

# YOUR UNION

UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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# Semester 2

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STUDENTS'  
ASSOCIATION  
ELECTIONS

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**Pictured from Left to right:**

Top Row: Emma (DoWell), Sam (DoSDA) and Ailsa (AU Pres)  
Bottom Row: Juan (Pres), AK (DoEd) and Lucy (DoES)



# Welcome Back

## **Welcome back to St Andrews!**

We hope you had a relaxing and well-deserved winter break and are excited for Semester 2.

This upcoming semester has some incredible events lined up for you all to enjoy. Refreshers' Week has activities ranging from Big Stage Karaoke, a Ceilidh, tribute act and much more! Charities Campaign's Raising & Giving (RAG) Week, the Students' Association Elections and On The Rocks Arts Festival are just a few of the highlights. There are so many opportunities for you to get involved!

Within this book you will find out more about what's on this semester and what the Association can do for you. You all have a lot to give and St Andrews has a lot to offer. Don't be afraid to take risks and try something new. Don't worry about making mistakes because all the support you need is here, an email or a phone call away.

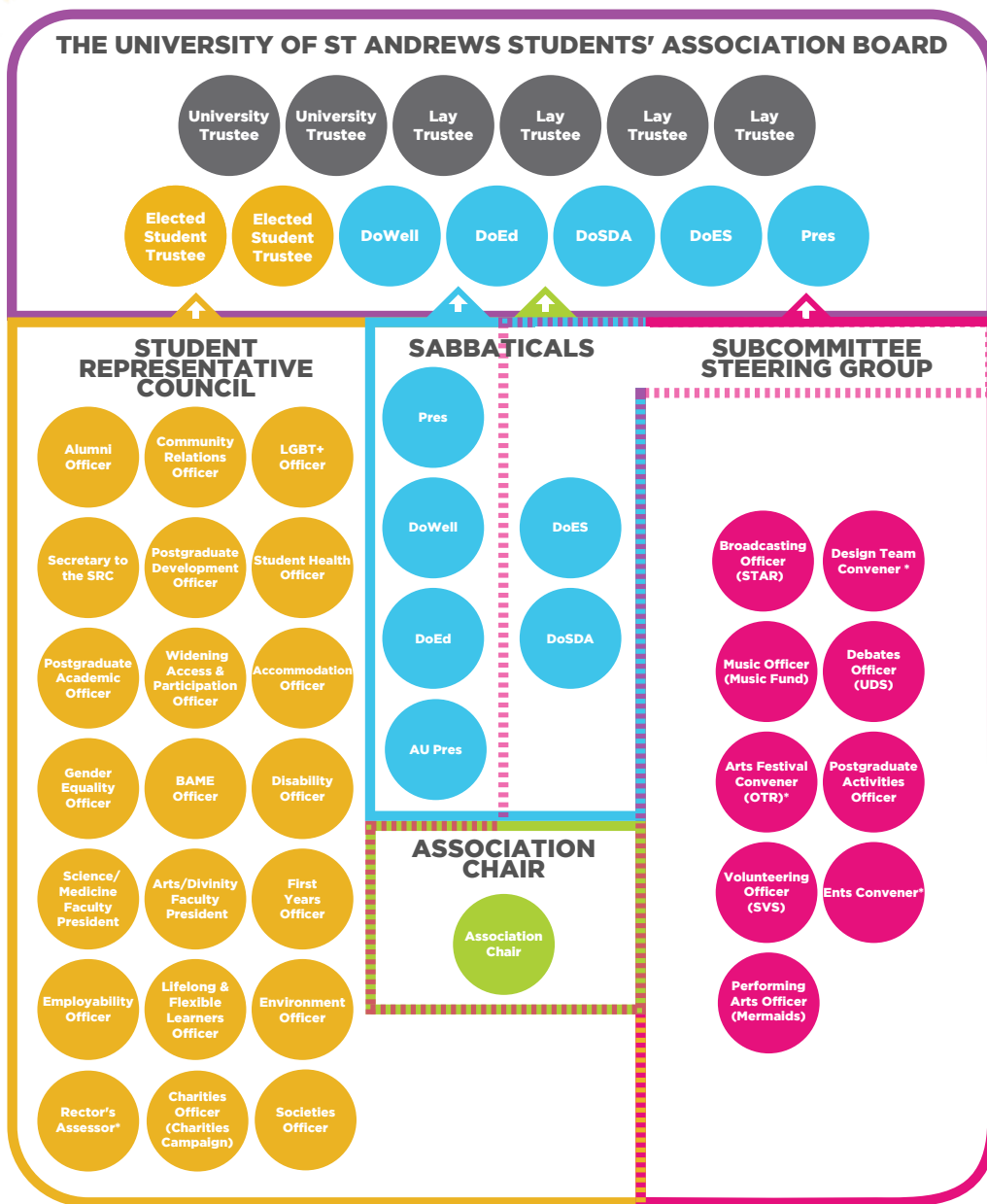
Whether this semester is your first or your last, the Students' Association wants to help make it the most memorable one yet!

See you soon!

## **Your Sabbatical Officers**



# Who We Are



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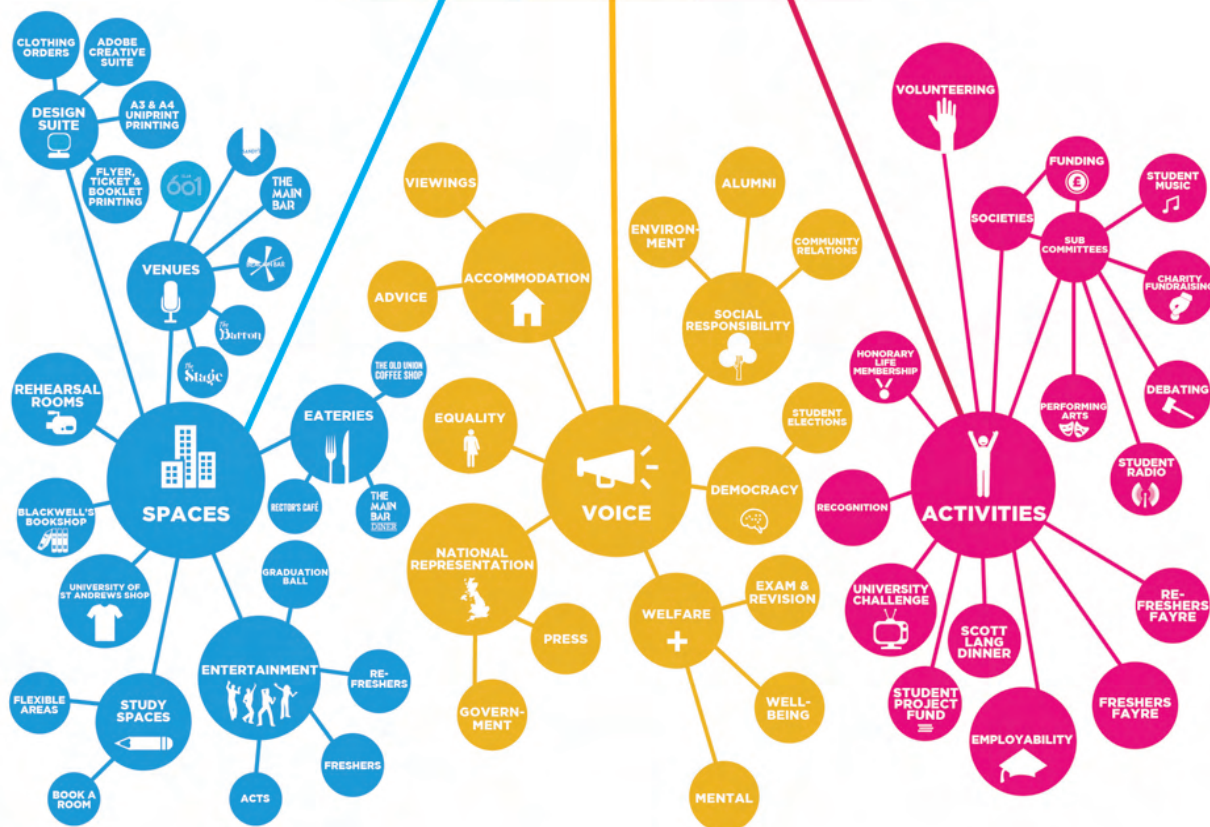


# what we do

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- All the money you spend in our bars and cafés go back into the Students' Association, helping to fund activities, projects and events
- A lot of the Students' Association is run by student volunteers.
- We offer advice about private letting and provide a **Private Accommodation Viewing Service** email [helphub@](mailto:helphub@) for details.
- There are **22 subcommittees** (or 'super societies') that are open to all matriculated students.
- The Students' Association trains and supports over **350 Class Reps**.
- The **Education Committee** which represents your academic interests meets weekly. School Presidents, the DoEd, Faculty Presidents and the PG Academic Convenor sit on this committee.
- The President, Director of Education, and Rector's Assessor sit on **University Court**, the governing body of the University.
- The **School Presidents' Forum** allows academic representatives to discuss issues with members of the Proctor's Office.
- Class Reps also advocate on library and employability issues.
- The student-led **Teaching Awards** is run every year to recognise and reward the excellent teaching that happens in St Andrews.
- We have a full-time Education Advocate, Academic Representation Co-ordinator and Wellbeing and Equality Co-ordinator who are here to help you.
- All affiliated societies can **apply for funding** from the Societies' Committee for projects and events.
- It's easy to start your own society: <https://www.yourunion.net/activities/societies/affiliate/>
- All Union run events can be found at [yourunion.net/events](https://www.yourunion.net/events)

# Did You Know...

# ELECTIONS ARE COMING...

STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION  
**ELECTIONS**



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# Elections



## Key Dates

### Nominations

22 Feb - 7 Mar

### Debates/Hustings Period

8 Mar - 13 Mar (times TBC)

### Voting

14 & 15 Mar

### Results

15 Mar after 8pm  
(times TBC)

St Andrews Students' Association typically has some of the highest voter engagement of ANY Students' Association in the United Kingdom. The Students' Association Elections are where students pick their top leadership and representatives - from the heads of all Union Subcommittees, to School Presidents, to your Association President and Sabbatical Officers. Any matriculated student is eligible to run or vote in the elections.

More information is available at [yourunion.net/elections](https://yourunion.net/elections)

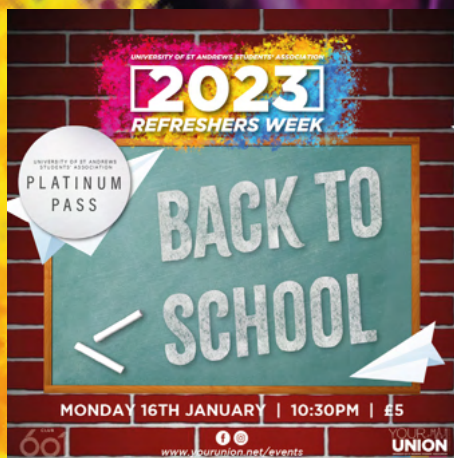
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# 2023

## REFRESHERS WEEK











Monday



KARAOKE

Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday



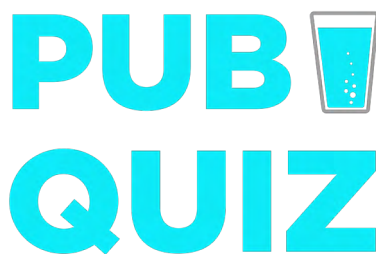
Friday

SAURDAY  
SESSIONS  
PRESENTS

Saturday



Saturday



Sunday



Check out :  
[www.yourunion.net/events](http://www.yourunion.net/events)  
for more details, weekly event information and tickets.





## New theme every week

### Week 1:

20th Jan - **Taylor Swift with Tribute**

### Week 2:

27th Jan - **Rewind 60s/70s**

### Week 3:

3rd Feb - **One Direction**

### Week 4:

10th Feb - **Beyonce vs Rihanna**

### Week 5:

17th Feb - **Girlbands**

### Week 6:

24th Feb - **Rewind 80s/90s**

## Plus many more!

Bops will be announced weekly!  
Check out our social media and Native for our themes every week!





# Semester 2 Events



Themed weeks can be found here:  
<https://www.yourunion.net/events/weeks/>

## Events to Remeber!

St Patrick's Day  
Graduation and Summer Ball 17th June 2022





# Activities and Volunteering

There are hundreds of societies and subcommittees to join in St Andrews - you just have to find the right ones for you. Our activities fall into three major categories: Societies, Subcommittees, and Association Projects.

Whether you know what you love or want to try something entirely new, get out there and find out what interests you.



# Societies:

The beating heart of student life in St Andrews. With over 150 academic, charitable, cultural, faith, political, artistic, recreational, and other societies, you can join anything from Model United Nations to Opera, from Baking to Dog Walking and so much more.







Photographed: Mermaids Performing Arts Fund

## Subcommittees:

These are our 'super-societies' and as a St Andrews student you're automatically a member of all of them! Each subcommittee is active throughout the academic year, so you can join in at any point. We have 8 activities subcommittees including the Charities Campaign, Union Debating Society, Ents Crew, Saints LGBT+, Mermaids Performing Arts Fund, Music Is Love, On the Rocks (OTR) Arts Festival and STAR: St Andrews Student Radio.

If you have any questions about any of our Activities feel free to get in touch with Sam, your Director of Student Development and Activities:

[dosda@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:dosda@st-andrews.ac.uk).



# Volunteering:

Did you know that by getting involved with any one of our subcommittees throughout your time at St Andrews you become a student volunteer? Our subcommittees are at the heart of life in St Andrews and our student volunteers dedicate incredible amounts of time and energy to provide students with unique experiences and opportunities. As such the Students' Association and Saints Sport have joined forces to create the Volunteer Recognition Scheme to support student volunteers and enable them to easily log their volunteering hours, develop key skills for the future, and provide a platform whereby student achievements can be formally recognised by the University.

To find out more about what Volunteering Awards you can achieve and how you could get your volunteering recognised on your academic transcript, visit: [yourunion.net/activities/volunteering](https://yourunion.net/activities/volunteering) or email Sam at [dosda@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:dosda@st-andrews.ac.uk).

Photographed by Your Union @ Freshers' Fayre



# Funding

The Students' Association financially supports all kinds of student activities, whether that be through societies or individual efforts.

## **Student Project Fund**

Any student or student group, to support any project not covered by another fund.

## **Societies Fund**

All affiliated societies, to support affiliated societies in hosting events or purchasing equipment.

## **Employability Fund**

All affiliated societies, Careers- or employability-based events.

## **Mermaids Performing Arts Fund**

Any student group, Theatre, performing arts, or production.

## **Anthony Tudor Fund**

Any student group (production must be affiliated with Mermaids or On the Rocks), Theatre, performing arts, or production.

## **Education Discretionary Fund**

School Presidents and Class Reps, promoting Academic representation.

## **Rector's Fund**

Any student with a confirmed internship offer. Creating positive change through internship projects.



More information is  
available at  
[www.yourunion.net/  
activities/funding/](http://www.yourunion.net/activities/funding/)







# Representation and Wellbeing

The Students' Association is your voice to the University, local community, and the wider world. Our elected officers and subcommittees will strive to make sure you are heard and represented.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) currently has 26 members who are elected in the spring each year. The SRC functions through its representational subcommittees, led by your elected SRC Officers.

Photographed: The BAME Network at Fresher's Fayre 2022  
Photographed by: Lightbox





# Subcommittees - Representation

We also have a number of Students' Representative Council subcommittees that are open for any student to attend and get involved in.

## **Accommodation:**

The Union's Accommodation Team exists to help all students in private flats or halls of residence with any problems they might encounter during their time in St Andrews.

## **Alumni:**

Its aim is to connect our global alumni to St Andrews, and current students with alumni.

## **The BAME network:**

Our newest subcommittee, representing BAME students in St Andrews. They provide events, support, and a community for its members.

## **Community Relations:**

The representative for all students with regards to community matters. In order to fulfil this role, they sit on a number of local committees.

## **Disabled Students' Network (DSN):**

Dedicated to representing disabled students, signposting support, hosting events, and running campaigns that provide community to disabled students and promote an understanding of disability.

## **Education Committee (EduCom):**

Represents student opinion on education issues, in conjunction with the University and beyond.

## **Environment:**

Helps students live more sustainably and get involved in environmental projects around campus.

## **Equality Committee:**

Connects equality-focused SRC reps to share ideas and work collaboratively to address intersectional issues of equality and diversity in St Andrews.

## **Lifers:**

Responsible for representing those students who have entered University after a break from education. They support a community which is made up of commuters, parents, postgraduates, evening and part time students.

## **Saints LGBT+:**

A social and wellbeing group for people in the LGBT+ community. They run campaigns and celebrations to highlight important issues.

## **Wellbeing:**

Focus their efforts around mental health, sexual health, personal safety, and alcohol consumption.

## **StAnd Together:**

Not a SRC Subcom but a joint initiative between the Union and the University focused on student-led peer education and support. It's made up of 3 strands: GotConsent (consent and relationship education and bystander intervention training), GotLimits (drug and alcohol safety and inclusivity), GotSupport (peer support network).



Find out more at:  
[yourunion.net/representation/  
subcommittees/](https://yourunion.net/representation/subcommittees/)



Photographed : Dog Walking Society

# Support



If you need support with any issue during your time in St Andrews, the Union website is a good place to start. Our support webpages can connect you with resources that can help, including student-led networks, University support services, online resources, and external organisations.

Find out more: [YourUnion.net/support](https://YourUnion.net/support)



# Help Hub:

The Union Help Hub is a free **advice service** available to all students, for support with academic, non-academic, and accommodation related issues. Our Help Hub staff can answer your queries over email, meet with you in person, and even offer additional services like private accommodation viewing.

The Help Hub also includes our **Education Advocate**, an adviser independent from the University who can support and advise you confidentially on academic alerts, appeals, and discipline cases.

Contact: [HelpHub@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:HelpHub@st-andrews.ac.uk)

# Cost of Living:

In response to the recent rises in the costs of living, your Director of Wellbeing and Wellbeing & Equality Coordinator have assembled a **Cost of Living Guide** to explain some of the key policies and changes happening in the UK and to share information on resources available to support you. This includes discounted food and travel, part-time work opportunities, loans and scholarships, energy saving tips, budgeting advice, resource for parents and carers, support services, and more in St Andrews and in the wider Fife area.

Find out more:

[YourUnion.net/support/cost-of-living](https://YourUnion.net/support/cost-of-living)



# Accommodation

The transition to new accommodation can be exciting and fun but, when it comes to the trickier bits, the Association President, Accommodation Subcommittee and Help Hub are here to help!

Our top tip is: be prepared and don't panic!

The Union Help Hub provides free, confidential, non-directive and non-judgmental advice and services:

- Private Accommodation Viewing service
- Lease-checkingw service
- Information about Fife Council/

government resources, tenant rights & responsibilities

One of the many ways in which you can find available accommodation and flat mates is through the **Get a Room, St Andrews** Facebook group. You can contact the Accommodation Subcommittee or the Association President to represent you on any accommodation issues.

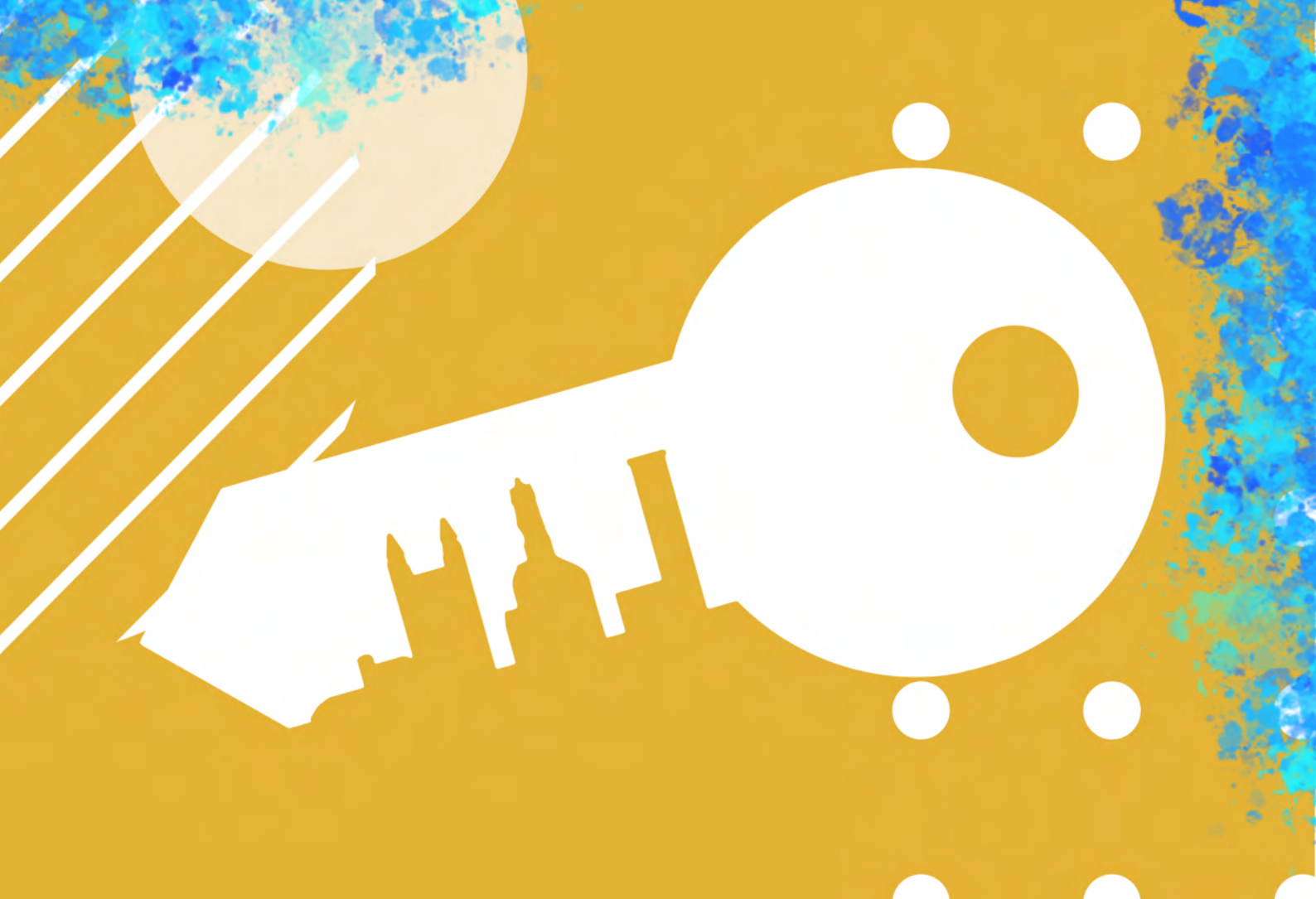
The Accommodation Subcommittee will be hosting events throughout the semester; they will also be launching a How To Move Out Campaign which will give you as much detail and information about preparing to leave a property/hall of residence as our How to Rent Campaign did for finding a property in semester 1. So, stay tuned and keep in touch!



Email:

[HelpHub@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:HelpHub@st-andrews.ac.uk)  
to find out more or visit:  
[yourunion.net/support/  
accommodation/](http://yourunion.net/support/accommodation/)





## How to Rent Guide



You can find more useful information in our 'How to Rent Guide' at:

<https://www.yourunion.net/support/accommodation/>

This guide covers everything you need to know about renting in St Andrews, including dates and application requirements. Make sure to give it a read!

# ***PLATINUM PASS***

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# Services and Spaces

## Services:

There are lots of facilities in the union for you to take advantage of. If you need some advice or just a quiet space, we can help, **email:** [union@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:union@st-andrews.ac.uk) or **visit** [www.yourunion.net/about/services/](http://www.yourunion.net/about/services/) to find out more about our services which covers everything from free condoms to camera hire.

[www.yourunion.net/  
about/services/](http://www.yourunion.net/about/services/)



## Printing:

Need something specially printed? We can print flyers, tickets, large format posters and even personalised clothing. **Email:** [sadesign@st-andrews.ac.uk](mailto:sadesign@st-andrews.ac.uk) if you have any questions.

[www.yourunion.net/  
spaces](http://www.yourunion.net/spaces)



## Study Spaces:

There are lots of adaptable spaces available in the union, ask at reception about hiring a room. Hang out in the booths on our top floor or visit our quiet study room on the middle floor - it has desks with sockets and five computers.

[www.yourunion.net/  
events](http://www.yourunion.net/events)



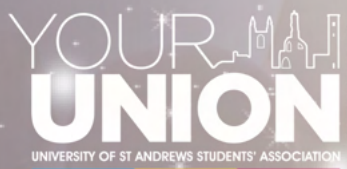
## Spaces and venue hire:

Your Union has a unique selection of spaces on offer, each with their own style and identity. They are perfect for hosting events or grabbing lunch and a coffee. **Visit** [www.yourunion.net/spaces](http://www.yourunion.net/spaces) for information on our spaces and room hire. And [www.yourunion.net/events](http://www.yourunion.net/events) or [fb.com/yourunionevents](https://fb.com/yourunionevents) for more information about our events.

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# *Graduation & Summer Ball*

2023

*Tickets on sale soon.*

# FOOD AT MAIN BAR

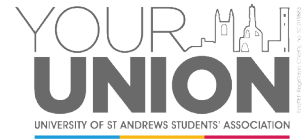
11AM - 3PM, MONDAY - FRIDAY

See our menu at: [www.yourunion.net/spaces/main-bar/](http://www.yourunion.net/spaces/main-bar/)





# OPENING TIMES



## RECTOR'S CAFÉ

EAT • DRINK • RELAX

Monday to Friday  
8am to 7pm

Saturday  
9am to 7pm

Sunday  
10am to 6pm

## THE OLD UNION COFFEE SHOP

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Monday to Friday  
8.30am to 5pm

Saturday  
9.00am to 5pm

# BE SUSTAINABLE



## 10% OFF

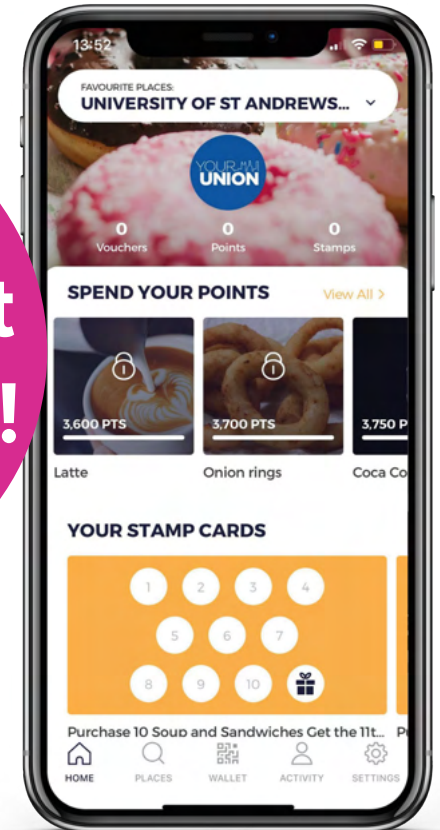
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