




YOUR  UNION  
UNIVERSITY OF ST ANDREWS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Scottish Registered Charity, no.SCO19683

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# YOUR UNION: YOUR STUDENT EXPERIENCE

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We (The Students' Association) are here to make your University experience as amazing as possible, give you opportunities, help you through the tough times and celebrate the amazing times.

**How we work:** We have a Board of Trustees that is the governing body of the Students' Association, a Student Representative Council (SRC) and Student Services Council (SSC). Overall there are 38 members of our Student Councils. Six sabbatical officers aka SABBs are elected to represent you.

**Your sabbatical officers:** representatives elected by the student body who work full-time to enhance and support your student experience. We are here to make sure each year is incredible!

Everything the Students' Association (aka Your Union) works towards falls into three broad categories – **Representation, Activities, and Spaces.** Your **Director of Wellbeing (DoWell)**, and **Director of Education (DoEd)**, cover Representation, serving as your advocates for issues

such as education, employability, welfare and equal opportunities. Your **Director of Student Development & Activities (DoSDA)**, is responsible for Activities, managing and facilitating all our student societies and Union subcommittees that are available to you. Your **Director of Events & Services (DoES)**, oversees Spaces, ensuring events, commercial services, and all Union venues best serve you. Your **Students' Association President**, serves as the 'face' of the Union; the chief representative of all students within the University, the local community, and the outside world as well as being responsible for managing the strategic direction of the Students' Association. Finally your **Athletic Union President**, oversees and develops sport at St Andrews.

There is plenty more to say about the Students' Association and most of the information can be found in this book but if you want to find out even more about anything we have to offer or have any unanswered questions, then please don't hesitate to get in touch.

St Andrews has a lot to offer. Take advantage of it. Don't be afraid to take risks and don't beat yourself up if you make mistakes.

All the support you need is right here, an email or a phone call away.

Visit: [yourunion.net](http://yourunion.net) for contact details.



# YOUR SABBATICAL OFFICERS

## WHAT WE DO: HOW WE'RE HERE FOR YOU



### DIRECTOR OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT & ACTIVITIES

Email: dosda@st-andrews.ac.uk

#### Extracurricular Activities

Societies  
- Societies Committee  
- Room Booking  
- Freshers' & Society Fayres  
- Health and Safety  
Student Project Fund  
The Byre Theatre  
Scott Lang Events

#### Subcommittees

Charities Campaign  
Union Debating Society  
Postgraduate Society  
St Andrews Volunteering Service  
Mermaids (w/DoES)  
Music is Love (w/DoES)  
On The Rocks (w/DoES)

#### Student Development

Professional Skills Curriculum  
Employability  
- St Andrews Award  
- Internships  
- Careers Centre Liaison

#### Volunteering

Portal  
Recognition (w/AU Pres)



### DIRECTOR OF EVENTS & SERVICES

Email: does@st-andrews.ac.uk

#### Commercial Services

Bar Services  
Rector's Café  
Old Union Café

#### Events and Venues

Freshers' Week  
Graduation Ball  
Club 601 / The Stage  
- Club Nights  
- Society Events  
- Commercial Hire  
- Venue Hire  
Equipment Hire  
Estates Liaison  
Health & Safety

#### Subcommittees

STAR Radio  
Design Team  
Ents Crew  
Mermaids (w/DoSDA)  
Music is Love (w/DoSDA)  
On The Rocks (w/DoSDA)

#### Staffing

#### Discipline and Membership



### STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Email: pres@st-andrews.ac.uk

#### External Relations

National Representation  
- Westminster & Holyrood  
- Rector's Group  
- Scottish Sabbs Forum  
Media & Communications  
- Press Enquiries  
- Press Releases  
- University Press Liaison  
Community Relations  
- Community Council  
- Constabulary Liaison  
- Outreach Groups

#### University Relations w/DoEd

- University Court  
- Academic Council

#### Social Responsibility

Accommodation  
- Senior Student Forum  
- Accommodation Fees  
- How to Rent  
Widening Access Participation  
Tuition Fees  
Bursary Fund  
Sustainability & Environment

#### Strategy

Planning & Governance  
Alumni Relations  
Alumni Festival Weekend

#### Finance

#### Planning & Resources Committee

#### Governance & Nominations Committee



### DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

Email: doed@st-andrews.ac.uk

#### Education

Academic Representation  
- School Presidents & Class Reps  
- Education Subcommittee  
- Teaching Awards

#### University

- Learning & Teaching Committee  
- Postgrad. Research Committee  
- Academic Monitoring Group  
- University Internal Reviews  
- Module Evaluation Questionnaires  
- Advising

#### Postgraduates

- Postgrad. Academic Convenor  
- Martyr's Kirk Project Board  
Library  
- Study Spaces.  
- Library Redevelopment  
CAPOD

#### University Relations w/ Pres

- University Court  
- Advising for Academic Council

#### Planning & Resources Committee



### ATHLETIC UNION PRESIDENT

Email: President@saints-sport.com

#### Sport

Club Sport  
- Sports Fayre  
- Club Captains' Forum  
- Support & Development  
- Competitive & Casual Sport  
Hall Sport

#### Participation

Representation  
- BUCS  
- Scottish Student Sport  
- International  
- Inter & Intra University

#### Events

Scottish Varsity Match  
Kingdom vs. Capital w/ Edinburgh  
Sinners (w/ DoES)  
Give-It-A-Go Week  
Sports Ball

#### Alumni

Club Networks  
Alumni Festival Weekend

#### Volunteering

Portal  
Recognition (w/DoSDA)

#### Wellbeing

Health Body Healthy Mind



### DIRECTOR OF WELLBEING

Email: dowell@st-andrews.ac.uk

#### Equal Opportunities

- LGBT+ Subcommittee  
- Equal Opportunities Subcomm.  
- Gender, Racial, Age, Disability Equality  
- University Equality Committees  
- Athena Swan  
- Project Juno  
- Pangaea

#### Wellbeing

- Wellbeing Subcommittee  
- StAnd Together  
- Mental Health  
- Mental Health Awareness Week  
- Physical Health  
- Sexual Health  
- Sexual Health Awareness Week  
- Condom Distribution  
Student Services Liaison.  
Nightline Liaison  
Personal Safety (Raisin + May Dip)

#### Democracy

- SRC Guidance and Training  
- Students' Association Elections  
- Transparency

# ACTIVITIES

Activities are a huge part of the Association. Your University experience isn't just lectures and exams, you can make it whatever you want it to be, from playing quidditch to taking photos to learning how to ballroom dance!









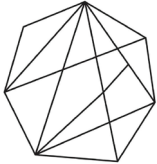



We have 12 subcommittees and over 160 societies so there is definitely something out there for you and if there's not you can create your own!

Visit [www.yourunion.net/activities/](http://www.yourunion.net/activities/) to see a detailed list of societies and subcommittees, view a comprehensive calendar of their events and see who to contact or how to set up a society yourself.



## SUBCOMMITTEES

There are 11 Student Services Council (SSC) Subcommittees that each have a very active role within the Students' Association. Every matriculated student is automatically a member of these groups, so there are no membership fees! They are basically huge societies and you can get involved with each of them as much as you want. **SSC Subcommittees:**

Saints LGBT+	Debates	Postgraduate Society	Design Team	Music is Love (MIL)	ENTS Crew
					
					
STAR: St Andrews Student Radio	Mermaids Performing Arts Fund	On The Rocks (OTR)	Charities Campaign	St Andrews Voluntary Service (SVS)	Lifers

## ACTIVITIES

Here is the list of affiliated societies, with more being added all the time! Visit: [yourunion.net/activities](http://yourunion.net/activities) for further information.

## SOCIETIES:

### ACADEMIC, EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL

Art History Society  
Astronomical Society  
Bacchae/Classics Society  
Biology Society  
Bute Medical Society  
Chemical Society  
Economics Society  
Enactus St Andrews  
Entrepreneurs Society  
Film Society  
Foreign Affairs Society  
General Practice Society  
Geography Society  
Geology Society  
History Society  
Investment Society  
Law Society  
Management Society  
Mathematics Society  
Neuroscience Society  
Oncology Society  
Pathology Society  
Philosophy Society  
Physics Society  
Psychology and Neuroscience Society  
Robogals St Andrews  
St Andrews Computing Society (STACS)  
St Andrews Engineering Group  
St Mary's College Society  
Student Archaeological Society  
Surgical Society  
Sustainable Development Society  
William and Mary/St Andrews Student Partnership  
Women in Computer Science

### ACTIVITY & RECREATION

Aviation Society  
BALLADS (Ballroom and Latin Dance Society)  
Book Club  
Breakaway (Hillwalking Club)  
Capoeira Society  
Celtic and Ceilidh Society  
Chess Society  
Dance Club  
Knitting Society  
Mindfulness Society  
Model United Nations Society  
Muscle and Athletic Sports Society  
Pool and Cue Sports Society  
Shimmy Society  
STAAG (St Andrews Adventure Group)  
Staartango  
Swing Dance Society  
YogiSoc

### ARTS, MEDIA AND MUSIC

A Cappella Society  
Art Society  
Comedy Society  
Craft Society  
Filmmakers' Society  
Folk and Traditional Music Society  
Gilbert and Sullivan Society  
Inklight: Creative Writing Society  
Jazzworks  
Just So Society (Musical Theatre)  
Madrigal Group  
Music Society  
Opera Society  
Photography Society  
RockSoc  
St.Ation

### CHARITABLE

Action for Muona  
Amnesty International  
Blood Donation Society  
British Red Cross Group  
Children of Rwanda Society  
CoppaFeel! Society  
Dementia Friendly St Andrews  
For Her Project  
Friends of MSF  
Guide Dogs Society  
Marrow Society  
Mary's Meals  
Organ Donation Society  
Oxfam Society  
Refugee Action St Andrews  
Rotaract  
Save the Children  
Sexpression St Andrews  
St Andrews' Society for Homelessness (STASH)  
Students for Global Health St Andrews  
Teddy Bear Hospital  
Unicef On Campus  
Wildlife and Conservation Society  
Women for Women International

## CULTURAL

African & Caribbean Society  
Armenian Society  
At Home and Abroad Society  
Chinese Hongpao Society  
Chinese Students and Scholars Association  
Czech and Slovak Society  
Filipino Society  
French Society  
German Society  
Greek-Cypriot Society  
Hispanic Society  
Hong Kong Society  
Hungarian Society  
Indonesian Society  
Japan Society  
Korean Society  
Malaysian International Group  
Middle East Society  
Persian Culture (Iranian) Society  
Polish Society  
Russian Society  
Scottish Society  
Singapore Society  
South Asian (Sanskriti) Society  
Thai Society

## FAITH

Catholic Society  
Coexistence Initiative  
Hindu-Jain-Sikh Society  
Jewish Society  
Muslim Students' Association

## FAN & GEEK

DICE (Wargaming and Roleplaying Society)  
DocSoc (Doctor Who Society)  
Gaming Society  
Pokemon Society  
Quidditch and Harry Potter Society  
Science Fiction and Fantasy  
Sherlock Holmes Society  
Shire of Caer Caledon

## FOOD & DRINK

Craft Beer Society  
Fine Food and Dining Society  
Tea Society  
Vegetarian and Vegan Society

## POLITICAL & CAMPAIGNING

Democrats Overseas  
European Horizons  
Feminist Society  
Free Market Association  
Her Choice  
Labour Society  
Liberal Democrats Society  
Scotland in Union  
Students for Independence  
Students for Life  
United Nations Association  
St Andrews University Conservative and Unionist Association



# REPRESENTATION

## BE PART OF THE ACTION

The Students' Association is your voice to the University, the local community and the wider world. From the Students' Representative Council (SRC) to School Presidents and Class Reps, we are the home of student activism and ensuring that students' concerns are heard.

Visit [yourunion.net/src](http://yourunion.net/src) to find out more about the SRC and each of its subcommittees. Below is a list of areas we cover.

- ACCOMMODATION
- ALUMNI
- COMMUNITY RELATIONS
- ENVIRONMENT
- NATIONAL REPRESENTATION
- WIDENING ACCESS AND PARTICIPATION
- EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES
- WELLBEING
- EMPLOYABILITY COMMITTEE
- EDUCATION COMMITTEE





## ACADEMIC REPRESENTATION

Here at St Andrews, the students and staff work in partnership to enhance the academic experience and we have a very strong system of academic representation, lead by the Students' Association, on both the undergraduate and postgraduate level.

Every March the student body elects School Presidents who serve as the key liaison between students and staff within their School. They chair the Student Staff Consultative Committee, attend the School's Learning and Teaching Committee, and provide leadership to the Class Reps. All of the School Presidents are supported directly by the Director of Education, and attend the School Presidents' Forum twice a semester alongside the Proctor and Deans of Arts and Science.

We also have two Faculty Presidents, one for the Faculty of Science and Medicine, and one for the Faculty of Arts and Divinity, who coordinate with the School Presidents. They are members of the SRC and the Senatus Academicus.

## CLASS REPS

Class Reps are at the core of academic representation at St Andrews. They are democratically elected at the beginning of semester one throughout every year of study in all of the Schools. Their role is to represent student views within their School and raise any concerns to the relevant academic staff. They are trained and supported by the Students' Association and work very closely with their School President to help enhance courses, improve library resources, run careers events, and develop the social community within their School.

Nominations for Class Reps normally happen in Week 1 with voting taking place in Week 2. If you want to find out more visit :

[yourunion.net/classreps](http://yourunion.net/classreps)

For more information about class reps or academic representation, don't hesitate to contact the Director of Education:

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



## SCHOOL PRESIDENT LIST

Art History	arthistorypresident@
Biology	biologypresident@
Chemistry	chemistrypresident@
Classics	classicspresident@
Computer Science	compscipresident@
Divinity	divinitypresident@
Earth & Environmental Sciences	earthscipresident@
Economics & Finance	economicspresident@
English	englishpresident@
Film Studies & Music	filmpresident@
Geography & SD	geographypresident@
History	historypresident@
International Relations	irpresident@
Management	managementpresident@

Mathematics & Statistics	mathspresident@
Medicine	medicinepresident@
Modern Languages	modlangpresident@
Philosophy	philosophypresident@
Physics & Astronomy	physicspresident@
Psychology & Neuroscience	psychpresident@
Social Anthropology	socanthpresident@



# LIVING

## HERE TO HELP

We work in conjunction with Student Services a lot and we are very proud of the resources available to help students. If you need a little bit of extra support or extra company you might find these initiatives useful.

## STAND TOGETHER

StAnd Together is a joint initiative between the Students' Association and the University with a focus on student wellbeing and mutual support. It is currently made up of two student-run projects: the 'Got Consent?' and 'Got Support?' campaigns.



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## GOT CONSENT?

Got Consent is a student-led project aiming to raise awareness of sexual consent. Student volunteers lead workshops in halls, the Students' Association and other University spaces to engage students in a discussion on consent and encourage them to become active bystanders in our community. By looking out for our friends and fellow students, we can make significant efforts in preventing sexual misconduct and assault in St Andrews.



**GOT CONSENT?**

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## GOT SUPPORT?

The Peer Support Network is a one-to-one meet-up service open to any student looking for a little extra company, support and friendship during their time at St Andrews. The Network is made up of student volunteers trained in listening skills. They are available for a coffee and a chat, or to accompany students to events. Meet-ups are commonly once a week for an hour or so, but can be tailored to your individual circumstances. Our volunteers are happy to provide a private listening ear for any issue, big or small, as well as company for trying out new things, like society activities and other events.



**GOT SUPPORT?**  
The St Andrews Peer Support Network

## WELLBEING

The Wellbeing Committee looks out for student health, be it physical or mental. They put on events to promote student wellbeing, including Sexual Health Advice and Guidance (SHAG) Week in first semester, and Mental Health Awareness Week. They also run events to enhance your ability to relax and meet new people, because having a great support network is key to wellbeing. Past events have included organization workshops, board game afternoons and academic family matching! The Wellbeing Committee also contributes to your Raisin and May Dip experiences, where they aim to keep both traditions fun, safe, and friendly. Meetings are held every week, and the committee includes members of other student groups including StAnd Together, Sexpression, and Nightline.

## EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

The Equal Opportunities Committee exists to make sure that each St Andrews student is fully represented within the Students' Association. Every member of the committee has a specific area of the student population they work with, and for. Covering all aspects of the diverse student experience this town has to offer, Equal Opportunities works to put on educational and fun events throughout the year and make sure that each and every student voice is advocated for.

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

St Andrews draws students from over 120 countries, which creates a wonderfully international community within our university. We encourage you to take full advantage of this and enjoy learning and connecting with people from around the world. Do keep in mind, though, that there may be some unexpected things about life in the U.K. that are a bit different from your home country, ranging from getting comfortable with social differences and accents to navigating the healthcare system, and these can take a bit of adjusting. It's a good idea to do a bit of research before coming to know what to expect before starting to settle in. The orientation webpages and app are great resources to get you started.



# SPACES

## THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING HAPPENING

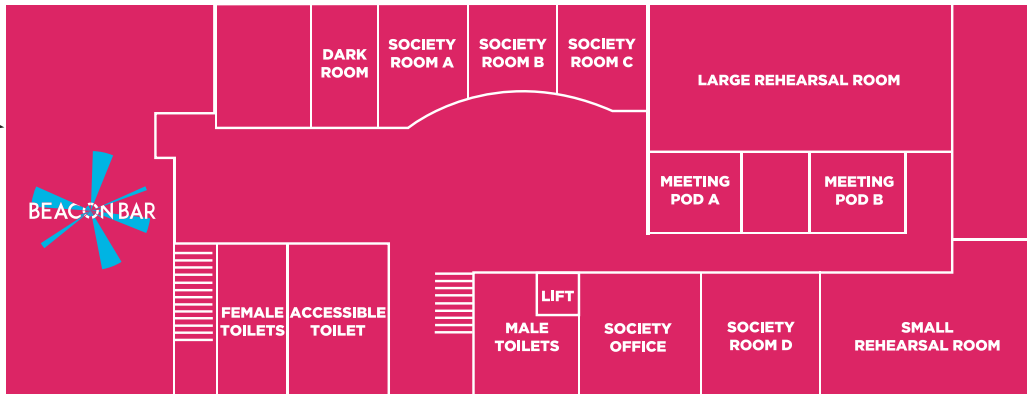
There's something on at the Union almost every day, it could be a society event, play put on by one of our subcommittees or one of our own nights such as our weekly club nights on Wednesdays or Fridays, our Friday night karaoke or Sunday pub quiz! We show pretty much any kind of sport you want to watch and we've even got a 3 metre screen to watch it on! We serve delicious, amazingly priced food in our Main Bar, Rector's Café and the Old Union Coffee Shop (on North Street) and have study pods and a computer and print room as well! We aim to cater for everyone and we hope you make the most of our facilities and spaces.



# YOUR UNION: FLOOR PLAN

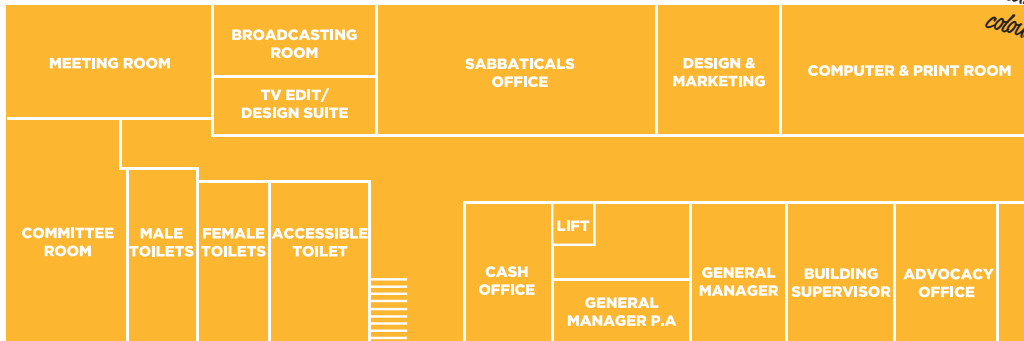
Explore our top floor bar for top quality cocktails

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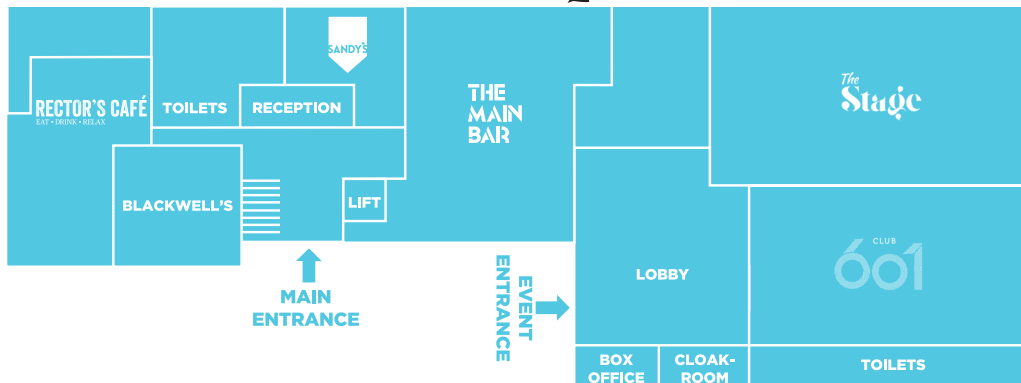
You can book spaces in the Union, ask reception for more details!

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We have 6 computers all with adobe creative suite on them, an A4 and A3 colour inkjet printer for you to use!

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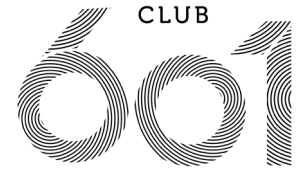


We serve locally sourced hot food

THE  
MAIN  
BAR



The  
Stage  
The  
Barron



# RECTOR'S CAFÉ

EAT • DRINK • RELAX



# THE OLD UNION COFFEE SHOP

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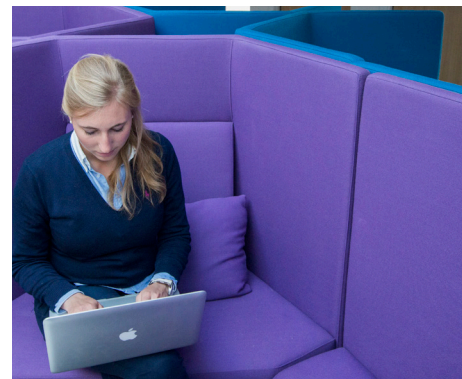
# THE MAIN BAR DINER



## UNI SHOP



## BLACKWELL'S



## STUDY SPACE

# CONTACT US

We have lots of different ways of telling you what we're up to:



@yourunionevents  
@standrewsunion  
@saelectofficial



@standrewsunion



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We send a weekly **sabbatical email** and a monthly **Union email** straight to your inbox!  
Our website **yourunion.net** has up-to-date event, representation and support information too!

