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Students'
Union

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Societies AGM 2025-26

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Welcome to our Annual General Meeting of 2025-26!

We're so glad you're here!

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Today's Agenda

- Alumni Fund Applications
- Socs Team Updates
- VP Community Updates
- Socs Exec Updates
- Policy Amendments
- Socs Exec Election
- Final Updates
- Socs Exec Q&A



Alumni Fund grant applications now open

Every year the Alumni Fund gives over £300,000 to student groups, departments and faculties to enhance the Strathclyde experience.

Apply now to get funding for your society, club or project!

Applications close midnight, 24 April

Search 'Alumni Fund' at strath.ac.uk or scan here to apply:



Contact developmentoffice@strath.ac.uk with any questions



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Societies Team Updates

What have we been
working on?





Update to Finance training/guidelines.

Societies should avoid using cash for any payments. It is very difficult to approve reimbursements for these, they are only acceptable if you can get a printed itemised receipt eg in a shop.

If an establishment offers you discount for cash payment do not accept this as you will not receive an itemised receipt.

You should not give out cash prizes with welcome grants or AGM Grants. Any prizes (other than alcohol) can be purchased with the grants.

This also applies to savings accounts, we cannot approve payments of cash prizes.



Info for Trans Students

Due to UK banking regulations, we have to make sure that the name provided in any payment requests matches exactly the name on the bank account we're paying to - otherwise there is a high risk that payments won't go through.

Email Ellie or Sarah at ellie.gomersall@strath.ac.uk or sarah.forrest@strath.ac.uk with details of any names on your bank accounts.



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Issues with British Summer time and duplicated events on native

Check the times on any
native events!





Society Committee Resources

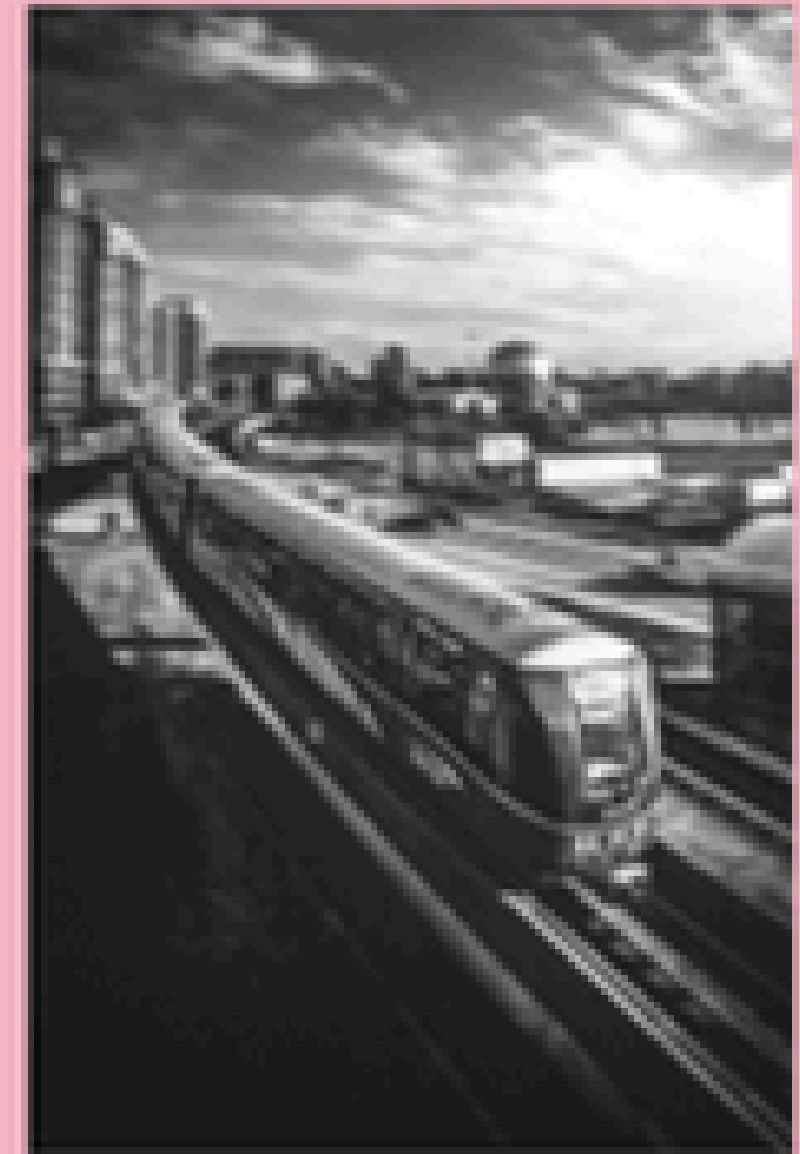
<https://www.strathunion.com/organisation/resources/>

New Driver Declaration Form

All drivers need to fill out this form at the beginning of each academic year to be eligible to hire a vehicle.

You must inform us if driver's licences change in any way throughout the course of the year or if drivers have any accidents whilst driving other vehicles.

Trips, Travel and Transport





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Training Day

After a great success last year, the Society Training Day will be running again!

Save the date: Wednesday 26th August

Registration will open after reaffiliation.

Email us with your thoughts!





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AGM, Handover & Reaffiliation

Its that time again!





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Agm & Handover

You should hold a meeting with the outgoing and incoming committee to handover and reaffiliate!

Committee members, role descriptions	Goals and Challenges
Typical Society Meetings Details	Social Media accounts & Passwords
Society Sponsorships and conditions	Key contacts/Details
What events have your society run or taken part in this year?	Storage Space
	Funding: Status, Feedback, Report due?



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Reaffiliation

Time to get reaffiliated!

The link, along with your constitution and risk assessment category has been sent to your society email
(unionsociety-SOCIETYNAME@strath.ac.uk)

Lets go through it together!





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VP Community Updates





UPDATES

From the VPC

- ★ New Year Celebrations were a smash hit!
- ★ Ramadan shout-out!
- ★ The Wellbeing Fair-crafts, snacks, & outlandish themes!
- ★ Thank you all for a lovely year!

Thank
you

Star Awards

Date: Thursday, 21st of May



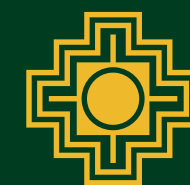
Get Ready for a Night of Tropical Elegance...

- The STAR Awards are happening on Thursday 21st May 2026! Save The Date!
- Invites for those shortlisted should be going out mid-end April and everyone is welcome to the Afterparty!

Let's take a wee trip to Tropical South America !



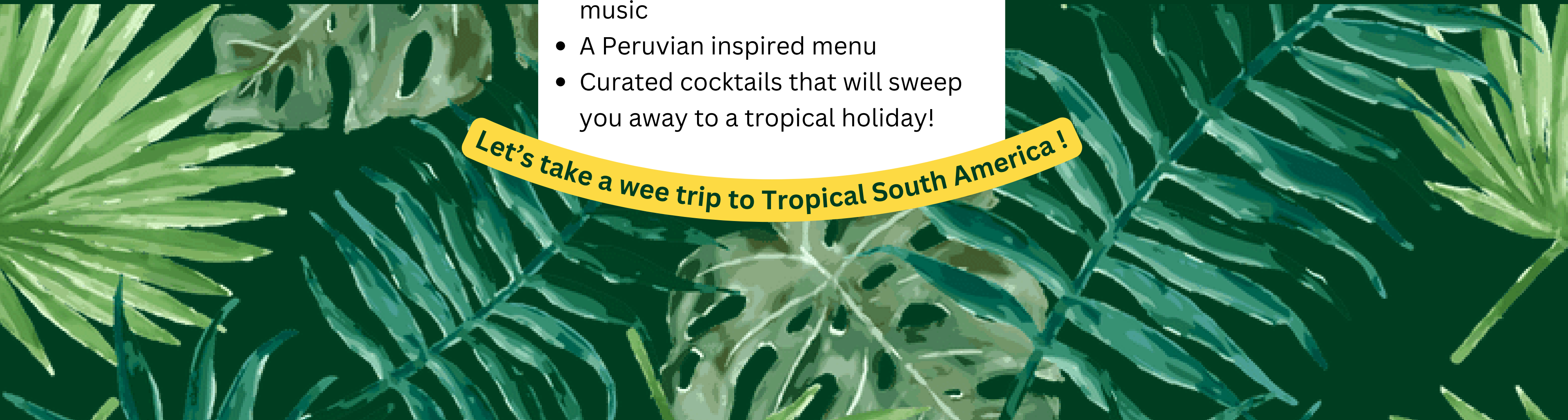
Star *Awards*



Get Ready for a Night of Tropical Elegance...

- With vibrant colors & palm leaves
- A lively selection of popular Latino music
- A Peruvian inspired menu
- Curated cocktails that will sweep you away to a tropical holiday!

Let's take a wee trip to Tropical South America!

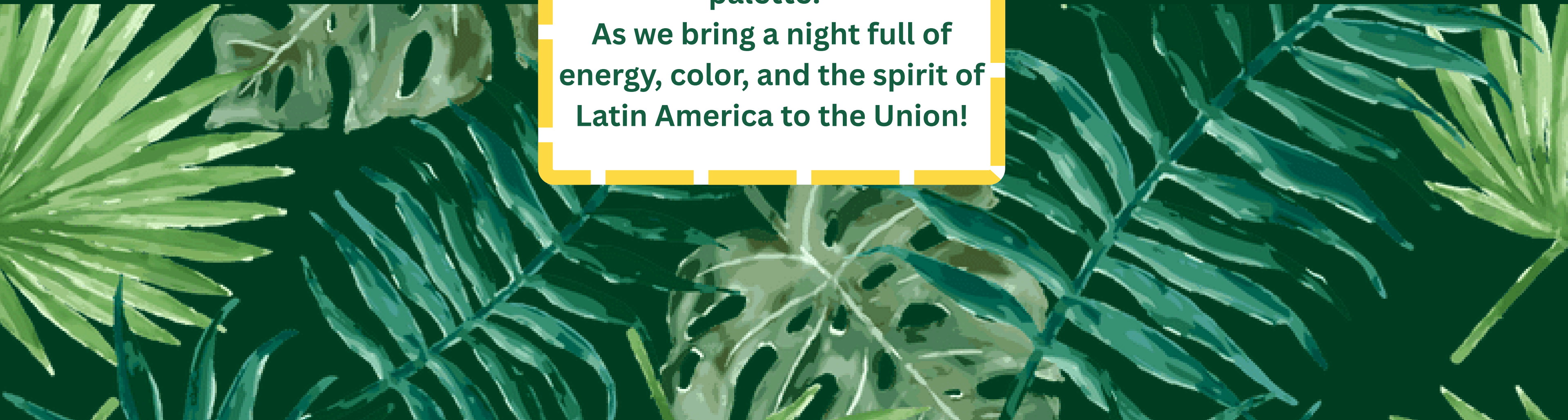


Star Awards



**Step into Tropical Elegance!
Dress in formal evening wear
with a vibrant tropical
palette!**

**As we bring a night full of
energy, color, and the spirit of
Latin America to the Union!**

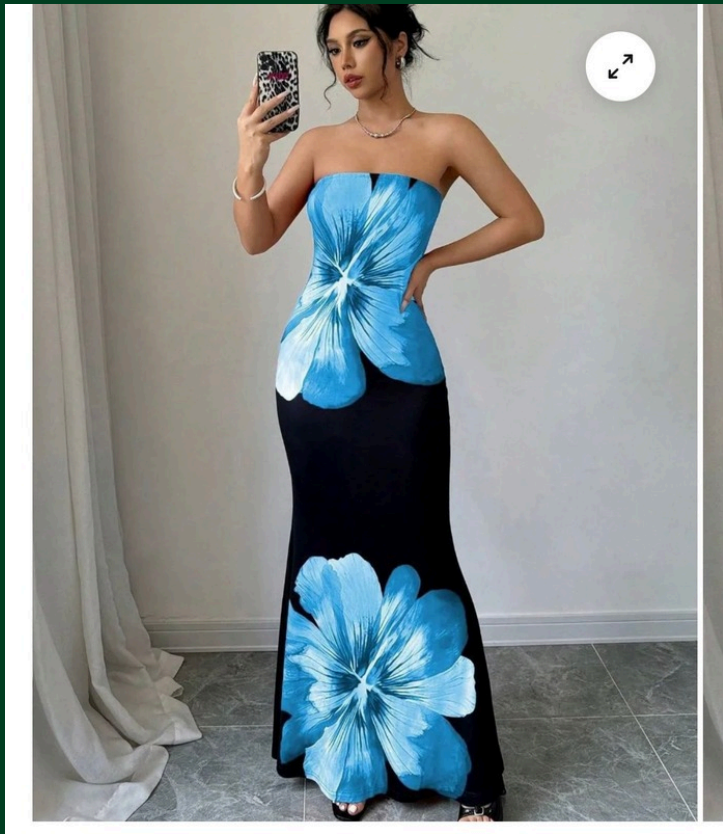


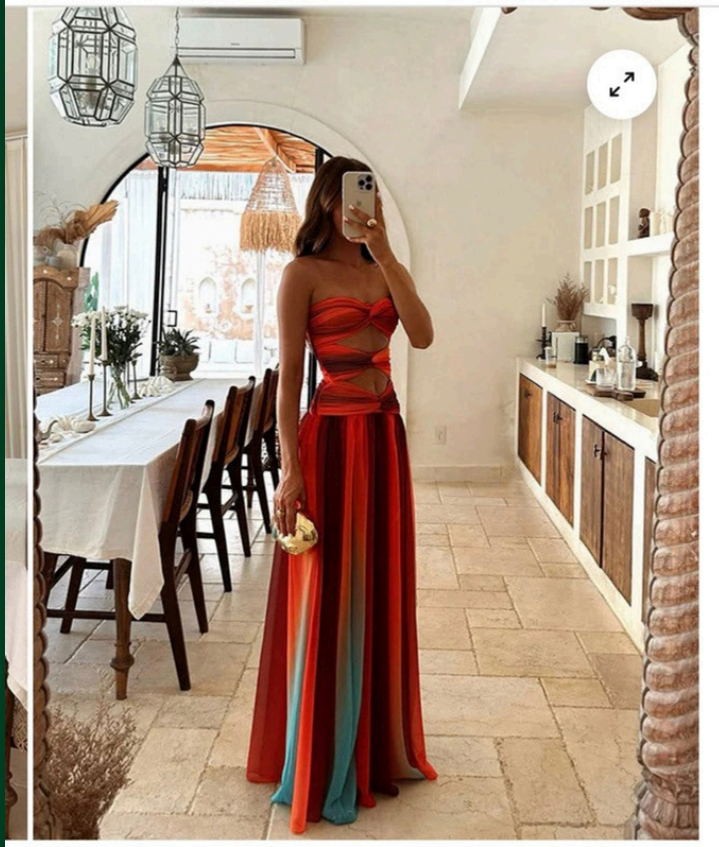
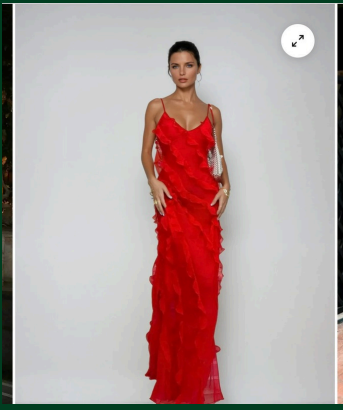


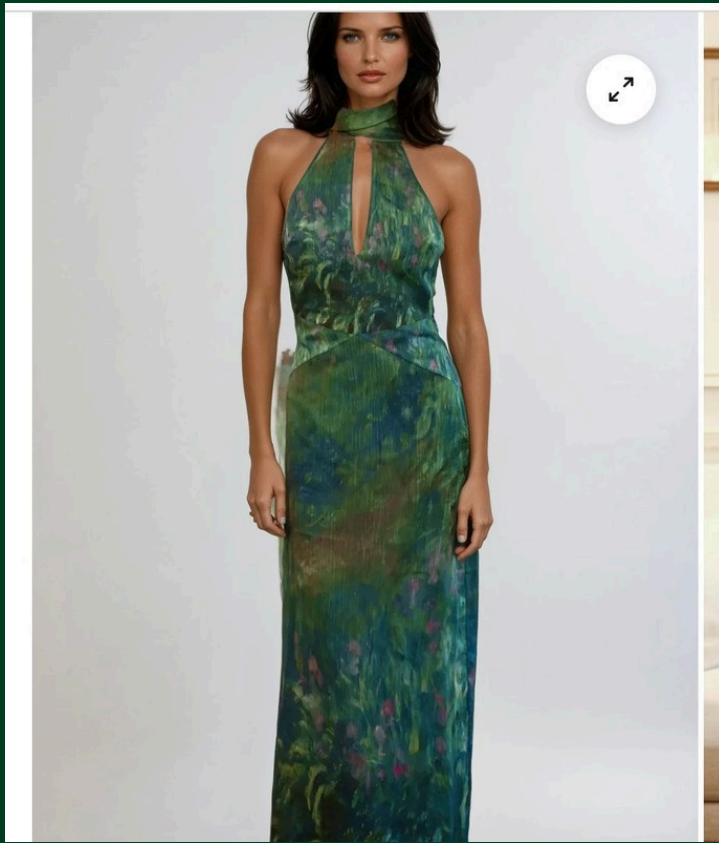


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Socs Exec Updates





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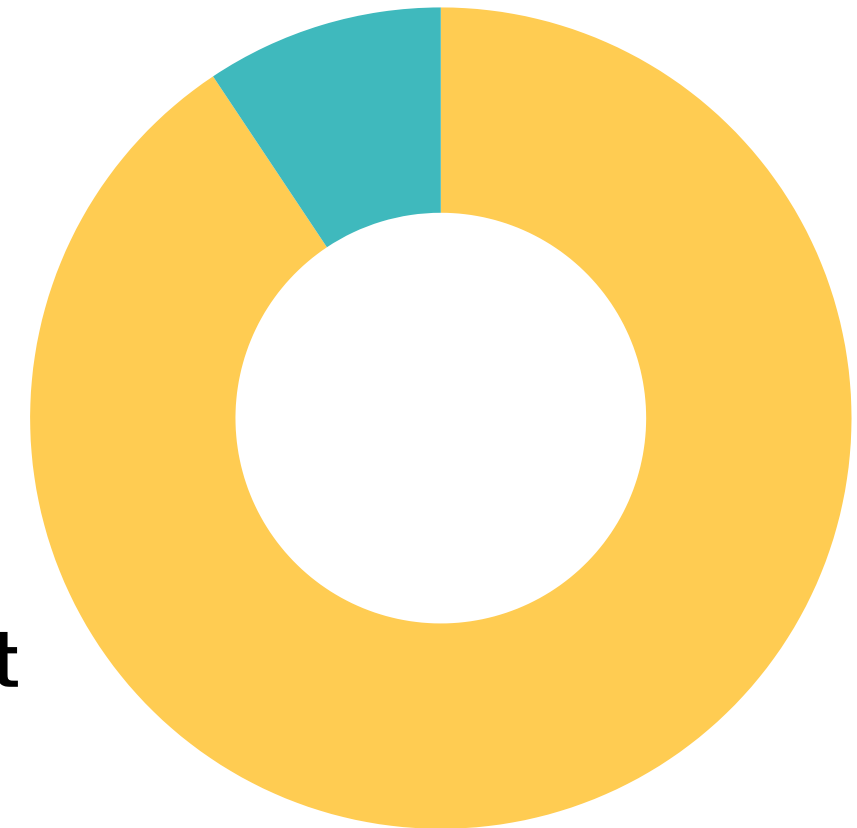
Budget Update

Socs Exec has met fifteen times this academic year, and has awarded a total of 46 grants from across both the Exec and A&C budgets, totalling £46,775.63. The A&C pot is now empty!

£1250.60 has been reclaimed from unspent welcome grants, so this has been put back in the budget!

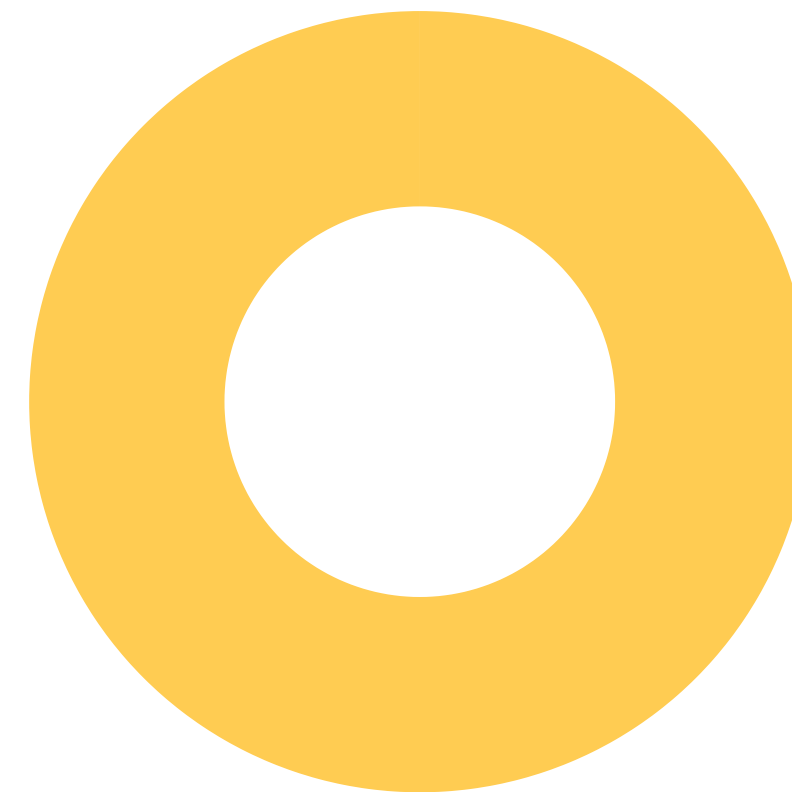
Socs Exec Budget

Unspent - £11,540.98
9.4%



Arts & Culture Budget

Spent - £22,264.02
90.6%



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100%



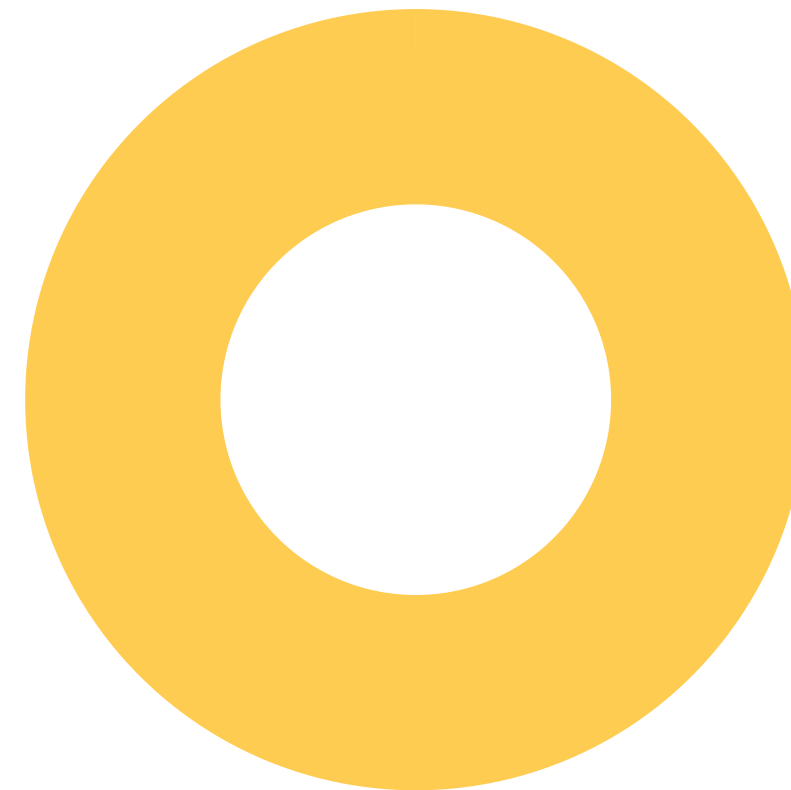
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Budget Update

66 Welcome Grants have now been claimed, totalling £2,970

And so far, 10 AGM grants have been claimed, totalling £250. Don't forget to claim yours!!

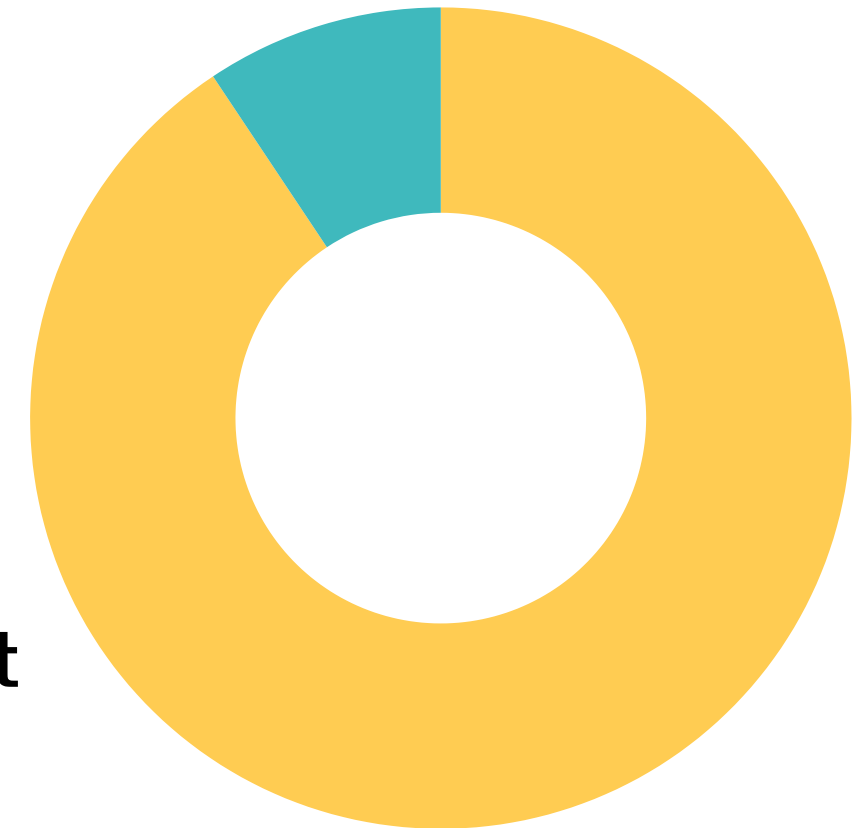
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Final Socs Exec

There are only two more socs exec meetings before the summer!

Wednesday 22/04 and 06/05

Make sure to get any requests in before noon on 21/04 to make sure they have the best chance of approval before the first meeting back in August!





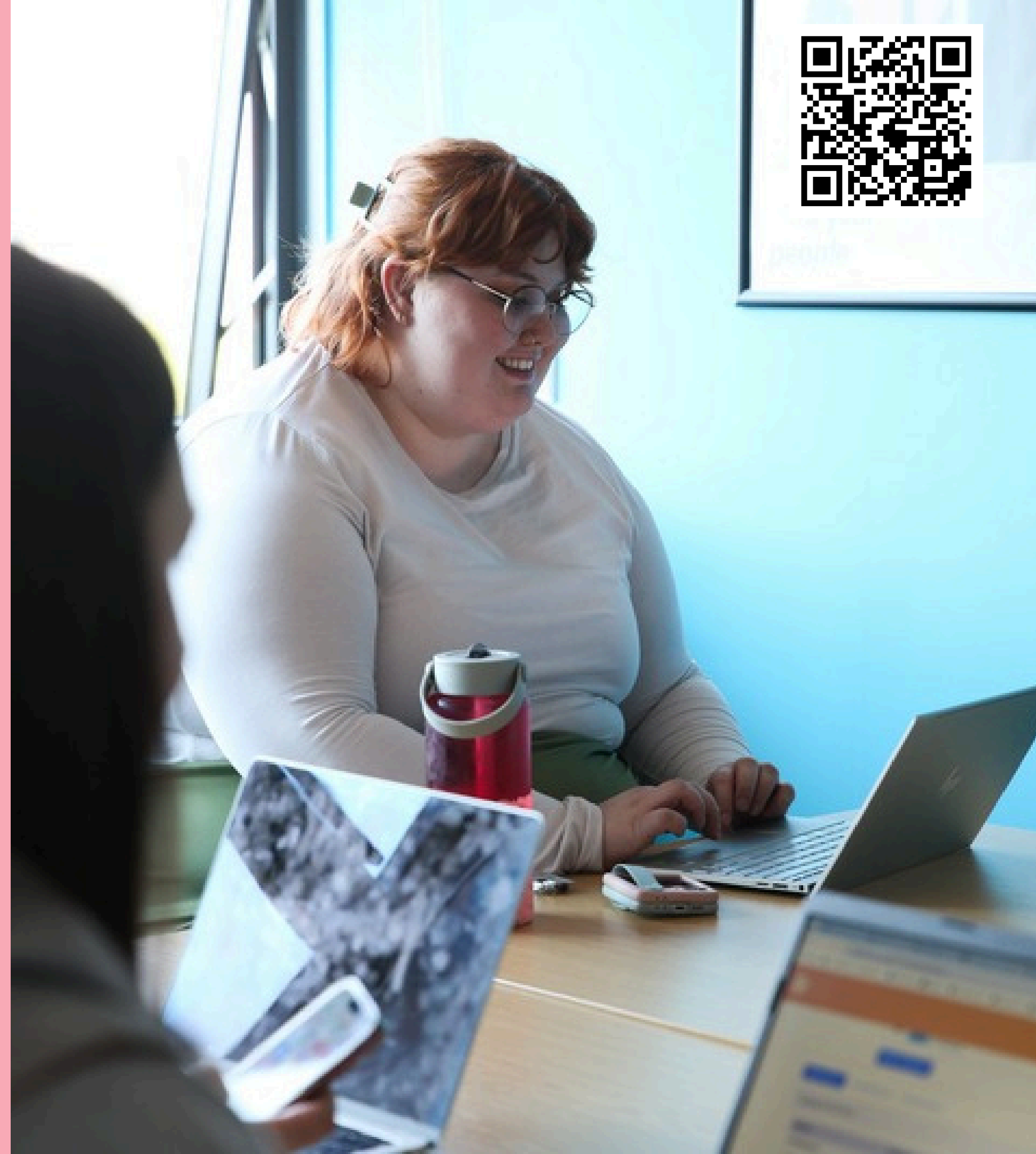
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Congratulations also to the following societies which have re/affiliated since the last GM:

- Horror Society,
- Chinese Queer Reading Society
- Sustainability Society
- Social Awareness & Responsibility Society (SSARS)
- VietSoc
- Coding & Technology Society (CATS)
- Civil Engineering Society
- AI & Blockchain Society

We now have over 140 affiliated societies!





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Updates to Society Policy



Proposition to rename the Society GMs and AGM to 'Society Assemblies'

This is to combat confusion with individual EGMs and AGMs held within societies, and the mandatory, union-hosted Society AGM.



Addition to Society Policy Section 4: ‘Governance of affiliated societies’

To allow societies to add restrictions on representative committee membership roles e.g. women’s rep must be a woman

4.a.10. - Societies may additionally create representative roles on their committee which are restricted to a specific widening access or inclusion group. Any condition of membership must be a suggestion based on self-identification only, and cannot require students to present evidence. All other committee positions must be open to all members with no restriction based on any criteria.



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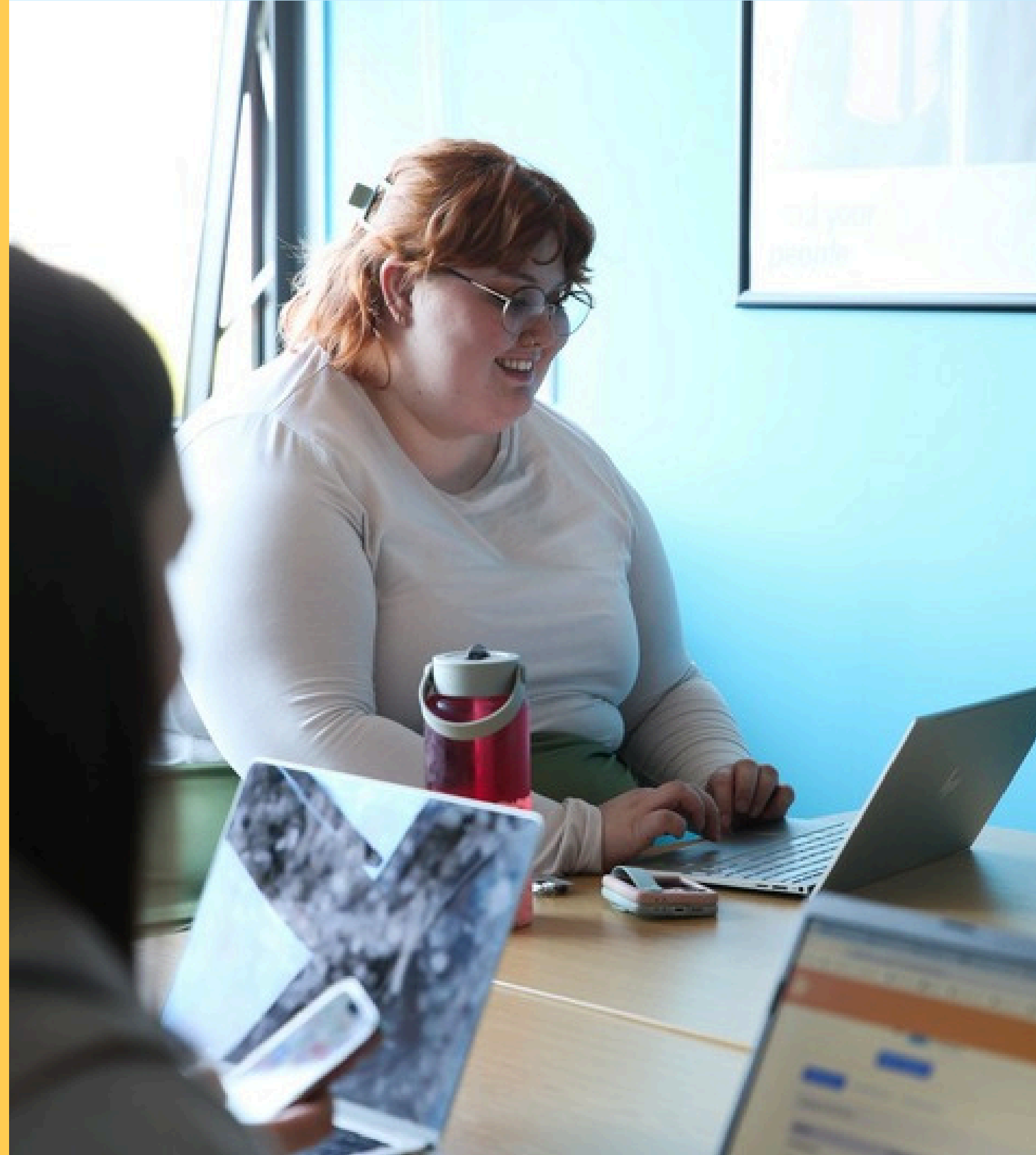




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Socs Exec Election

Nominate yourselves!





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Register your society's attendance to vote!





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Lets hear from the nominees!





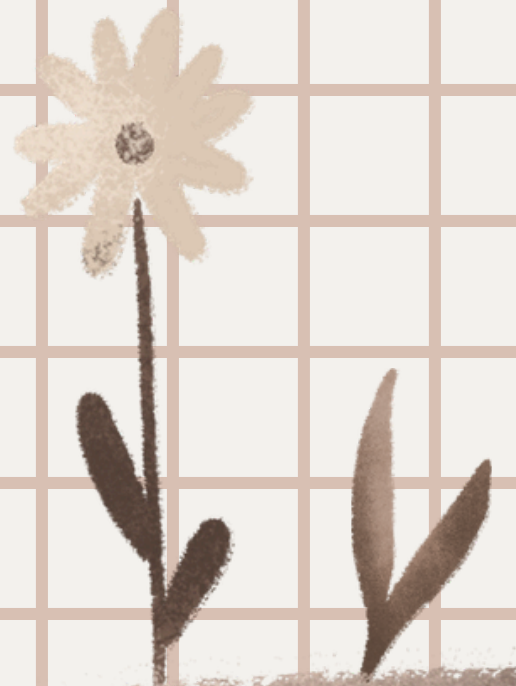
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incoming: 4th year Economics & BAF student

WHO AM I?

- **Treasurer ('24-25) & President ('25-26)** of Strath Book Club
- **Founder & president ('24-26)** of Business Analysis Society
- **Student representative** for Business Analysis & Technology and Economics
- **Societies executive** 2025-26

*Reading * Running * Crochet **
Advanced Coffee Shopper



KEY SKILLS



Financial
background



Committee
experience



Supportive
mindset

I would like to nominate myself for the society executive role, however I am not able to attend the GM tonight, as I am already occupied with a society event

I have been an active member within the union and its many different societies- last year i was on the movember committee as secretary, ensuring the society ran smoothly and that we were able to raise money for the movember charity. Through this role, we were able to raise a lot of awareness for the charity and the society, and we have gained some very useful connections which could be transferred to the role.

Starting last April, I am also apart of the Strathclyde law society as an academic events coordinator- helping bridge the gap between students and legal personnel, and helping the next generation of lawyers understand the opportunities that are available for them. Through this experience, i can demonstrate i am great at communicating both orally and in writing, which I believe would be helpful to bring to the role

I am currently the acting secretary for the canoe club, and can take minutes at the committee meetings, allowing them to be published when approved.

I would love the opportunity to delve into the background of societies, and understand more about how they run under the unions guise, and how much of an impact that the grant applications/ funding actually impacts the societies development, and I think society executive would be a perfect way to demonstrate this

I belive that these opportunities, as well as many other responsibilities would help me to be a good fit for the role on the society Executive committee .

I am also available for regular meetings, training events, and other necessary requirements that stand in alignment with the role.

Many thanks for your consideration,

Freya Sneddon



Vote lucstar for soc
exec!

Who am I?

Hello I'm Luca Baccino

- I currently run a society
- Business Rep
- Baker
- Passionate about societies!



My experience

- Leading the Horror Society (managed events, maintained engagement and encouraged growth)
- Experience making important decisions whilst working as Activities Lead at True Friends Summer Camp (American Summer camp for people with disabilities and additional needs) for 2 years
- Worked as part of a team at the British Heart Foundation, True Friends, Tesco, McDonalds and M&S



Why that
matters?!?!?



I understand funding pressures

I know how important fairness and being unbiased is

I'll make informed decisions

My Approach to the role

- Fair and consistent decisions in line with Union rules and policies regarding societies
- Clear communication both at AGMs and with Societies

what you can expect from me

- Reliable and organised
- Easy to approach
- Responsive and communitive
- Focus on helping societies thrive



Why I'm a safe choice

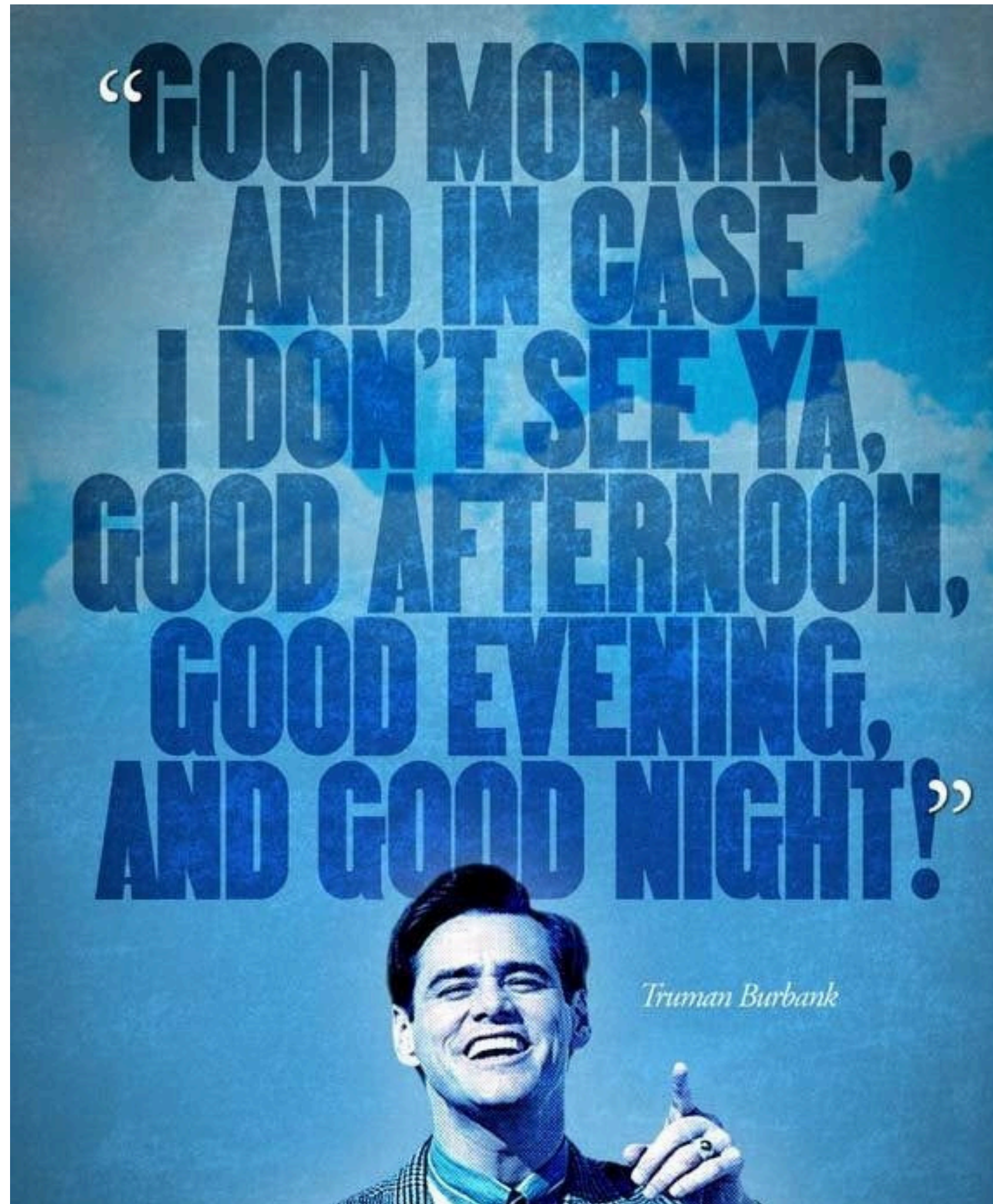
Proven leadership

Real Society experience

Strong Communication Skills

Genuinely invested in societies

Knowledge on Society Policy



Thanks for
your time!

Vote me!



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Vote!

*The link has been sent to
the email registered*





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Spring & Summer Holiday Closing Times

Union Building

March 30th to April 2nd – normal hours

April 3rd to 6th – closed (no access to InPost locker)

April 7th – return to normal hours

Friday 17th July – Closed for Glasgow fair weekend

Monday 10th August - Reopening





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Volunteering Hours

Don't forget to log your hours as a Strath Union volunteer!

You can set up a Volunteer Profile on the Strath Union website, and log any hours spent volunteering for your society.

Once you've logged 15 hours of volunteering, you'll unlock our Volunteer Discount! This gets you 10% off all Union vendors, including Re:Store (items on promotion or other deals not included).

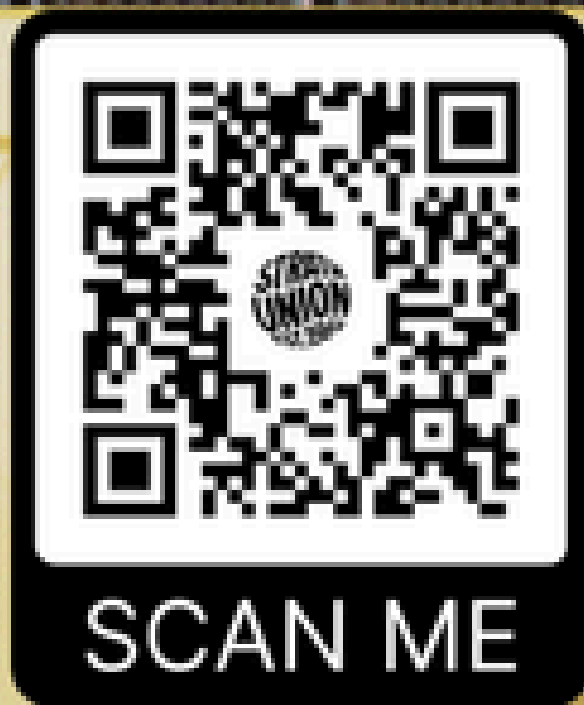


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