



ELECTION & ACCOMMODATION
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YOUR UNION SEMESTER 2

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WELCOME BACK



Welcome back to St Andrews! We hope you had a relaxing and well-deserved winter break and you are as excited for semester 2 as we are!

This upcoming semester has some pretty incredible events lined up for you all to enjoy. Refreshers' Week is just the beginning. With activities ranging from Saints LGBT+ Queerfest and Charities Campaign's Raising & Giving (RAG) Week, to the Students' Association Elections and On The Rocks Arts Festival, 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 so much 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

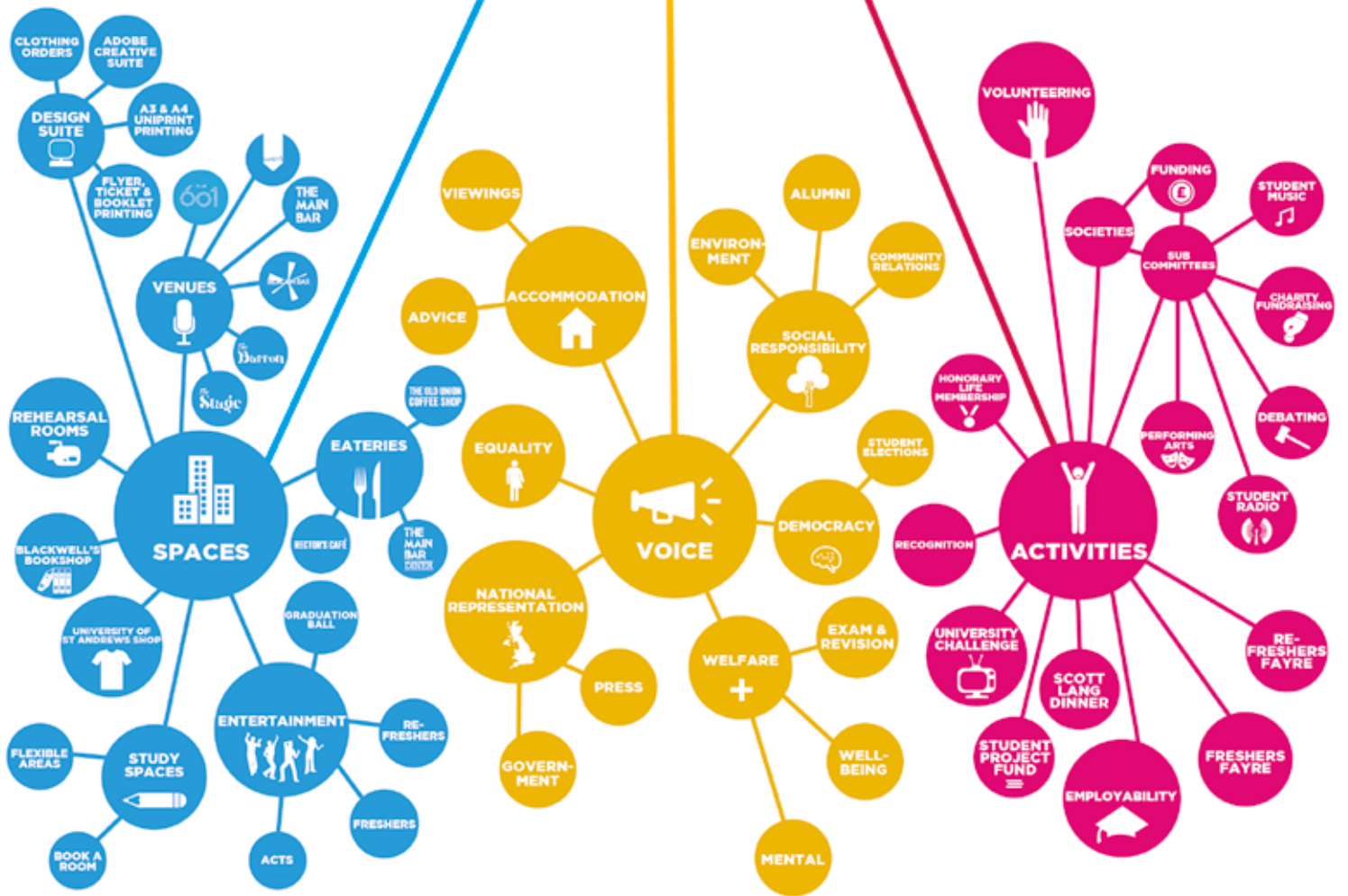
Above: Your Sabbaticals (left to right): Shaina Sullivan (Director of Student Development & Activities), Amy Bretherton (Director of Education), Flora Smith (Director of Wellbeing), Jamie Rodney (Student's Association President), Mika Schmeling (Director of Events and Services), Leah Allcock (Athletic Union President)

WHAT WE DO

YOUR UNION

Scottish Registered Charity, no. SCO19883

UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION



WHO WE ARE | DID YOU KNOW?

Who we are:



Find out more at: www.yourunion.net/union/aboutus/whoweare/

Did you know:

- All the money you spend in our bars and cafés go back to the students!
- Most of the Students' Association is run by student volunteers.
- We offer advice about private letting and provide a "**Private Accommodation Viewing Service**" email helphub@ for details.
- There are **11 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 **Court**, the governing body of the University.
- The minutes from all Students' Association academic meetings can be found here: www.yourunion.net/voice/academicreps/minutes/
- 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.
- School Presidents, Faculty Presidents, and Class Reps are a Students' Association initiative, which works in collaboration with the University.
- 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**.
- All **affiliated societies** can apply for **funding** from the Societies' Committee for projects and events .
- It's really easy to **start your own society**: www.yourunion.net/activities/societies/startasociety/
- All Union run events can be found at **yourunion.net/event**

ELECTIONS



Nominations:

Monday 24th February - Friday 28th February

Debates:

Sabbatical Question Time: Monday 2nd March 7:30-10pm

Athletic Union Presidential Hustings: Tuesday 3rd March 5:30-7:30pm

Sabbatical Debate: Tuesday 3rd March 7:30-10pm

Elections:

Thursday 5th March - Friday 6th March (voting closes at 6pm)

Results:

Friday 6th March (from 8pm)

www.yourunion.net/elections

REFRESHERS' WEEK



2020 REFRESHERS
Presents
Cheryl Cole
Monday 27th Jan.
Including Meet & Greet
£7 Entry | Doors Open 22:30
yourunion.net/refreshers
SAINTS
LGBT+
CLUB
UNION

2020 REFRESHERS
CEILIDH
28/01 | 7pm | £6
with Folk and Purl Society
UNION

2020 REFRESHERS
BEATS N' BARGAINS
TUESDAY 28TH JAN
FREE EVENT FROM 10:30 PM
DRINKS DEALS, LIVE DJs
& A REQUEST PLAYLIST IN MAIN BAR!
YOUR UNION, YOUR NIGHT.
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2020 REFRESHERS
RODEO
29 / 01 | 10:30PM | £4
IN ASSOCIATION
WITH HOCKEY CLUB
£5 ON THE DOOR
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2020 REFRESHERS
cascada
601 - LIVE ON STAGE
THURSDAY 30 January
10.30pm
£12
PLAYING ALL THE HITS
AND MUCH MORE
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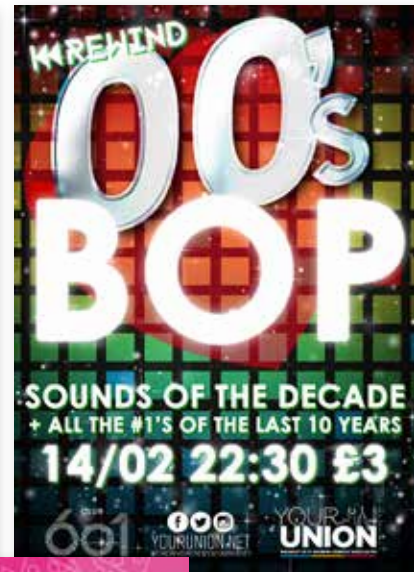
2020 REFRESHERS
ABBA
vs
QUEEN
BOP
31/01 | 22:30 | £3
Confetti cannons, amazing
give-aways, Abba Pablos and more!
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2020 REFRESHERS
HOUSE, TECHNO, DISCO ALL NIGHT LONG
HOUSE, TECHNO, DISCO ALL NIGHT LONG
HOUSE, TECHNO, DISCO ALL NIGHT LONG
ST FEBRUARY
12-5
TICKETS £5
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2020 REFRESHERS
REFRESHERS' FAYRE
02/02 | 12 - 5PM | FREE
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visit: yourunion.net/refreshers for more details & tickets!

BOP LIST



CHECK OUT [YOURUNION.NET/EVENT](https://yourunion.net/event) FOR MORE DETAILS, WEEKLY EVENT INFORMATION AND TICKETS.
OUR NEXT STUDENT SUGGESTION BOP WILL BE IN ELECTIONS WEEK!

SEMESTER 2 EVENTS

- Week 1** Refreshers' Week
- Week 2** Careers Week
- Week 3** Queerfest
- Week 4** RAG Week
- Week 5** Elections (Nominations)
- Week 6** Elections (Campaigning)

★ Spring Break ★

- Week 8** Wellbeing Week
- Week 9** On the Rocks Arts Festival
- Week 10** Pride
- Week 11** May Dip Health & Safety
- Week 12 - 13** Revision
- Week 14 - 15** Exams
- 27th June** Graduation and Summer Ball

Debates:

- ★ There are free weekly public debates hosted by the Union Debating Society in Lower Parliament Hall. Find the term card at [@standrewsdebating](#) on facebook.

Other highlights include:

- ★ Teaching Award Nominations, 31st January - 2nd March
- ★ Super Bowl, 2nd February
- ★ Catwalk Charity Fashion Show, 26th February
- ★ Just So Musical, 28th February
- ★ Just So Freshers' Musical, 9th – 11th March
- ★ St Patrick's Night (at the Union), 13th March
- ★ Mermaids Sem. 2 Stage Show, 30th – 31st March
- ★ Glitterball, 4th April
- ★ Just So Musical, 5th – 7th April
- ★ Eurovison (showing at the Union), 16th May

★ GRADUATION AND SUMMER BALL ★ SAVE THE DATE: 27TH JUNE

TICKET INFORMATION WILL BE ANNOUNCED THROUGH YOUR SABBATICAL EMAIL

ACTIVITIES

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**, all of which are managed by the Student Services Council (SSC). 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 societies, you can join anything from Model United Nations to Opera, from Baking to Harry Potter & Quidditch, and so much more.

Subcommittees: These are our 'super-societies' and as a St Andrews student you're automatically a member of all of them! Each subcommittee is incredibly active throughout the academic year, so you can join in at any point. We have over 11 subcommittees including the Charities Campaign, Union Debating Society, Design Team, Ents Crew, Saints LGBT+, Mermaids Performing Arts Fund, Music Is Love, On the Rocks (OTR) Arts Festival, STAR: St Andrews Student Radio, and St Andrews Voluntary Service (SVS).

If you have any questions about any of our Activities feel free to get in touch with Shaina, your Director of Student Development and Activities, via dosda@st-andrews.ac.uk. More information can be found at <https://www.yourunion.net/activities/>

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? It's true! Our subcommittees are at the heart of life in St Andrews and our student volunteers

dedicate incredible amounts of time and energy to providing St Andrews 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 recognized on your academic transcript, visit:

<https://www.yourunion.net/activities/volunteering/>
or email Shaina via dosda@st-andrews.ac.uk.



Above: A Capella Society (The Other Guys)

REPRESENTATION AND WELLBEING

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

The **Student Representative Council (SRC)** currently has 27 members who are elected in the Candlemas Semester each year. The functions of the SRC are devolved into seven different subcommittees which meet regularly:

- **Accommodation Committee:** Represents student interests on issues of accommodation and helps students navigate private letting as well as halls of residence.
- **Alumni Committee:** Works to connect our global alumni to St. Andrews and also current students with alumni. Also supports societies and subcommittees with their alumni engagement.
- **Community Relations Committee:** Represents students as members of the local community and the officer sits on the St Andrews Community Council.
- **Education Committee:** Responsible for coordinating student academic representation within the University's teaching and learning structure, through the School Presidents and the Class Reps.
- **Environment Subcommittee:** Working to encourage students to live more sustainably and get involved in the environmental projects around the town.
- **Equal Opportunities Committee:** Promoting diversity through increased understanding and awareness.
- **Wellbeing Committee:** Focuses on mental health, sexual health, personal safety, alcohol consumption, Raisin Weekend, May Dip, and other University traditions.

Contact Amy, your Director of Education, via doed@ or Flora, your Director of Wellbeing, via dowell@ for more information. Alternatively visit yourunion.net/helpub.



Above (left to right), Volunteers helping with Raisin Weekend, the Accommodation Fayre in Semester 1.

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 Union staff are here to help!

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

Union staff and the Association President provide advice and services through the Help Hub:

- **Private Accommodation Viewing service**
- **Lease-checking service**
- **Information about Fife Council/government resources, tenant rights & responsibilities**

Email: helphub@ to find out more or visit: yourunion.net/helphub

You can find available accommodation and flatmates through the Accommodation St Andrews Facebook page. You can also contact the Accommodation Subcommittee here with any questions you have about the private letting or halls of residence experience. Any questions can be directed to Jamie Rodney at president@.

You can find more useful information in our 'How to Rent Guide' which has a handy tear-out Property Checklist for property viewings at: yourunion.net/howtorentguide. This guide covers everything you need to know about renting in St Andrews in great detail, including list dates and application requirements. Make sure to give it a read!

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 in semester 1. So stay tuned and keep in touch!

HOW TO RENT GUIDE



SRC
ACCOMMODATION

www.yourunion.net/howtorentguide

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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

DESIGN TEAM: The team are here to teach design and other skills and help societies and the union promote events and foster creativity. Visit: yourunion.net/designteam for more info.

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

STUDY SPACE: There are lots of adaptable spaces available in the union, ask at reception about hiring a room.

COMPUTER ROOM: Our computer room boasts six desks all with sockets and six computers all with adobe creative suite, 2 printers A3 and A4. It can be found on the middle floor.

SPACES: Your Union has a unique selection of spaces on offer, each with their own style and identity. Perfect for hosting events or grabbing lunch and a coffee. Visit yourunion.net/events or fb.com/yourunionevents for more info.



LOOKING FOR FUNDING?

Are you an affiliated society looking for funding for an event?

NO

YES

Are you a student/group of students looking for funding for your own project?

YES

What kind of project?

**THEATRE,
PERFORMING ARTS,
OR PRODUCTION**

**ACADEMIC,
OR EDUCATION**

OTHER.

Apply for funding from the **Mermaids Performing Arts Fund** OR the Anthony Tudor Drama Fund

You can seek funding from your **Academic School** and/or ask your School President about applying to the **Education Discretionary Fund**

Apply to the **Student Project Fund**

Is your society looking for funding for a careers-based or employability event?

NO

YES

Apply for funding from the **Societies Committee**

Apply to the **Employability Fund**

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Visit yourunion.net/funding for details.



Help Hub

The one stop shop for information



LGBT+



sexual health



physical health



GOT CONSENT?

safety/consent/assault



help a friend



mental health



settling in



finances



relationships



accommodation



personal safety



academic difficulties

yourunion.net/helphub



27th June 2020

*Graduation
& Summer Ball*

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& WEEKENDS

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