# Your Students' Association Guidebook

### **UHI PERTH**

**#ForStudentsByStudents** 

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Who are Your Students' Association and What can they do for me?

### Student Community

We are passionate about helping to nurture a friendly and thriving student community here on campus.

### #ForStudents ByStudents

Led by elected student officers and a team of student voice representatives.

### Automatic and Free Membership

You are automatically a member of Your Students' Association Perth and therefore entitled to all these amazing benefits!

### 3,2,1, ACTION!

If you want positive change then we, your elected officers, student voice reps and Your Students' Association team are here to support you to achieve it. Full contact details on the cover!

### Student Voice and Influence

Made up of elected student officers and employed staff, Your Students' Association Perth represents you as a student here on campus. We ensure that your voice shapes and influences decisions made about the education delivered and student experience at local, management and national level.

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#### **Advice Service**

Things do not always go to plan and if you have any difficulties during your studies - the Advice Service can offer free advice and support on several University or study issues. The service can offer independent and confidential advice around academic appeals, misconduct cases and even making complaints to the University about your student experience. You can stop by the Student Association office, visit the HISA website or email hisa.advice@uhi.ac.uk for more information!

# Meet your elected officers 23/24

### **Regional Officers**



### William Campbell

Your Students' Association President william.campbell@uhi.ac.uk



#### Gary Souter Vice President (Education) gary.souter@uhi.ac.uk

COULD THIS BE YOU?

Vacant Vice President (Communities)

### **Local Officers**



#### Fiona Smith Perth President fiona.smith@uhi.ac.uk



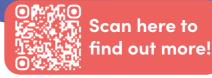
#### Rebecca Bond Perth Depute President (Activities & Welfare) rebecca.bond@uhi.ac.uk



#### Hannah Soutar

Perth Depute President (Education) hannah.soutar@uhi.ac.uk

### Officer Roles and Elections



Do you have a passion for making the student journey as positive as it can be? If yes – then you could be one of our next student officers in one of our local roles or one of three regional roles covering the whole of the UHI!

- Self Nominate and Campaign (Mid Feb)
- Vote to elect (Mid March)
- Happens every year

### **Officer Role Description**

- No Experience Necessary
- Leadership Work
- Supported Role
- Network and meet new people
- Partake in Board of Management meetings
- Attend internal and external events (expenses covered)
- Exclusive, role specific, training given
- Build and develop skills
- CV enhancement and potential exposure to employment opportunities

### **Roles Available**





### **Student Voice Reps**

Maybe you don't feel the elected officer role is for you just now, that's okay!! You can still be a voice that keeps your fellow students informed and represent their experiences on their behalf by applying to be a Student Voice Rep (SVR)

### **Role Description**

- Voluntary position
- On average 1-2 hours of your time per week
- Supported Role
- No Experience Necessary
- Partake in meetings
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- Attend events (expenses covered)
- Exclusive, role specific, training provided
- Build and develop skills
- CV enhancement
- Make positive changes to the student experience!
- Speak to us for more information on how to become an SVR!

### **Get Involved** Scan QR codes to find out more about each topic!



### Events and Activities

We will be running activities and events throughout the year so be sure to be following us on social media!

### Volunteering

There are a wide range of volunteering opportunities available all year round. We can help find you the most suitable!

- Internal and external
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### **Clubs and Societies**

We have a range of clubs and societies which are free to join at anytime from sports, to gaming, to politics and everything in between. You sure will be spoilt for choice!

- Meet people with similar interests
- Chill and relax
- Create new clubs and societies

### Start a New Club or Society!

- Check to see if it exists already
- Find 3 UHI students to be the President, Secretary, Treasurer
- Create a name and aim
- Assign fees
- Write a website description
- Sign-up through the website!



#### **Freshers**

It's September, you're finally here!! Lets help get you settled in with our Freshers celebrations!

- Get to know campus
- See what's on offer
- Meet staff and other students
- Make friends
- Have fun!



### **Get In Touch!**

We can't wait to welcome you to UHI Perth! If you need us for anything, here's how to get in touch:

- HISA Perth, Webster Building, UHI Perth, Crieff Road, Perth, PH1 2NX
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- 🗹 General Email: hisa@uhi.ac.uk
- 🗹 Advice Service: hisa.advice@uhi.ac.uk
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## Do you have an idea for improving the student experience?

- Is there something you want to see changed at UHI or your Academic Partner?
- Do you or any of your fellow students have the feeling that something could be done to make your time at UHI better?
- Do you often feel that the voice of students is being under-represented at UHI?

Regardless of your age, demographic, place of study or any other factor, Your Students' Association offers a wide range of ways that you can have a positive and long-lasting effect on the student experience, both where you study and UHI-wide!

We are a legally backed organisation, independent of UHI, with an obligation to work towards the benefit of the student experience. No matter what your concerns, we are here to listen and provide support as best we can.

If you have the passion for making students' lives better, you have the ability to make it happen!



## Ways to get involved!

#### **Assisting with Policy**

Your Students' Association allows students to create and vote on ideas for change. Just by speaking with your local Student Officer/Student Voice Rep, you can be an important part of change at UHI.

## Running for an Officer position

Your Students' Association runs elections to ensure that every Academic Partner is represented by at least one student Officer. These Officers are paid to campaign for and represent the needs of UHI students.

#### Becoming a Student Voice Rep

Every course available at UHI has at least one representative that speaks on behalf of the students on their course, in order to improve the student experience. Speak to your lecturer or local HISA staff member to see how you could become your course SVR.

If any of the above is of interest to you, or if you would like to find out more about how Your Students' Association can help you, please contact our Democracy & Student Governance Coordinator at Elliot.Stradling@uhi.ac.uk

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