

Your Students' Association Guidebook

UHI PERTH

#ForStudentsByStudents

Hi! Welcome to the Highlands and Islands Students' Association (HISA). Our purpose is to represent, empower, support and enhance the lives of UHI students. We exist to encourage and inspire you to find your people, your passion and your place.

Day to day, we're the home of societies, clubs, networks, events, representation, campaigning, advice – all the best bits when it comes to student life.

We're led by our students, and are a completely independent non-profit organisation. That means we're always here for you when you need honest advice, support and inspiration, and we can focus our time and energy on doing what's right for you.

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

HISA is led by a team elected student officers who live and work across UHI. They work together as a team, but each of them focuses on individual and local College remits to represent you and drive forward your interests. They will campaign on issues aiming to make positive changes at the University, on local and national levels.

When you join the university, you're automatically a member of the Students' Association and you're entitled to join our student groups, using our Advice Service and contacting us for support.

How will HISA ensure your voice is represented? You have representatives at all levels: Student Voice Reps in your course, elected Officers and All Student Meetings, and networks if you are part of an under-represented or marginalised group.



Meet your elected officers 24/25

Everywhere you see a dot indicates a HISA hub where you will have at least one local deputy representing your views locally.

We also have two cross campus officers who represent all UHI students across the partnership and nationally.

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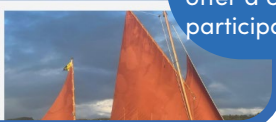


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SPORTS CLUBS, SOCIETIES & STUDENT NETWORKS!



Looking for Community? Want to meet friends and do activities?

Check out all our student groups! We are passionate about helping to nurture a friendly and thriving student community here at UHI, whether at our campuses or online. On our website, you can find a variety of sports clubs, societies, academic societies, and student networks that you can join for activities at your campus or online. From Snow Sports to Dungeons and Dragons, from a Pride group to Networked students, our student groups offer a chance to socialise, build community, and participate in fantastic events and activities!

Sports Clubs

Here you can find all the groups that participate in physical activities including both competitive and non-competitive sports/athletic activity.

Societies

Here you can find groups focused around a shared interest, an academic focus, a political or otherwise shared identity aspect, or non-sporting activity like board games, arts, and local history.



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Scan for Societies

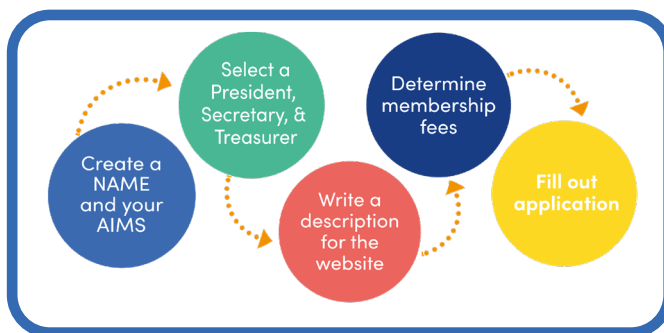


Sporting at UHI

Do you want to be part of a team? Want to keep fit and healthy whilst meeting new friends? We have a wide variety of sports clubs on offer at UHI. From team sports like volleyball and basketball to adventure sports like scuba diving and mountain biking, you'll be sure to find something you enjoy. Our website showcases the range of clubs on offer and if there's nothing you fancy, why not start a new club with the support of our Sports Development Coordinator? There are plenty of opportunities to compete in Scottish Student Sport and BUCS events, with many of our teams bagging trophies and medals. We have a sports kit designed especially for UHI and our very own mascot - Skye the Highland Cow!



START YOUR OWN GROUP!



If you can't find what you're looking for, why not start your own student group? Maybe you want to sing songs with other Taylor Swift fans or follow the path of destiny with fellow LARPer! We would love to support you to set up and run a new student group, and the affiliation process is easy! Visit our website, get in touch with your local team, or email HISAAactivities@uhi.ac.uk for more information!

STUDENT NETWORKS

Looking for a safe space to make friends and find support? Our Student Networks are the place to be if you want to meet other students with similar experiences. Networks are permanent student groups, with protected or underrepresented identity aspects that can impact their student experience. These groups are facilitated by staff from your Students' Association and focus on providing safe spaces for students to share experiences, plan activities, and advocate for their needs.

To join use the QR code to visit the website!

The following networks are open to any who self-identify.

The Pride Network - for LGBTQ+ individuals and allies.

The Women's Network - for those who self-define as women, including (if they wish) those with complex gender identities which include 'woman', and those who experience oppression as women.

The Accessibility Network - for disabled students and those with access and support considerations.

The Students of Colour Network - for students who may experience discrimination due to racial or ethnic difference.

The Neurodiversity Network - for student who self-define as non-neurotypical.

The Digital Network - for online and networked students.

The International Network - for students from other places in the world: distance learners or those new to Scotland!



Scan for Networks!

LOCAL CLUB SPOTLIGHT

UHI Collective (formerly PEMS)

UHIC (UHI Collective) is an electronic music society on campus at Perth.

The plans of the society are to get students involved in the production of Electronic music specifically. Whether you are a seasoned vet in music production or an absolute newbie, we have got you covered. UHIC members will be taught production skills from Electronic music producers and college lectures. We also plan on booking successful music producers to share their skills and answer students' questions. Sessions will be held either in the studios or classrooms and we will teach you everything from making a simple beat to show your friends, to getting your track ready for radio play. We eventually want to get to a point where we can release members music on behalf of our very own "UHIC" record label.

So why not give it a try?

Your track could be the next banger every DJ plays in the club!



NEW!

Want to volunteer or participate in local community groups? Check out our new directory of Community Opportunities!



LOCAL CLUB SPOTLIGHT



UHI Perth Volleyball Club

The UHI Perth Volleyball Club is open to all genders of students wanting to play some volleyball! They play for fun as well as playing in competitions and have competed in some Scottish Student Sport 3v3 tournaments, UHI varsity and SSS National College Finals- winning a silver medal. The club also organised a beach volleyball tournament as a fundraiser, with teams competing from all over Scotland.

Whether you're a seasoned player or you've never picked up a volleyball before, the club has something for all levels and a fantastic social atmosphere, training weekly at the Academy of Sports and Wellbeing.



Are you a post-graduate?
Join the PGR
Society!

THE ADVICE SERVICE

Who We Are & What We Do

The Advice Service is a free, confidential and impartial service that offers assistance to all UHI students. We can help with academic issues and direct you to relevant services for other support. Our goal is to provide you with the resources and guidance you need to make the most of your student experience.

We advise current students, whether on campus or remote, undergraduate or postgraduate (teaching or research), UK or International. We also advise graduates who are still involved in university processes, including appeals and complaints.

How Can the Service Help Students?

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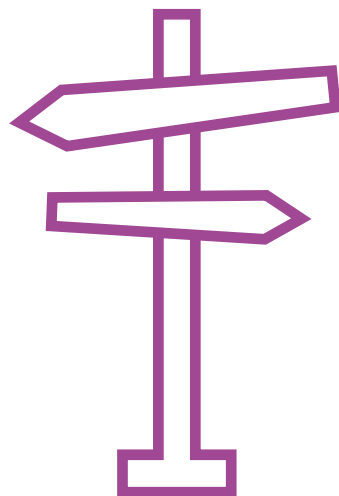
We are part of the Students' Association, which allows us to act independently and support students who are in dispute with the university or who need impartial advice.

UNIQUELY TAILORED ADVICE

Our caseworkers are specially trained to provide trauma-informed, nonjudgmental guidance to you. They have extensive knowledge of funding policies and participate in regular training to stay up-to-date. They are actively involved in policy development within the university and hold positions on various university committees and working groups.

CONFIDENTIAL

We have a strict confidentiality policy, so you can rest assured that your information won't be shared with the Academic Partner without your explicit permission.



We Specialise in Providing Advice on Key Topics

ACADEMIC

Appeals, misconduct, student code of conduct investigations, complaints, mitigating circumstances, support for study, fitness to practice, etc.

MONEY

Student hardship and discretionary funds, bills, budgeting, council tax, banking, and discounts.

HOUSING

Support in how to find accommodation, university halls disciplinary procedures, checking tenancies, unfair terms, evictions, ending tenancies, deposits, repairs, rent, first-tier tribunal cases, homelessness, etc.

Exceptions

We cannot advise on immigration.

We do not have a licence for this type of advice and refer all immigration enquiries to the University immigration advice team or external organisations.

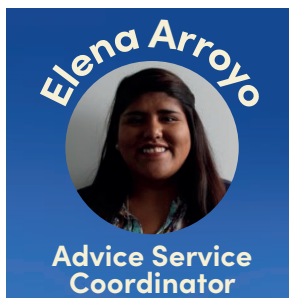
We do not provide mental health support. We can help you if you are in crisis by referring them to appropriate services. However, we are not a mental health service and cannot provide direct assistance. Our focus is on providing practical advice and support.

Getting in Touch

Call or Text via WhatsApp for Advice: 07894 907024 **Email for Advice:** hisa.advice@uhi.ac.uk

We can offer appointments via TEAMS/Webex or by telephone. **Book** via hisa.uhi.ac.uk/advice

We aim to respond promptly to urgent and serious cases, while less urgent cases may take up to 5 days.



Scan the QR code to go to our website for more information, and to contact the Advice Service:



How We Represent the Student voice

Do you have a passion for making the student journey as positive as it can be?

If yes - then there are two key ways you can be involved!

Student Voice Reps

Want to help us improve the learning experience at UHI?

Why not become a Student Voice Representative!

Student Voice Representatives help improve the student experience by feedback the key issues that affect students both to UHI and HISA.

Being a Student Voice Rep is a fantastic way to build your skills, develop your employability and meet new people, as well as a great opportunity to actively get involved in shaping your student experience.

No previous experience is necessary as you will receive training and support from the Students' Association's Student Officers and staff members.

If you're interested, get in touch with your module leader, PAT or the Students' Association.



**Scan here to
find out more
about SVRs!**

HISA Officers

If you enjoy your time as a Student Voice Rep and, to get involved even further in improving the learning experience and be paid to do either full time or with hours around your studies, why not run to be a HISA Officer?

All you need is an idea on how to make being a student even better and you'll receive full support and training in doing so!

Look out on our socials or speak to your Local team about the roles you can run for!



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about Officers!**

Other things to get involved in

Freshers

It's the start of the academic year, 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!



Events and Activities

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

Even more way to get involved

Speak to your local students' association team for more info!

- Campaigns
- Student Meetings
- Suggestions



Get In Touch!

Pop In, Phone, Email or DM Us

Whichever way suits you...We can't wait to help you make your student experience the best it can be!

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