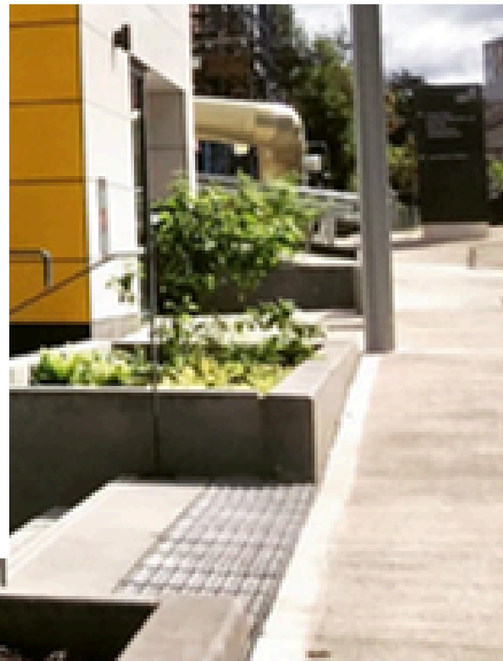
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Societies Assembly 1 2026-27

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Welcome!!

It’s time for the first ever Societies Assembly



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Today’s Agenda

- Get to know you!
- Societies Team Updates
- Activities President Update
- Socs Exec Update
- What do you want to know?
- Open Space for Societies Updates



Let’s get to know each other

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Societies Team Updates



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Who are we?

We’ve had some changes to the student opportunities team in recent months.

Amy and Ptolemy have joined us as student staff!



Lisa Brennan
Opportunities Manager
she/her



Sarah Holmes
Activities Coordinator
she/her



Ellie Gomersall
Activities Coordinator
she/her

Student Opportunities Student Staff

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What have we been working on?

We've had a really busy few months over the summer, working on everything from re-affiliation, to Freshers'.

Thank you for bearing with us during such a busy period!



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Drop-ins Restarting

Drop-ins are back, happening every Wednesday at 11am in the Elder Room.

Can’t make the drop-in? No worries! You can come visit us on Level 8 any time Mon-Fri 10am-4pm!



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Society Memberships

Now that you have run some welcome events to get people excited about your society, it is time to make sure all your members have bought a membership through your society page on the website!



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Arts & Culture Grants reports

Did you receive a grant from the Arts & Culture Fund?

Have you submitted your report?

You can submit this through GAS



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https://www.strathunion.com/volunteering/training/

Title	Date / time	Location
Grants Training	Fri 16 Oct 14:15	Level 1 Mandela Auditorium
Committee Training	Thur 22 Oct 13:15	Online
Finance Training	Wed 28 Oct 14:15	Level 1 Mandela Auditorium
Events, Trips & Transport Training	Wed 04 Nov 10:00	Level 1 Mandela Auditorium
Committee Training	Thu 05 Nov 11:15	Level 1 Mandela Auditorium
Grants Training	Tue 10 Nov 13:15	Level 8 Open Space
Risk Assessments Training	Wed 11 Nov 14:45	Level 1 Mandela Auditorium
Committee Training	Tue 17 Nov 14:45	Level 1 Mandela Auditorium
Finance Training	Wed 25 Nov 14:45	Level 1 Mandela Auditorium
Risk Assessments Training	Mon 30 Nov 14:45	Level 1 Mandela Auditorium

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Equipment

We have equipment for societies to book out and use, including tableclothes and some lovely bake sale trays!

All equipment can be requested via our Room Booking & Equipment form.



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Affilated Membership Organisations Policy

- This updated Affiliated Membership Organisation Policy supersedes the Societies Policy and is effective immediately
- Summary of Changes
- Any questions please email strathunion.societies@strath.ac.uk

2. New Safeguarding and Temporary Exclusion Powers



· Committees can now temporarily exclude an individual from activities, meetings or communication platforms for up to seven days where immediate safeguarding concerns exist.

· The decision must be agreed by at least two committee members, recorded in writing and reported to Strath Union within 24 hours.
Send an email to strathunion.societies@strath.ac.uk explaining the situation and the actions you have taken

· Strath Union will then review the matter through its Complaints and Disciplinary Procedures.
· Societies still cannot suspend or remove members permanently.

4. Revised Communications Requirements

· Key governance communications (AGMs, EGMs, constitutional changes and policy notices) must be issued through approved Strath Union systems.
For societies - this means the messaging function on your society webpage so that all your members are given notice.

· Alternative platforms may still be used for day-to-day engagement and the previous requirement discouraging WhatsApp and requiring all publications to display the Strath Union logo has been removed.

5. Stronger Financial Controls

Several new financial governance measures have been introduced:

· An official avenue for crowdfunding has been created with full requirements set out in a dedicated Crowdfunding Policy.
https://www.strathunion.com/union/governance/policy/

· The policy formalises the existing requirement that grant applications require three supplier quotations, unless specific reasons why this is not possible exist.

· Conflicts of interest relating to suppliers must be declared.

6. Changes to Society Governance

Affiliated Membership Organisations may establish Representative Committee Positions that are reserved for members of a specific cohort, such as year groups, widening participation groups, or inclusion-focused communities.

4.4 Where a Representative Committee Position is restricted on the basis of a widening participation or inclusion characteristic, eligibility must be based solely on self-identification. Organisations must not request or require members to provide evidence of their eligibility.

4.5 Only members who are eligible to stand for a Representative Committee Position may vote in the election for that role.

6. Changes to Society Governance

· The formal Development Officer role has been removed.

· Development Officers who have already been elected for 2026/27 may continue in post for the duration of their term.

7. Changes to Societies Executive

· Formal conflict-of-interest rules have been introduced for members of the Societies Executive.

· The policy formalises the existing eligibility criteria for election to the Societies Executive being limited to current or former society committee members.

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Activities President: What have I been up to?



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Lucia Gil Dorta

Education President

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Fraser Brown

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Jo Fitzpatrick

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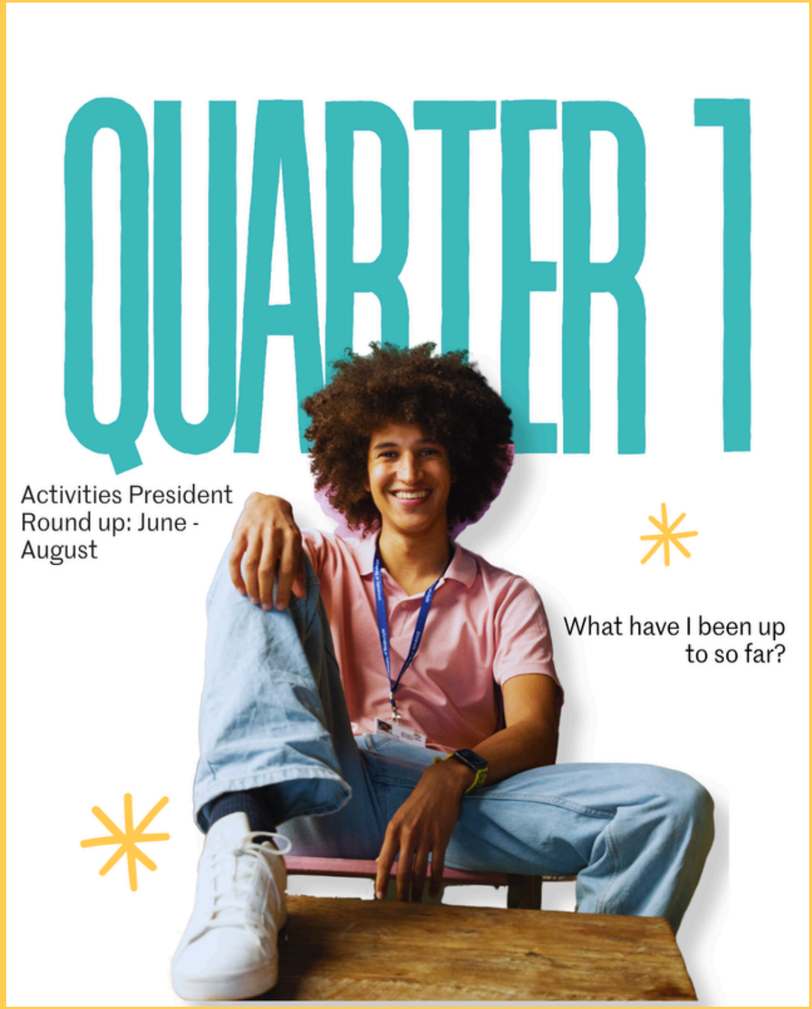
Tilly Galvin

Sports President

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June to August Round-Up on Instagram

@callum_strath_activities



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September onwards

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Freshers:

- Fairs - Monday and Tuesday
- Trips
- Welcome Team
- Events



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Society Spotlight

A few photos from our first 3 spotlights



Test Society

The base Template



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Language Café



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Society Spotlight

If you like what you saw you can fill in the form with this QR code.

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Strategic Alliance Framework

- In final drafting stage
- Stay Tuned for future updates



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Get me Involved!

I want to see what you guys do. If you'd like me to attend as session or event that you're running please...





Reach Out

Email:
strathunion.activitiespresident@strath.ac.uk

Instagram:
@callum_strath_activities

Drop-Ins:
Starting week beginning: 05/10 - Fridays 12-1 for semester 1



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Socs Exec Updates



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Meet your Socs Exec

Callum (he/him)



Lateefah(she/her)



Freya (she/her)



Fern (she/her)



Luca (he/him)



Cammy (he/him)



Kelsey (she/her)

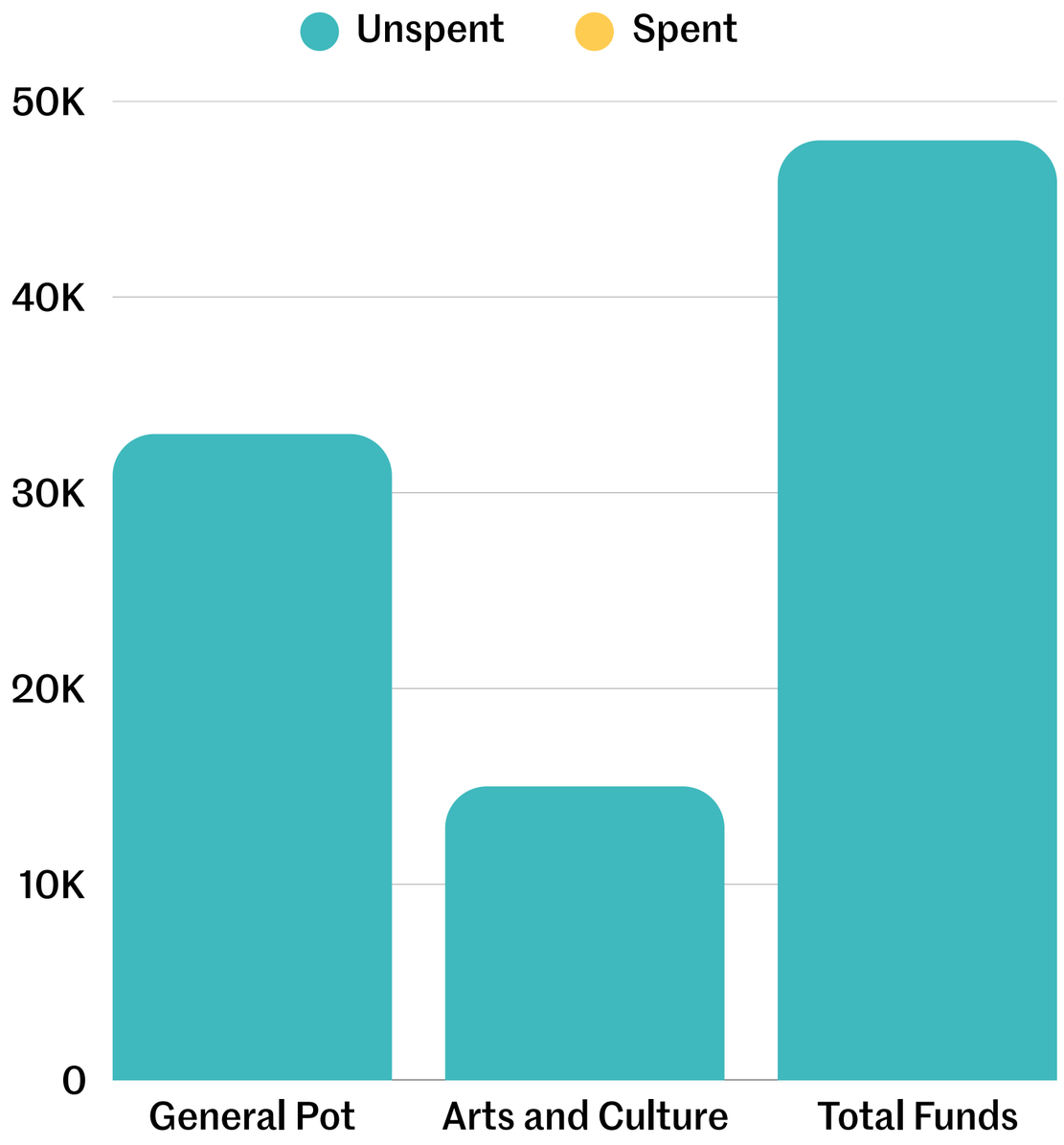


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Budget Update

The initial budget was: £33,805 in the general pot and £15,000 in the Arts and Culture pot

Totalling to £48,805 overall.

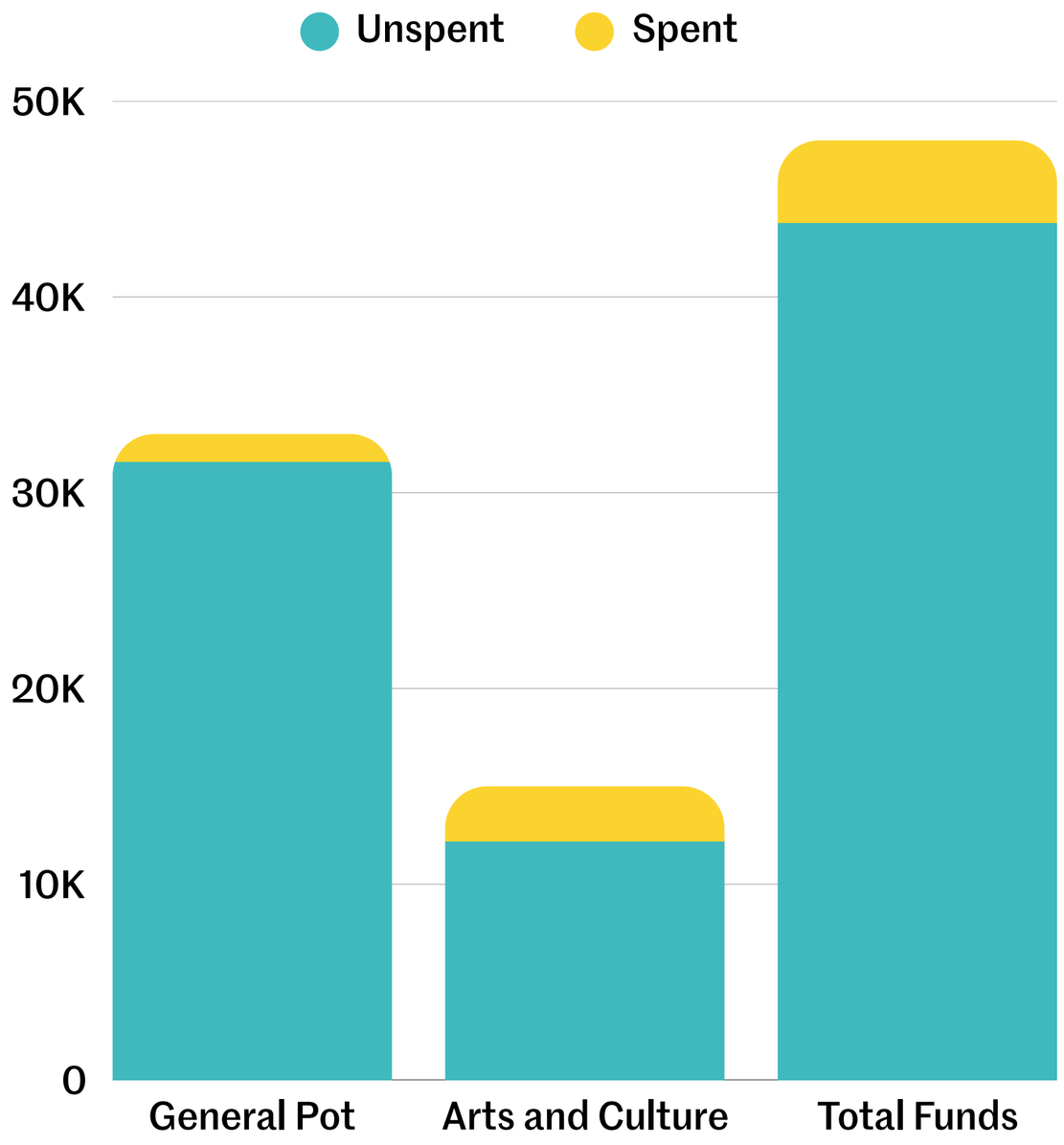


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Budget Update

Socs Exec has met three times this academic year, and has awarded a total of four grants from across both the Exec and A&C budgets, totalling £4216.66.

In addition, 51 Welcome Grants have now been claimed, totalling £2,295.00

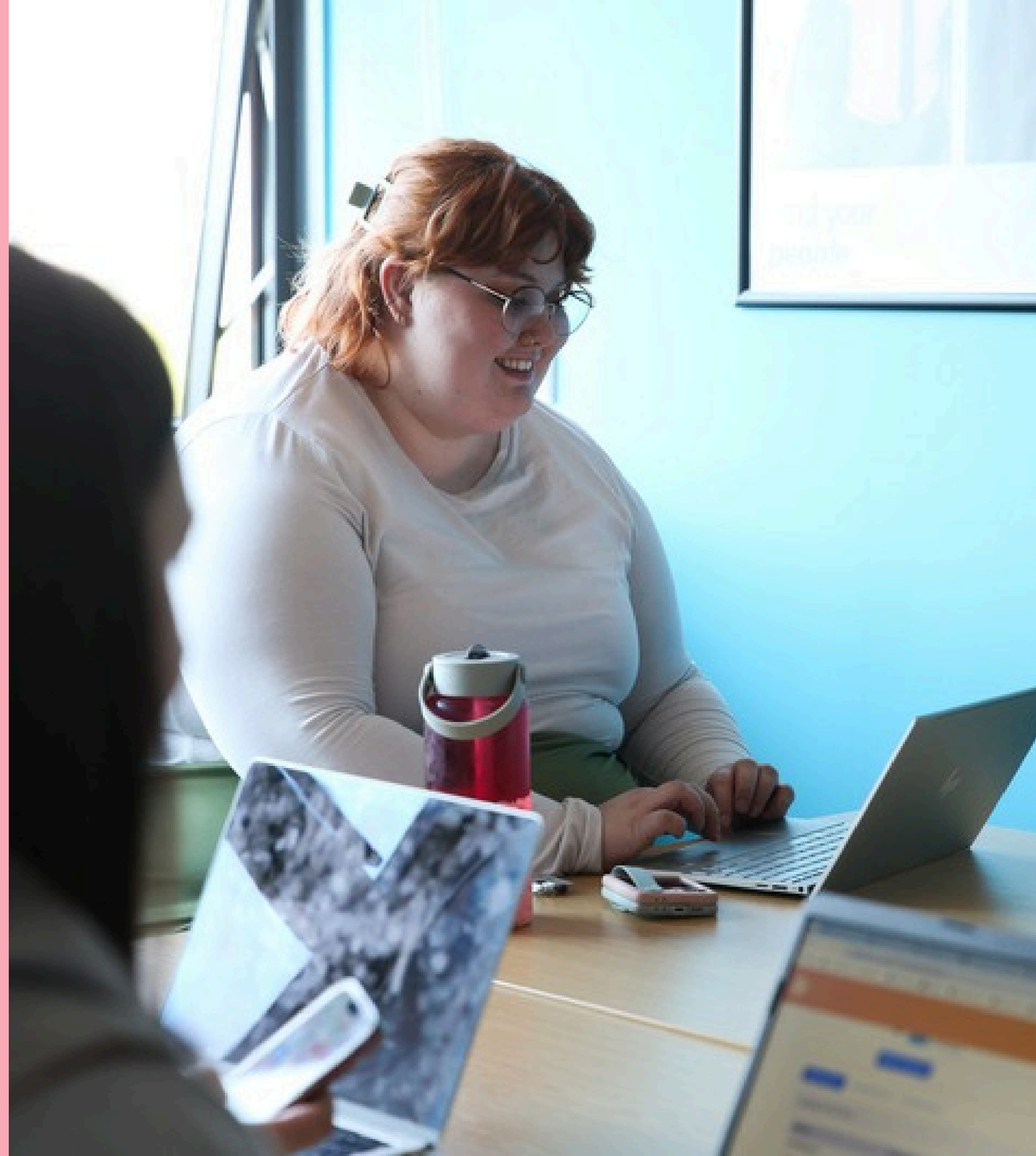


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Affiliation Updates

In addition, Socs Exec has approved the affiliation of a number of new societies. Congratulations to the following new societies approved so far this year:

- Endo SOS
- Fibre Arts
- Burmese
- Wine and Cheese
- Albanian

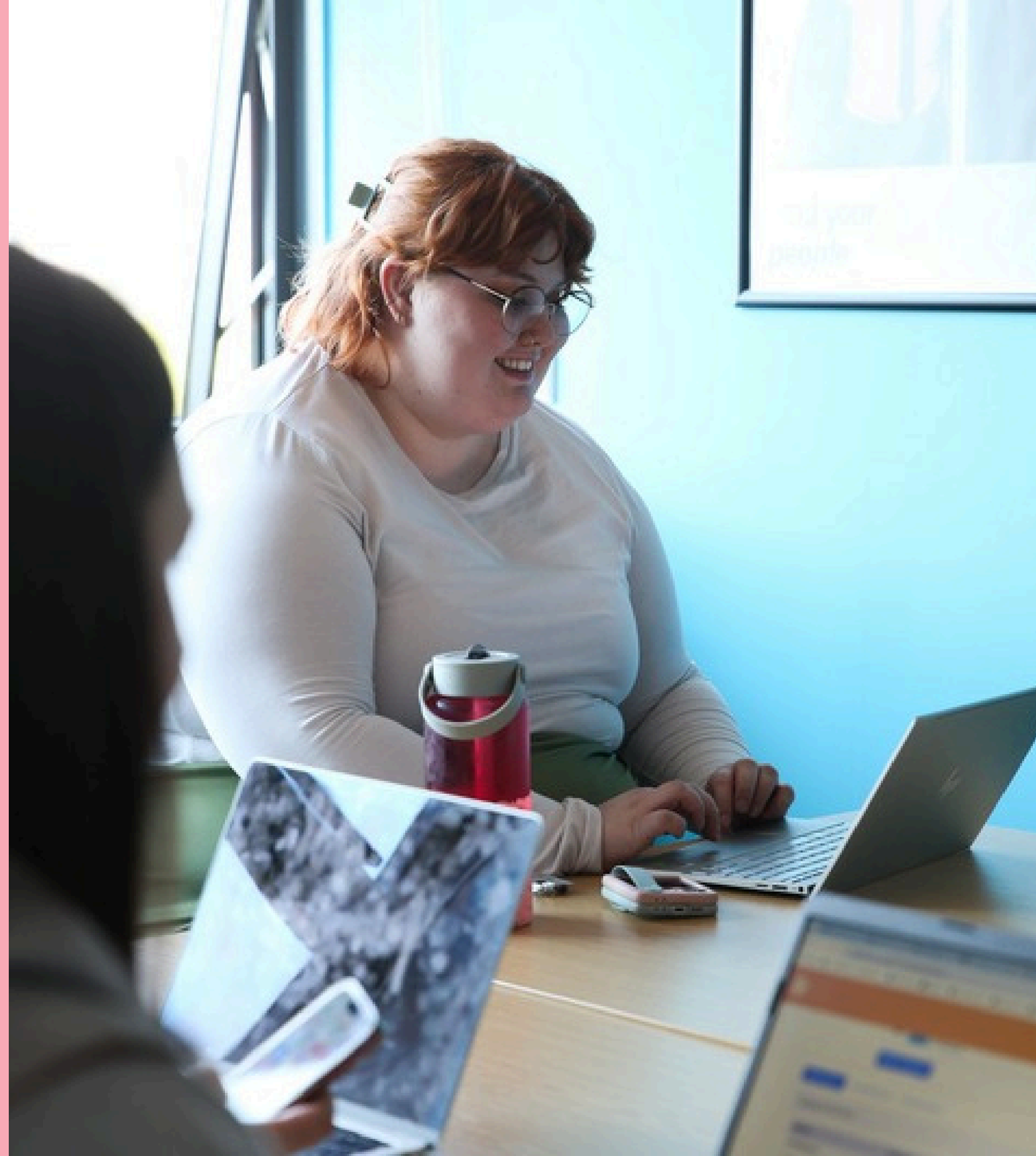


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Affiliation Updates

Congratulations also to the following societies which have reaffiliated:

- Sikh
- SEMS
- Saudi
- Econ
- Labour



FAQs?:

For uploading files for grant requests, what format do I use?

PDFs

What does Bi-Weekly/ Monthly mean?

We don’t always know, just use Twice a Week/Month or once every 2 weeks/months - For clarity

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More Updates from Strath Union

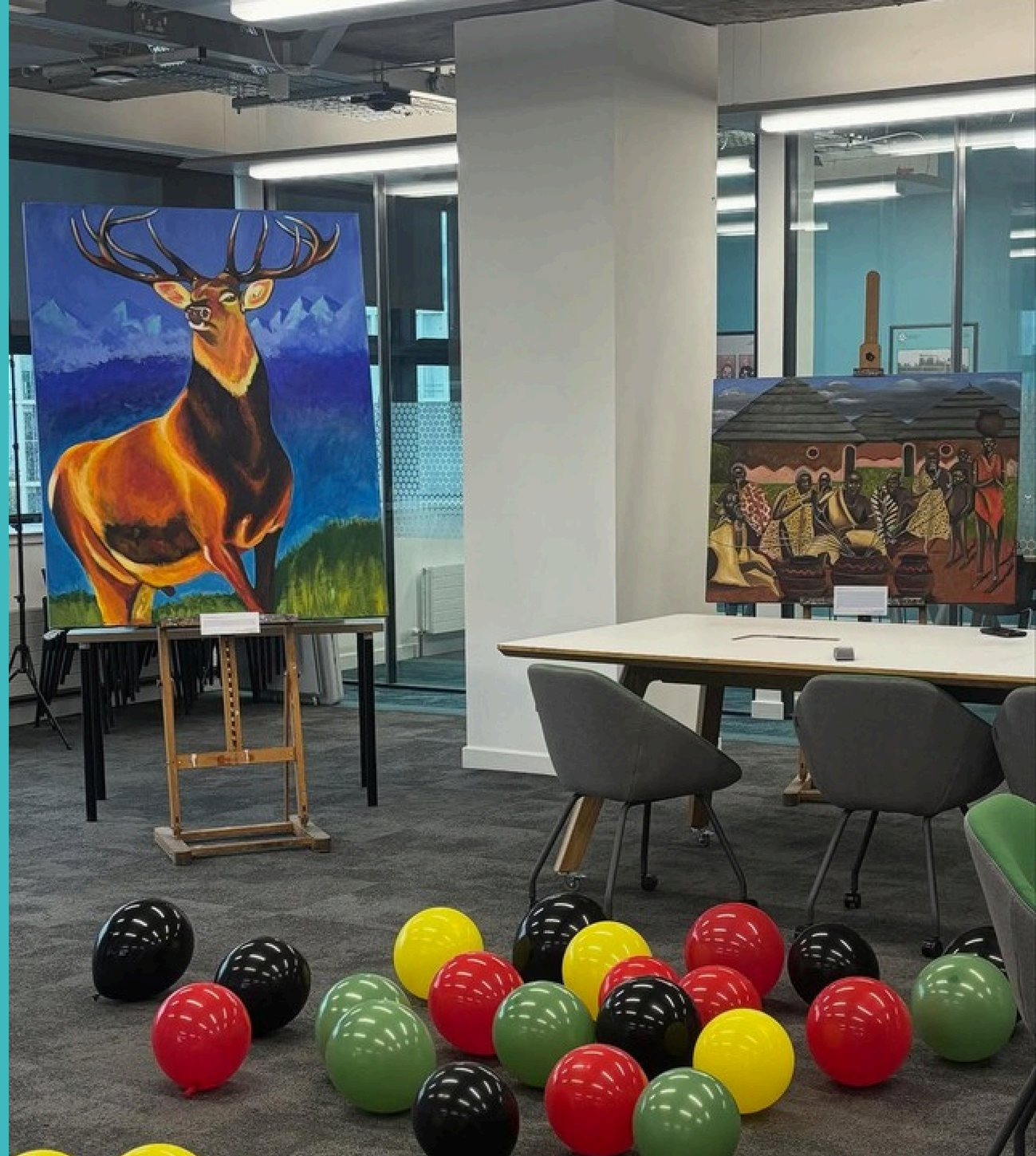


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Black History Month

Black History Month is underway and we have a full programme of events taking place which you can find on our website.

We are also hosting an art/ photography exhibition - anyone is welcome to submit their work by emailing strathunion.inclusionpresident@strath.ac.uk



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16 Days of Action

If you have ideas for events or campaigns for the 16 Days of Action, or if you'd like to collaborate on an activity, get in touch by emailing the Societies Team!

Fight for the Night will take place on Tuesday the 24th November - please share with your members and come along!



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Campaigns

If you'd like to get involved, run an event or do anything to help with a campaign you can email:

strathunion.campaigns@strath.ac.uk

We would LOVE to hear from you



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Jamie’s Pantry

Jamie's Pantry is a foodbank service available to all students.

Jamie's Pantry Location: Level 2 above Roasters

Ways to support: Fundraising and Organising Donations

Contact address: strathunion.pantry@strath.ac.uk



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Sponsorship

If you have regular meetings or events in The Terrace and would like to speak to Phil about sponsorship for your society, please get in touch. The Terrace can support with free promo cards, funding and more!



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External Food & Drink

As a reminder, external food and drink is not permitted in any Union or University space without explicit permission agreed beforehand. Please get in touch if you have any questions.



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Autumn Elections

Nominations are now open! Close on Monday 13th 12noon. Positions available: PGT and PGR Faculty Reps, Halls Rep (one year, part-time posts). By elections for Interfaith Rep and Part-Time Students Rep (these positions run until Spring 2026)

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Climate Emergency Action Group

The Climate Emergency Action Group is back in action! Scan the QR code to learn more about the group and how to get involved.



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And now, a short message from the Andersonian Chemical Society

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Each Donation could save up to 3 lives in Scotland

22-26 JUNE 2026

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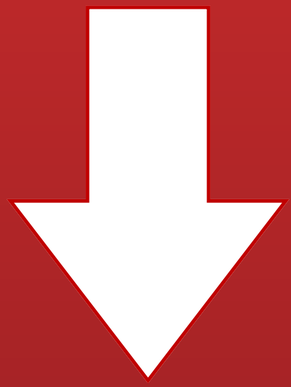
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Tom & Meg from ScotBlood:

tom.mcconigley@nhs.scot

megan.montague@nhs.scot

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- Organised using Native;
  - Free 'ticket types' per day (Monday ticket, Tuesday ticket, etc.)
  - Prompt when registering asking for ScotBlood donor number
- Email confirmation upon ticket 'purchase' to allocate time slots
  - Information to sign up as a donor, if not already
  - Once confirmed, donors are added to a spreadsheet to send to ScotBlood, 2 weeks in advance of donation week

Everyone shows up on their selected day to save lives!

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ANY OTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT ORGANISING?

Please feel free to contact the ACS about how we done it!

ACS@Strath.ac.uk

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Or visit the ScotBlood Website

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And now, a short message from the Movember Society

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University of Strathclyde







Freya Sneddon

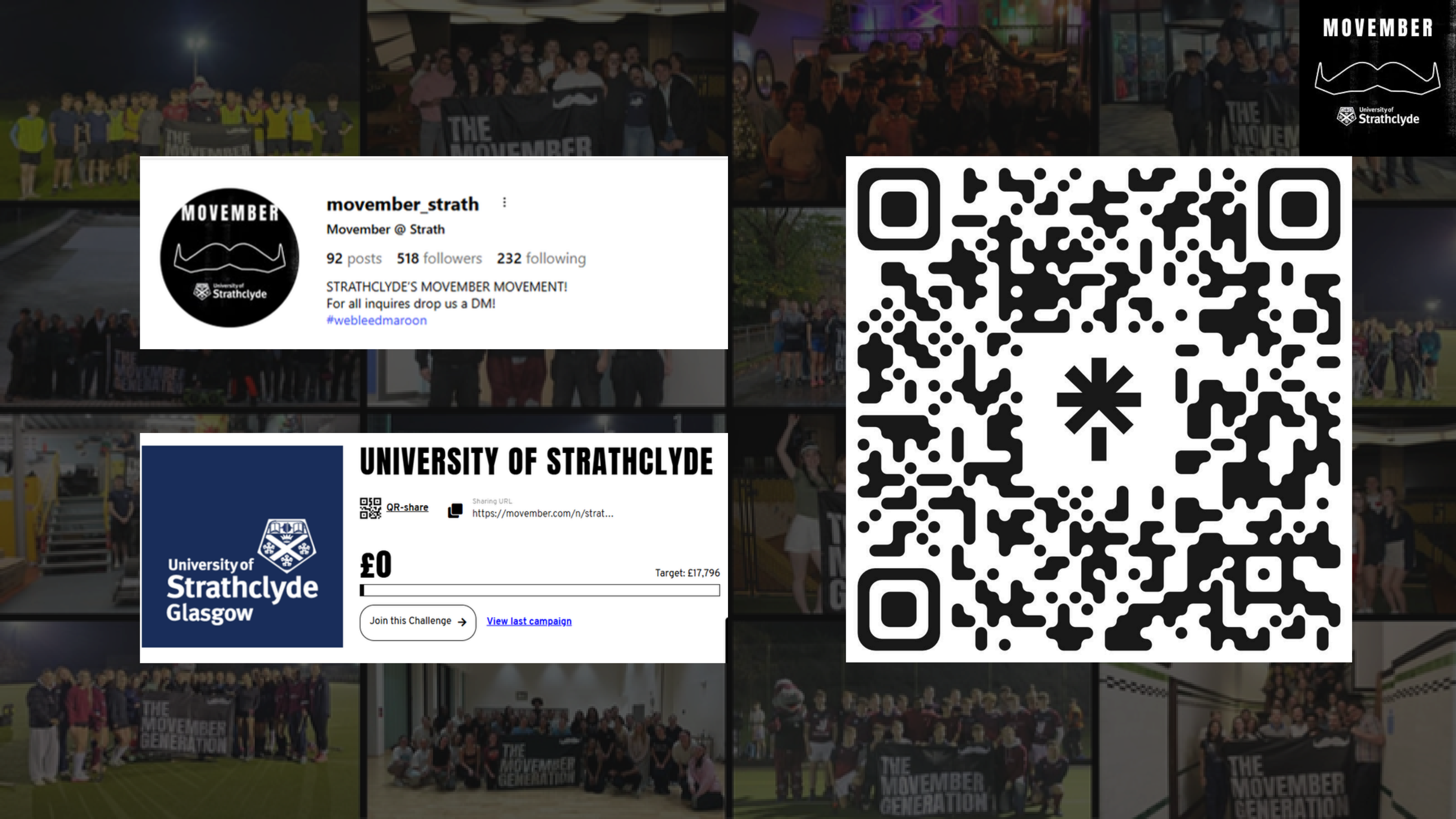
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For all inquires drop us a DM!
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Target: £17,796
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This Movember, start a conversation that matters

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What do you want to know?



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Final Updates



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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.

This includes things like time taken booking rooms, booking transport, paying finances, etc. - don’t underestimate your time!



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Key Dates

Don’t forget to make a note of key dates coming up, including upcoming GMs!

Also don’t forget to apply for and spend your Welcome Grant before the end of Semester 1, and you can apply for Active & Engaged badges all year-round.

Finally, don’t forget to attend training if you haven’t done so already!
If you want slides added to the next Assembly please send us the information at least a week in advance

Societies Assembly 2

Tuesday 1st December 2026
17:30-19:30
TL JB325a & 325b

Societies Assembly 3

Thursday 4th February 2027
17:30-19:30
TL JB325a & 325b

Final Societies Assembly

Wednesday 24th March 2027
17:30-19:30
TL JB325a & 325b

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Any Updates from you?



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That's all folks!