Reinvest: Instead of profits feeling like they vanish into the void, 100% of DUSA’s income goes back into student services. That means improved facilities, student support, campaigns, societies, bigger and better events and more!

You Benefit: Whether it’s coming along to one of our events, making friends for life as part of a society, or getting support from our Advice & Support team, you’re directly benefiting from the money you spend.

AND ALL OF THIS? POWERED BY YOU.

You’re the reason this circular economy works. Every time you choose to spend at DUSA instead of a high-street chain, you’re not just buying stuff. You’re a stakeholder, investing in a stronger, more supportive student community. You’re keeping the cycle spinning.

SO WHAT IS DUSA?

At DUSA, everything we do is designed to improve the lives of University of Dundee students. ‘FRIDGE’ is your guide to what, when, and why!

Dundee University Students’ Association – or as we’re more often known, DUSA – is your students’ association here on campus.

We’re independent from the University, although we work closely along with them, and our whole job is to make your student experience the very best it can be. Whether you want to get involved in a society, grab a

bite to eat or a quick coffee at The Liar, pick up your groceries at The Premier, become a student representative and make positive change on campus, or need some help from our Advice & Support Team, we’re here for anything you can think of!

We’re also a student employer, and lots of the people you’ll see making your coffee

or working at our night-time events are students too. Keep an eye out for opportunities if you want to join our team! We’re led by students, for students – and powered by you. Get involved, ask questions, and don’t be shy – we are *your* students association, and we can’t wait to meet you!

RAAC & OUR 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!



WORKING AT DUSA

If you're 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.



THE LIAR

A hub for students of Dundee, there's no better place to pop in between classes for a coffee and refuel whilst you catch up with your friends.

The Liar is quick, easy, and cheap. During term time the bar is open late for those nighttime study sessions, and during the day you can rely on getting yourself a seat with a gorgeous view of the beautiful River Tay.

If you're worried about allergies and dietary requirements, we've got you covered! We have gluten free, vegan, vegetarian and halal options all at student prices. You can also eat and drink guilt-free knowing that we always serve with sustainability in mind- our coffee

is organic and sustainably sourced, takeaway cups are completely paper recyclable, and we maintain a high standard for all waste.

If you're studying here, you can be sure you will have high quality Wi-Fi with Eduroam, with plenty of seats right by sockets to charge up as you work. There's also the aptly named Comfy in the far end corner of Liar. It's got couches and low tables out of direct sunlight for a more relaxed environment, accompanied with a collection of boardgames if you need

to kick back in between writing your essays and studying for your exams (or even during).

Liar is also available for society events and is a hot spot for people to meet. There's always something exciting going on! Our staff are friendly and happy to help if you have any questions - most of the staff are students themselves.

DUSA has a circular economy - meaning all the money (after paying staff!) from any of our outlets gets reinvested into DUSA to provide services for students, so every coffee you buy you're investing in the student experience! If that's not the feel-good excuse for a coffee and a sweet treat we're not really sure what is...!

GARLAND & STREET CAFÉ



DJCAD CANTINA

For all of our DJCAD students on campus, the Cantina in the Crawford building is your one stop shop for a quick brekkie roll, homecooked hot lunches or a quick sarnie or salad to go. With different daily specials, there is something for everyone and there are always veggie or vegan options available.

And perhaps best of all, chips are available daily. There are plenty of tables, and lots of sofas for more of a chilled atmosphere while you take a break from your studies. We aim to cater for any dietary requirements so please feel free to ask the staff what is available for you!

For those with access to the Life Sciences complex, we have the Garland Café on the 4th floor of the MSI building and Street Café on the ground floor just after the main reception.

With fantastic panoramic views of the city, Garland Café is a great spot for a sit-down lunch or coffee. Our chefs create a hot homemade veggie and meat specials every day also available to take away if you are in a rush. If you are in the market for something lighter, soup and sandwiches are always available! In the large, light-filled entrance area, Street Café is perfect if you need a quick fix to go. Serving light bites, sweet treats and barista made coffee, Street Café is the perfect spot for a pick me up!



THE PREMIER SHOP

Groceries, meal deals, confectionery, branded clothing and stationery. Powered by you.

The Premier is your own multi-award-winning convenience store, right in the middle of campus. We offer a huge range of items, from food and drinks, household products, skincare and toiletries, stationery, and fully organic University of Dundee branded clothing.

We cater to lots of different dietary needs such as gluten-free, vegan, vegetarian and halal products, and we champion local businesses for our fresh chilled ranges from award-winning local Dundee-based Clarks and Nicolls Rosebank Bakeries. Make sure to check out our new in store Rollover hot dogs, with halal and vegetarian options available, alongside our Tango Ice Blast and Costa Coffee hot and chilled drinks machines.

LIBRARY CAFE

You'll find our Library Cafe as soon as you enter the Library on our main campus. We're stocked with hot and cold food and drinks, from paninis to coffee to sweet treats, to keep you going during those long study sessions.

NINEWELLS KIOSK

Premier leads the way in health & well-being, 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. Available on Level 7 in the Medical School Reception, visit us for a wide variety of snacks and treats between lectures and labs.

SCOOT DELIVERY APP

Not on campus? No problem! Download the Scoot Delivery app and have all the usual Premier goodies delivered to your doorstep in as little as 30 minutes!





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Valid student ID required. Dine-in or takeaway only. Not valid with Make it A Meal. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount.

YOUR ADVICE & SUPPORT TEAM



Independent and confidential Advice and Support service

No matter what problems you are facing, you are never alone. The DUSA Advice and Support 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 also 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 your options and signpost you to other appropriate services.

We offer drop-ins & one-to-one appointments. There is a wealth of useful guidance on the DUSA website – dusa.co.uk and we supply free sexual health and sanitary products. We do drop-in sessions at Kirkaldy, Ninewells and

the Global Room 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 wellbeing 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**

Find us at Freshers' Week 12-2pm each day campus green

MONDAY :

Meet and greet the Dusa Advice and Support team who can help you with any issues you may face at uni

TUESDAY :

Arts and crafts – bookmarks and tea shirt making

WEDNESDAY :

Dog therapy

THURSDAY :

Arts and crafts – jewellery making

FRIDAY :

LEGO interactive game

HOUSING



support includes:

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

support includes:

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

ACADEMIC



support includes:

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

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 create meaningful change. That belief led to the creation of DUSA Volunteers — a thriving community of student changemakers committed to supporting their peers and enhancing student life at the University of Dundee.

What started with just five students has grown into a vibrant network of over 250 volunteers, united by a shared mission to build a stronger, more supportive campus community. Now in its third year, the volunteering program was launched to address cost of living pressures through **initiatives like the campus pantry**. Thanks to the dedication of our Lead Volunteers, the pantry has become a fully student-led service that, in the past six months alone, has provided over three thousand free grocery products to students struggling with food poverty. Following this success, the program is expanding into new areas that give students even more ways to get involved. Foodstop will help reduce food waste by redistributing surplus food to those who need it.

Our community gardening project will offer students the chance to learn gardening skills, grow their own produce, and connect with others in a relaxed, outdoor setting. Meanwhile, our **campus cleanup initiative** will empower students to take pride in their surroundings and contribute to a greener university environment. But DUSA Volunteers is more than a service — it's a community. Here, students find connection, support, and purpose. Volunteers not only contribute to the wellbeing of others, but also grow personally



and professionally. Whether it's helping with academic work, finding accommodation or employment, or offering guidance on CV writing, they support each other in countless ways. These everyday acts of kindness foster deep friendships and teach lifelong lessons in empathy, collaboration, and resilience. By cultivating a culture of inclusion and

mutual support, DUSA Volunteers creates a space where every student feels valued and empowered. Join the DUSA Volunteers community today and be part of something bigger. Together, we're building a more compassionate, connected, and resilient student experience at the University of Dundee.

STUDENT VOICE & REPRESENTATION

All about student representatives; who advocates for you; and how you can join in

STUDENT VOICE & WHO'S WHO

Every student at Dundee has a voice, and 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 has a distinctive and active partnership between staff, students and DUSA. It is this partnership that puts you at the heart of 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 don't want the added responsibilities within a leadership role, you can simply tune in and engage with your representatives throughout each year.

STUDENT 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.
- Your voice at the **highest levels of University governance**, sitting on committees such as Senate and Court.
- Lead widespread changes on campus and are committed to helping all students and societies reach their goals.
- Lead the entire representative system across campus, **assisting representatives at all levels** to work the most effectively.

SCHOOL PRESIDENTS

- Presidents are the **key representatives of their entire academic school** and seek to transmit the student voice at key management committees.
- **Chair the Student Board**, which is made up of all their Vice Presidents, academic society Presidents and Class Representatives.
- **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).
- **Sit on the Student Representative Council** as their School's ambassador. The SRC is the oldest and most powerful student representational body on campus.

SCHOOL VICE PRESIDENTS

- The lead representative for a specific group of students within a School, **for example a specific subject or year group**
- 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
- **Deputise for School Presidents**

CLASS REPRESENTATIVES

- Every student's **first point of call** within the representation system.
- Represent a group of students such as a year group, module, or subject area
- Assist with raising academic issues, concerns or recommendations pertaining to your experiences with content, deadlines, and assessments.
- Transmit accurate feedback to the relevant members of staff who **can make changes within your courses**.



SRC GUIDE



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 Executive, School Presidents, SRC Councillors, Independent Member of Court, Sports Union President.

Non-voting members: Rector, Rector's Assessor.

SRC Councillor positions: Equality, Diversion and Inclusion, International Students, Careers and Employability, Postgraduate, and Off Main Campus. Each of these positions will have deputies voted for at the first SRC.

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

WHAT DOES THE SRC DO?

The SRC plays a vital role in advocating for student interests by generating ideas, conducting research, and collaborating with fellow councillors through working groups and student consultations. The newly restructured SRC focuses on improving efficiency and engagement by allowing more people to take part than ever before, while still keeping the key roles.

These councillors, and their deputies are instrumental in making real change. This can take the form of submitting a motion, launching a campaign, or outlining a project or event plan. Once motions are passed, they are formally submitted to the DUSA Board of Trustees for approval, ensuring accountability and follow-through. By streamlining these processes, the restructured SRC aims to enhance communication, efficiency, and student

engagement in decision-making. Ultimately, the goal is to turn ideas into action—making meaningful change happen for the student body.

WHAT ARE THE SRC'S GOALS?

The SRC aims to provide a space to discuss student issues (e.g., ongoing University and College Union strikes, the need for additional multifaith 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 YEARS FOCUS

The SRC are working in tandem with the DUSA Executive to achieve one of their manifesto aims: Improved Transparency, Accessibility and Accountability. 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 plays a crucial role in helping make decisions, leading genuine change and ensuring that, with feedback and input from the other individuals at the SRC, the student's needs are represented at the very highest levels of University governance.

PERKS

It will give you the tools to develop transferable skills such as communication, organisation, problem solving, professional writing, and project planning. 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.

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?

NON SABBATICAL OFFICERS (PART TIME) :



TOM CHRISTISON
Vice President of Student Activities
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Hi, I'm Tom, your new Vice President for Student Activities at DUSA! I'm also heading into my fourth year studying History and English. I've always been passionate about student societies, having served on the History Society committee and been involved with both Magdalen and the SRC.

This year, I'll be supporting societies across campus, making sure student life stays vibrant and full of exciting events. Whether you're starting a society or growing an existing one, I'm here, alongside our amazing Societies Officer, Dani McFawns, to help you succeed. I'm basically a walking encyclopaedia of societies, and I can't wait to make your student experience the best it can be!



IVY GERBER
Vice President of Community
vpc@dusa.co.uk

Hi, I'm Ivy, your Vice President of Community (VPC) for the year! I'm currently studying Politics and am passionate about celebrating the diverse cultures that make the University of Dundee so special.

This year, I'll be focusing on promoting the wide range of opportunities DUSA and the university offer - whether it's sports, events, or support services - to help students feel connected and supported. I'm committed to creating inclusive, welcoming spaces through events, campaigns, and collaboration with societies, DUSA, and the university. Our community is small but powerful, and I'm excited to help it grow even stronger. Let's make it a great year!



CAITLIN BARR
Vice President of Fundraising
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Hello! I'm Caitlin Barr, your Vice President of Fundraising at DUSA and a second-year Dual-Qualifying Law student. I've always been passionate about fundraising and love any role that lets me help others. My mission is to put the FUN back into fundraising by making it accessible, engaging, and impactful for all students.

I'm enhancing RAG's visibility so everyone knows the causes we support and the difference we make. I'm building collaborations, creating interactive events, and encouraging creative ways to get involved. Together, we're fostering a culture of education, transparency, and community. Let's make fundraising at Dundee bigger and better!

SABBATICAL OFFICERS (FULL TIME) :



RAMYA SHIVA
Vice President of Academia
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Hi, I'm Ramya, your Vice President Academia (VPA) for this year! I'm doing my MSc in Business Analytics at the University of Dundee. As an international student, I've experienced the common academic hurdles—confusing policies, delayed feedback, and unclear support systems. Now, I'm here to make things clearer, fairer, and more accessible for everyone.

This year, I'm focused on simplifying academic policies, improving access to learning resources, promoting accessible education (like captioned lectures), and guiding responsible AI tool use. Whether you need academic help or just someone to talk to, I'm here for you. Follow for updates: @ramya__vpa. Let's make this year empowering!



RUBY MUGISHA
Vice President of Student Wellbeing
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Hi everyone, I'm Ruby and I'm honoured to serve as your Vice President of Student Wellbeing! During my time at university, I've seen how important it is to feel seen, supported, and heard—both in and out of the lecture hall. My manifesto focuses on four key goals: enhancing mental health support, fostering inclusivity, strengthening community across societies, and building better support for international students.

Beyond student life, I love books, films, hiking, travelling, and playing piano. Family means a lot to me, and I'm excited to work together to make our university a more inclusive, supportive, and vibrant place.



KYLE GRAY
Vice President of Representation
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I realised after spending such a long time in representation roles just how important it was, and so I wanted to become VPR to ensure I had as much support as I could to help make my ideals become reality.

I have a number of things I'll be working on this year, from increasing the accessibility of the university, to improving the transparency of all organisations, even breathing new life into the ever-important SRC. I will be (and already have been) forging new bonds both within and out with our amazing student's association and I look forward to the year ahead.



TANAISTE CUSTANCE
President
president@dusa.co.uk

I advocate and fight for students. I will always be on your side. My role is to enable you to turn your good values into real change, whether in our University or beyond.

Real leadership is about helping others discover their own leadership. Please get in touch any time. If you have a problem, you aren't alone. We're here to help you uncover your potential to make the world a better place that our hearts know is possible.

Don't let anyone tell your dreams can't happen. "And I see that my own hands can make / The world that's in my mind."

Previous achievements and policies from the Exec

EXEC-LED PROJECTS

Your Student Executive are here to support you, and they do this in lots of different ways, whether that's events, campaigns, or other changes on campus. Here's what some of last year's team got up to..

ACADEMIC SKILLS WEEK Returning Soon

Dani, VPA for 24/25, re-introduced a dedicated Academic Skills Week to each semester, where free sessions about different academic skills were on offer for students to finetune their assignments before the first round of submissions. This saw record engagement with over 100 students signing up each week. Dani also developed an Academic Escape Room with the Library, which was so popular that it was fully booked!



GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE AWARENESS October/November 2024

Nihin, VPSW, organised DUSA's contribution to the annual 16 Days campaign, which raises awareness about gender-based violence (GBV) and offers support to people affected. Nihin organised campaigns on both

our main campus and Ninewells campus, setting up a mirror wall where people left hundreds of notes of support for GBV survivors in over sixteen languages, and sharing awareness on social media.

This united our campus to show survivors how much support they have behind them!

STUDENT REP COUNCIL ELECTIONS September 2024

Nicole, VPR, brought in record numbers of votes to the SRC elections last year, and for the first time ever, all positions on the council were filled. She made changes to the promotion and process of the elections, making it easier to understand and get involved, and made it sound way more exciting than it did before!

BRUSH 'N' BOOZE October 2024

Manu, VPC for 23/24 and then President for 24/25, introduced and continued to build DUSA's Brush n Booze event into a massive success! This event, originally as part of Manu's 23/24 'Pentimento' campaign, encouraged attendees to use art to express their emotions. There have now been several iterations of Brush n Booze, each more successful than the last, and it's a lasting legacy that Manu has left at DUSA!



SIP HAPPENS: YOUR WEEKLY PUB QUIZ AT DUSA

Are you a keen quizzier? Collector of fun facts? Enjoy a reasonably priced drink and a good excuse to hang out with your friends (and make new ones)? You'll love our pub quiz at DUSA, Sip Happens!

Sip Happens began in 2024, and following a successful 4-week pilot period, it was launched officially in January 2025 and has grown ever since! Offering prizes such as vouchers, merchandise, and most famously an air fryer, it's a great chance to test out your general knowledge skills. We keep a leaderboard across the semester (or, 'season') with big prizes to be won at the end for those teams who've kept on coming every week.

Our most recent winners were Kamala's Coconuts – could your team be next? With a cost of an extremely affordable £1 per person, a vibrant and growing community open to all, and an incredible and hilarious host (who totally isn't the person writing this), it's a no-brainer!

Will we See You Next Tuesday at Sip Happens? follow @siphappens.quiz on Instagram to keep up to date with all things sip happening

STUDENT CAMPAIGNS

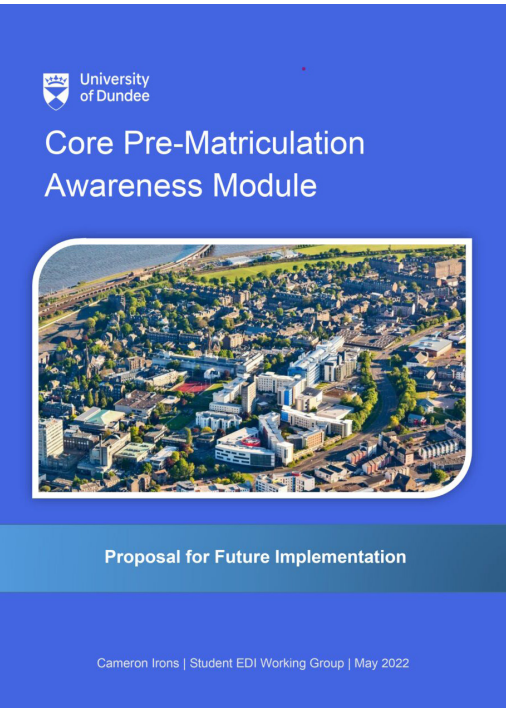
Being a student at university comes with many perks, and that includes having a platform to campaign on issues you care about most. Campaigning takes many forms, and can range from academic initiatives, social justice projects, environmental campaigns and issues surrounding equity and inclusion.

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

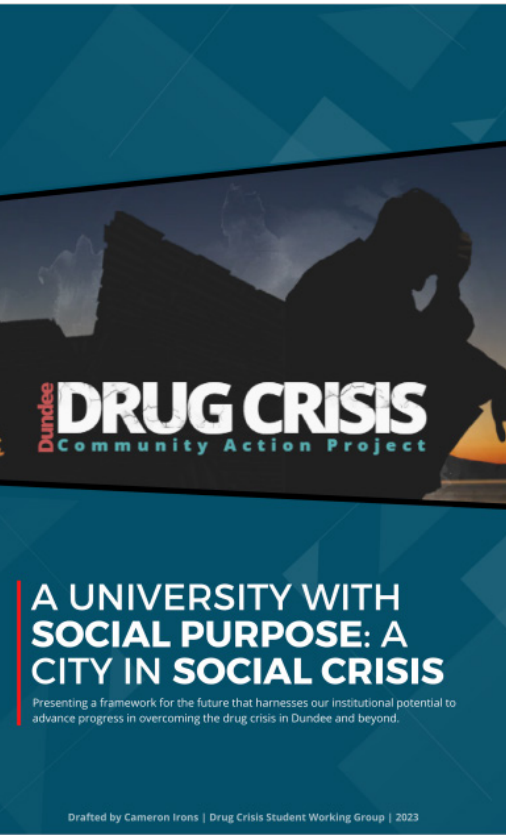
In 2023, a motion led by Erin MacInnes (co-President of Humanities, Social Sciences and Law) was passed that pushed the University to change the pronouns feature on Blackboard from opt-in to opt-out. This means that your pronouns will display automatically unless you choose for them not to. Erin and 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.co.uk/drug-crisis-community-action-project>



RECTOR'S WELCOME

Welcome to the University of Dundee. Like new students, I am also taking on a new role. From autumn 2025 I become Rector of the University. As Rector I represent the views of students at Court, the key decision-making body of the university.

I look forward to doing this alongside the Students' Association president - Tanaiste Custance and others. Representing you is a role I take seriously, and I look forward to meeting as many students as possible to assist in ensuring your voice is heard. I will be on campus regularly, and will let you know, via my social media and other channels, when these times will be.

The position of Rector is a voluntary role, one that I was proud to be elected to earlier this year. In addition to being Rector I am a Member of the Scottish Parliament, representing the North East Region as a Scottish Green MSP. As a green, I take the issues of justice for people and planet seriously. I will bring a similar seriousness to the role of Rector. For those living locally I look forward to representing you in parliament, as well as at the University Court. Your time at university should be an exciting, fulfilling and enjoyable experience. I hope your studies equip you with the confidence and skills to take on the world when you graduate. Sadly, the world is not as many of us would like it to be and we have much to do to improve it. If there are issues facing you as students whilst you are here at the university, please let me know: we should work together to respond to them.

Recently there have been difficult times at the university and I have stood alongside students and trade unionists as part of a collective response. We need to have a university that prioritises your education and does this by creating a positive environment for that

learning and research. Those working at the university need to be supported to create that environment.

From now on we need fair and transparent decision-making. So now is the time for a Rector that works alongside students to ensure you get all the support you need to thrive and truly enjoy your time in Dundee. That will not happen without access to library, support and mental health services. That will not happen without lecturers, researchers and estates staff being seen as being key to your support.

I have over 10 years' experience as an academic, I have a record of campaigning for education, human rights and social justice. I want to help ensure that all students

are made welcome here. I will work tirelessly to promote equality, diversity and inclusion on campus.

The Scottish Government, the Scottish Funding Council and the people of Dundee are paying particular attention to the University of Dundee at this present time. They want it to succeed. This can only be done by placing the needs of students at the centre of the University's future. As your Rector I will work with you to do just that, and to create a university that you are proud to be a part of.

All the best for the coming year!

Maggie Chapman



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 Freshers' 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 radiomanager@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 tvmanager@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://www.instagram.com/themagdalenmag) or you can email editor.in.chief@dusamedia.com



SOCIETIES

From yoga mats to DJ decks, societies are where you connect, create, and campaign.



SOCIETIES INDEX

We have over 100 student societies at DUSA for you to join!

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 100+ 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.

We have a society for almost everything you could imagine, but if you have an idea for a new society, it's really easy to start one! You can see all of the different societies at DUSA either on our website or in the Society Index in this magazine. Get in touch with your VP Student Activities and Societies Team, and get involved!

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SOCIETIES SPOTLIGHT



SALSA SOCIETY

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Passionate about music, dance, or simply looking for a vibrant community? Join the University of Dundee's Salsa Society! We host weekly Salsa and Bachata classes open to everyone—no matter your age, gender, experience level, or whether you're a student or not. From absolute beginners to seasoned dancers, all are welcome to join the fun. We also organise regular socials and dance nights, so it's a great way to make friends, stay active, and express yourself. Come find us at the Freshers Fair if you have any questions or would like to sign up!

SELF DEFENCE SOCIETY

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Join the Self-Defence Society to build confidence and learn to protect your personal space! No martial arts experience? No problem! We welcome all levels in a safe, supportive environment. Learn techniques in close to long-range defence, including defence against weapons. Our friendly committee's regular meet-ups—often at Black Mamba Restaurant & Bar with free food!—make it easy to get involved and make friends. Try our Give-It-a-Go sessions at the start of the semester or drop in for a free taster anytime! Want to join? Visit our website and follow us on Instagram: [dusa.co.uk/selfdefence](https://www.dusa.co.uk/selfdefence) [instagram.com/dundeeunisds](https://www.instagram.com/dundeeunisds)

ACT THEATRE SOCIETY

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We're ACT Theatre (Artists Connecting Through Theatre), a space for creative collaboration. In our weekly sessions, you'll be able to act, direct, write, create, design, and more! We put on two performances each



year, putting on a variety of shows from 'Alice in Wonderland' to Shakespeare classics and we're always open to putting on original scripts made by society members. Whether you have experience in theatre or this is your first time, we welcome everyone. If you wanna know more or have any questions, message us on instagram (@acttheatresociety) or pay us a visit at freshers fair!



BAND SOCIETY

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DUBS is all about getting together, forming bands and making music! Every semester, we offer socials from Jam and open-mic nights to movie nights and the option to be sorted into a band for you to find people sharing your interests, along with showcases for your band to put your music out there on stage.

We also run other big events throughout the year, such as battle of the bands, where we put forward bands compete against other universities! We welcome anyone with any skill level, even if you just want to chill out and enjoy music with likeminded people!

POLITICS SOCIETY

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At the Politics Society we put our members and what matters to them first. We regularly host Q&A sessions with local MSP's and Councillors so you can put your questions to those who can make change for you; and we have big plans to expand on these in the coming academic year. We also strive to provide networking opportunities and insight to real jobs in politics so our members can have the best possible chance to thrive post-graduation. Like the Q&As, we have plans to deliver more of these opportunities for our members.



UKRAINIAN SOCIETY

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Discover the Ukrainian Society at the University of Dundee! We welcome both - Ukrainians and foreign students to celebrate Ukrainian culture, support one another, and build strong connections. We organise regular events with fun activities such as holidays celebrations, field trips, as well as get together activities like coffee tasting and board games. Our community offers a sense of home and a space to grow together. Join us as we share traditions, stories, and unity in the heart of Dundee.



YOGA SOCIETY

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Hello, we're Dundee University Yoga Society, aiming to bring affordable classes to students and non-students alike! Our professional Yoga instructors teach beginner friendly classes every week. Our Tuesday teacher, Mike, specialises in freestyle yoga, and his class is a great opportunity for building strength and flexibility whilst having fun. Madira, who teaches on Thursdays, teaches spirituality and traditional yoga practices while still providing a great workout. Along with occasional cover teachers and workshops, we have something for everyone. Yoga is a great way of taking care of your mental health while studying, so we'd love for you to join us!

ANATOMY AND HUMAN IDENTIFICATION SOCIETY

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We're the Anatomy and Human Identification Society (better known as AHID), an academic and social society for both CAHID students and for anyone interested in anatomy. Academically, we aim to provide as many academic experiences as possible,



widening horizons in the deep and fascinating world of anatomical sciences through trips, guest talks, and facility tours. Additionally, as a social society, we try to plan as many lively and enjoyable social events for everyone to enjoy throughout the year, including pub quizzes, academic family events, as well as dinners, and a ball.



EVENTS



Life starts here

FRESHERS' & FRESHERS' FAIR

Your first week at university is a pivotal moment in your life – a rite of passage known as Freshers' Week. It's a time when you dive headfirst into campus life, forge lasting friendships, and embrace new experiences. You'll find yourself adjusting to more than you did in your very first week at primary school. But amidst the excitement, if you ask any student about the highlight of Freshers' Week, they'll undoubtedly point to the electrifying nightlife.

Picture this: seven nights of non-stop, 100% partying, alongside a crowd of up to 1500 fellow students every night. It's like your first independent Mediterranean getaway, except you're surrounded by newfound friends instead of your parents. And it's all

going down at DUSA, the official epicenter of Freshers' Week 2024. Trust us when we say DUSA has gained a well-deserved reputation for hosting the most unforgettable Freshers' parties in Scotland.

Past Freshers' Week lineups have been nothing short of phenomenal, featuring incredible acts like Biffy Clyro, Annie Mac, Sigma, Groove Armada, Hannah Laing, Hot Dub Time Machine, Basshunter, Cascada, Vengaboys, and many more. Prepare yourself for a week filled with more socializing and partying than you ever imagined.

Now, if you're worried about your age, fret not. Freshers of all ages are invited to be 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 note that if you're under 18, alcohol consumption is strictly prohibited on the premises. So, get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey as Freshers' Week promises to be an experience like no other. Your campus life is about to ignite in a blaze of camaraderie, adventure, and celebration. Don't miss out on this incredible opportunity to kickstart your university years with a bang!

Remember you can get FREE ENTRY to the whole of Freshers' Week with our Freshers Pass: www.dusa.co.uk/freshers

With over 100 societies to join and plenty of freebies, this is one event you definitely don't want to miss! SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER

The Freshers' Fair introduces you to the wide range of Brands, Societies and extracurricular activities on campus. We have already confirmed the likes of Domino's, German Doner Kebab, and Chaiwalla! So come and stock-up on sweets, pizza, stationery and all the student essentials – we guarantee there will be something for you!



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FRESHERS' WEEK EVENTS

DUNDEE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION, SEPTEMBER 2025

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SAT 13TH	EVENT	TIME	PLACE	TICKETS
	THE OFFICIAL FRESHERS OPENING PARTY	11PM - 3AM	Bonar Hall	£6
SUN 14TH	EVENT	TIME	PLACE	TICKETS
	2000S' FRAT PARTY	11PM - 3AM	Bonar Hall	£6
MON 15TH	EVENT	TIME	PLACE	TICKETS
	MR WORLDWIDE PARTY / PITBULL ANTHEMS ALL NIGHT	11PM - 3AM	Bonar Hall	£7
TUE 16TH	EVENT	TIME	PLACE	TICKETS
	\$KINT £2 ENTRY £2 DRINKS	11PM - 3AM	Bonar Hall	£2
THU 18TH	EVENT	TIME	PLACE	TICKETS
	ALL NIGHT ABBA PARTY	11PM - 3AM	Bonar Hall	£7
FRI 19TH	EVENT	TIME	PLACE	TICKETS
	Dems. GUEST TBA	11PM - 3AM	Bonar Hall	£7
SAT 20TH	EVENT	TIME	PLACE	TICKETS
	THE OFFICIAL FRESHERS CLOSING PARTY	11PM - 3AM	Bonar Hall	£6

DUSA'S ANNUAL HALLOWEEN RAVE



Get ready to witness the most thrilling night of the semester as DUSA presents its highly anticipated Annual Halloween Fancy Dress Party, with a track record of selling out every year.



This event has earned its reputation as the busiest and most sought-after party of semester one. On the night of 31st October, Dundee's students go all out to impress, leaving no stone unturned when it comes to dressing up. From life-sized LEGO men to Spice Girls impersonators, the costumes range from the delightfully quirky to the fabulously extravagant. The creativity of

Dundee's students have put this event on the map, making it a must-attend affair for Halloween enthusiasts from far and wide. P.S - costumes aren't mandatory! The Annual Halloween Fancy Dress Party has been a highlight of the Dundee social calendar for over 26 years. Its reputation as a sell-out event has only grown stronger with each passing year, attracting students from far and wide.



ST PATRICK'S ALL DAY PARTY

An Unmatched Irish Celebration

For two decades, the St. Patrick's All-Day 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, DUSA throws the most spectacular St. Patrick's party in town. Dundee's Irish student community adds a distinctive flavour to the city's culture. When

it comes to honouring Ireland's patron saint, DUSA leaves no stone unturned in delivering a celebration. The All-Day Party lives up to its name, offering a schedule of events that span from day to night. During the daylight, DUSA comes 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!

An Unmissable End-of-Year Celebration

DEGREE SHOW AFTERPARTY



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. 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.

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. 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.

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 serves as a final farewell party for our graduates. 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.

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 a great night for everyone.



BONAR HALL EVENTS

At Bonar Hall, we strive to schedule a range of events that enrich your University life whilst also offering opportunities to connect with the wider Dundee community.

We are seeking to develop a calendar of activities and leisure time events, attracting as many people as we can, both students and the public alike. Please do keep an eye out on our socials to keep track of what is happening around campus. Bear in mind that, whilst one event might not be for you, it could be perfect for a friend or classmate... or maybe the next one could be right up your street!

You should also remember that as DUSA is a charity enterprise, 100% of our profits are reinvested into projects that enhance your student journey. It is all about creating a circular economy, spending money on campus, delivering positive experiences for our community and reinvesting profits for the good of our students. In sum, the bigger and more successful that that our events are, the better for all!

CATWALK FOR A CAUSE
Returns This November

Hillcrest Futures' annual fashion show, Catwalk for a Cause, is back this autumn, and it's shaping up to be another great afternoon of style, entertainment, and community support.

Held at the Bonar Hall, the event features a curated pop-up shop with affordable, pre-loved fashion from Hillcrest Futures' boutique charity shop, Past Present Futures. It's a chance to find unique, good-quality pieces at great prices - all while supporting a good cause. Alongside the pop-up, there will be live



music, a charity auction, a prize raffle, and a runway show featuring volunteer models. It's a relaxed and feel-good way to spend a Sunday afternoon! All funds raised go directly to Hillcrest Futures, a local charity that supports over 2,500 people across Scotland facing a range of challenges including mental health and recovery services, homelessness, and autism and disability support. Tickets are £24 and go on sale soon - follow Past Present Futures on Instagram and Facebook, or drop into the shop at 104 Gray Street in Broughty Ferry, to stay up to date.

Instagram: @ppfboutiquebf
Facebook: @PastPresentFutures

Whether you're into fashion, sustainable shopping, or just fancy something a bit different - this is an event well worth checking out!

TASTERS MARKET WEEKEND
Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th November

The Saturday will be the day for you to try as much as you can(!), whilst the Sunday will be your opportunity to come and buy from the market to take home. Keep an eye on the calendar for other markets as well - there is something for everyone and it is the best way to find a bargain, often one that you can't get on the high street!

DRAG & DINE WITH SCOTTISH ACTION FOR MENTAL HEALTH (SAMH)

Dundee, get your glad rags on for an afternoon of glitz, glamour and fabulous fundraising that's sure to blow your wig off! SAMH (Scottish Action for Mental Health), Scotland's national mental health charity, are delighted to share that the most 'eleganza extravaganza' charity event of the year as it makes its debut in Dundee on Saturday 22nd November - coming in hot with sequins, sass and a whole lot of heart.

Bathe in the brilliance of our two very special guests, with "Scotland's dancing queen" Miss Peaches joining us to slay that stage, followed by the "baby doll of Dundee" and the city's very own drag royalty - Ellie Diamond! - Just when you think it couldn't get any better, you can win spectacular prizes during Drag Bingo, take home some amazing goodies with the magical 'Manifest That!' tree, as well as getting involved in fierce fundraising games, all whilst supporting Scotland's mental health. This event promises jaw-dropping performances, outrageous fun and non-stop entertainment, with our DJ spinning the hottest tunes to round off your afternoon in style!

Tickets are £45 and include:

- A complimentary welcome drink.
- Street food buffet.
- Pick 'n' Mix Goodie Bag.

Grab your queens, your besties or your work pals and join us for an unmissable afternoon where glamour meets giving back. This is more than a party, it's a powerful way to help raise vital funds for mental health support across Scotland. Get your tickets today before they're all snapped up

COMMUNITY JUMBLE SALE
Sunday 28th September

Think of a Car Boot Sale—without the car! Or like a cosy indoor Yard Sale, with guaranteed dry weather! Bring a stall for just £20 and sell your books, furniture, or anything you no longer use. It's the perfect chance to lighten your load and make some extra £££ as you pass on your pre-loved items to someone who needs them. Looking to furnish your new flat on a budget? Entry is free, and stalls will be a vibrant mix—many run by fellow students—so expect plenty of bargains! Bring your flatmates, find your

SAMH presents
Scottish Action for Mental Health

Drag & Dine

Glamour with a purpose

Special Guest Performer
Ellie Diamond
'The baby doll of Dundee'

Special Guest Performer
Miss Peaches

Hosted by: CJ Banks

Buy your tickets **HERE**
samh.org.uk/DragandDineDundee

Tickets include:
A Welcome Drink,
Street Food Buffet,
and Pick 'n' Mix
your own Goody Bag!

Ticket price
£45



Bonar Hall, Dundee

Saturday 22 November 2025
12pm to 5pm

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

OUR FACILITIES:



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.

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. 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..

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



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.

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.

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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.

- Archery
 - Athletics
 - Badminton
 - Basketball (men)
 - Basketball (women)
 - Boat
 - Boxing
 - Canoe
 - Cheerleading
 - Cricket
- Cycling
 - Dance
 - Equestrian
 - Fencing
 - Futsal
 - Football (men)
 - Football (women)
 - Gaelic (men)
 - Gaelic (women)
 - Golf
 - Gymnastics
 - Handball
 - Hockey (women)
 - Judo
 - Karate
 - Lacrosse
 - Netball
 - Pool
- Rugby (men)
 - Rugby (women)
 - Rucksack
 - Sailing
 - Shinty
 - Ski & Snowboard
 - Squash
 - Sub Aqua
 - Surf
 - Swimming & Waterpolo
 - Taekwondo
 - Trampoline
 - Triathlon
 - Ultimate Frisbee
 - Volleyball
 - Weightlifting

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.



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



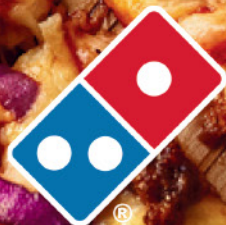
VARSITY

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.

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