

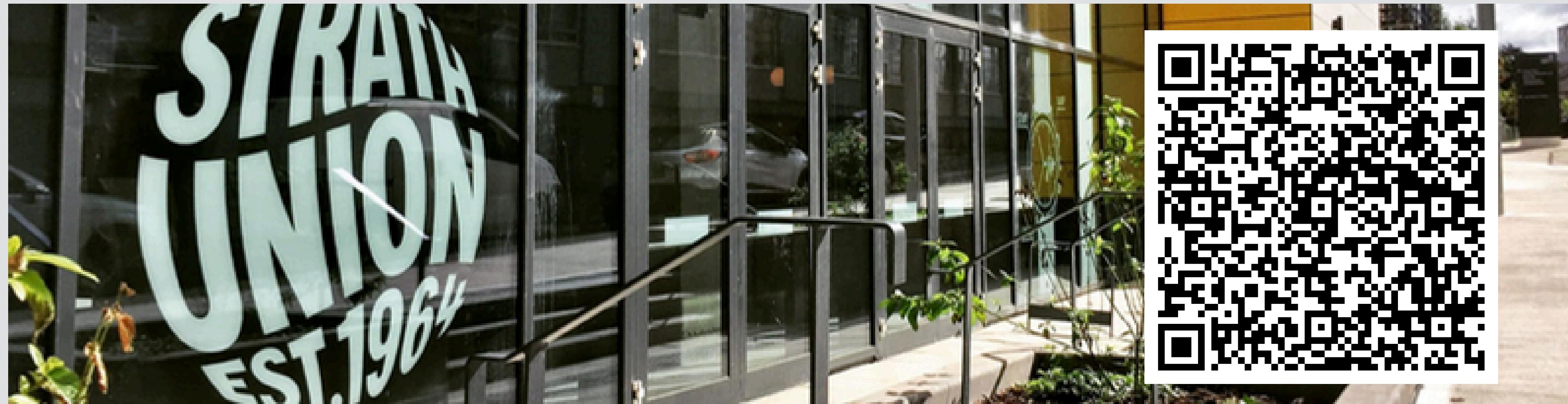


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Societies GM1 2025-26

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Welcome to our first General Meeting of 2025-26!

We're so glad you're here!





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Today's Agenda

- Societies Team Updates
- VP Community Updates
- Socs Exec Updates
- Other Strath Union Updates
- Q&A with Nikkie and the Socs Team
- Open Space for Societies Updates





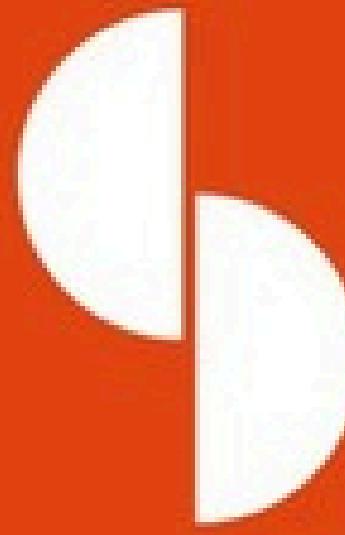
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An introduction to Strathclyde Inspire

Alice Davidson



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The Entrepreneurial Strathclyder

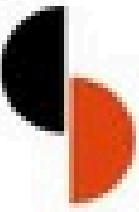


Is your society entrepreneurial?

Do the activities you undertake:

- ✓ create value; and
- ✓ involve any other 2 elements?





Entrepreneurship is for All

Entrepreneurship is not simply starting a business.
It's a state of mind that can be useful to everyone.

Inspire is here to support at Strathclyde students
with ambition.

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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.

Rinna has left Strath Union as our Volunteering Coordinator and we wish her all the best in her future.



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

At the last AGM, you told us you want the Societies Team to be more visible and accessible on campus. Before the summer, we started bi-weekly drop-ins in the Barbour Room on Level 1, where Societies could come and chat to us about any issues at all, without having to wait ages for a lift to L8!





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Drop-ins Restarting

Although we paused these over the summer, we will be restarting these drop-ins from tomorrow, 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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Updating Deadlines

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Requesting Grants from Socs Exec

More than £1,000	You'll need to submit your grant request at least two months in advance of your event or project starting.
Between £100 and £999	You'll need to submit your grant request at least a month in advance of your event or project starting.
Less than £100	You'll need to submit your grant request no later than noon the day before the last Socs Exec meeting before your event.



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Requesting Payments on SGF

Over £1,000

It can take at least a week to make payments over £1,000, as these require additional checks before they can be processed.

Missing evidence will result in requests being referred back to the requester.

Under £1,000

It can take at least three working days to make all other payments, so long as they have been submitted correctly.

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Room Bookings

Strath Union meeting rooms

These require at least three working days notice to book. They can be very popular rooms, so please book as early as possible to avoid disappointment!

Strath Union commercial spaces & university rooms

These spaces require at least two weeks notice to book. These are very popular spaces, so please book as early as possible to avoid disappointment!

Other spaces on campus

Other spaces on campus have various notice periods depending on the size of the event, but you should always give at least a months notice, and longer for very large events.



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Trips, Events & Equipment

Trips and Large Events Form	You should complete the Trips and Large Events form, including the Risk Assessment section, no later than one month before your trip or large event.
Risk assessments for smaller events	For events that don't require the Trips & Large Events form, you should send us your risk assessment no later than two weeks before your event.
External speaker forms	Any events with an external speaker should have an external speaker form completed for it at least two weeks before your event.
Vehicle Hire & Equipment	You must give at least one weeks notice for any vehicle hire or to book equipment such as card machines and urns, but please book well in advance to ensure availability.

Active & Engaged Changes

We've made some small changes to Active & Engaged to hopefully make it an easier and more rewarding process for you!

Previously, badges would expire at the end of Semester 1 of the Academic Year after it was achieved.



Active & Engaged Changes

Now, all badges last for 15 months from the date they were achieved, and tiers last for as long as all the badges are held, or until the end of Semester 1 of the next Academic Year, whichever is later.





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Equipment

We're really excited to report that we now have some brand new equipment for societies to book out and use, including new tablecloths and some lovely bake sale trays!

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





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ResLife Bookable Spaces

We've engaged in discussions with Student Halls and are excited to announce two new bookable spaces on campus for society events in the Student Hub in the Lord Todd building, right in the heart of halls: Todd's, and the ResLife Student Hub.

You can request these spaces through our Room & Equipment Booking Form!





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VP Community Updates





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What Have I Been Working On?

- Operation: Seasonal Sparkle
- Restorative places to support student mental health
- Mental Health Awareness campaign
- Sustainability Hub
- Upcycling and Hazzar





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Strategic Alliance Framework

- Extraordinary medical personal circumstances
- Student employment opportunities
- Sustainable Development Goals
- Developing student community and celebrating diverse cultures





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Socs Exec Updates





Budget Update

The Socs Exec budget for 2025-26 is £40,000.00. We then added on £1,386.56 underspend from the 2024-25 academic year which we were permitted to carry over. We then subtracted £6,195.00 for Welcome Grants, Active & Engaged, AGM Grants and the Charity Initiative. The final budget was £35,191.56.

£40,000.00

Initial budget

+ £1,386.56

Underspend from 2024-25

- £6,195.00

Set aside for Welcome
Grant, Active & Engaged,
AGM Grants & Charity Year

= £35,191.56



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 £1346.18.

In addition, 43 Welcome Grants have now been claimed, totalling £1935.00.

Socs Exec Budget

Spent - £650

1.8%



Unspent - £34,541

98.2%



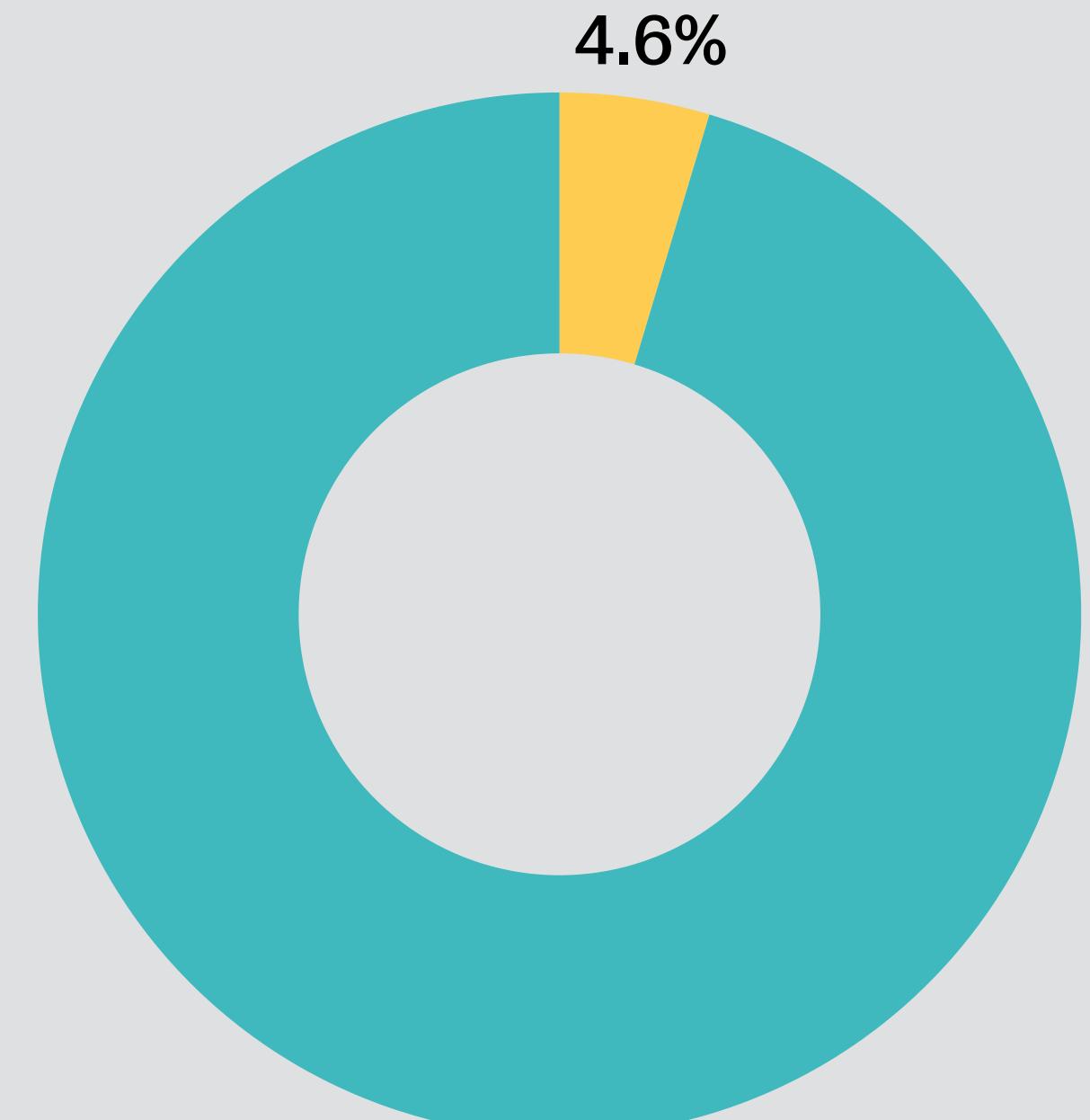
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Arts & Culture Budget

Spent - £696.18



Unspent - £14,304.82

95.4%

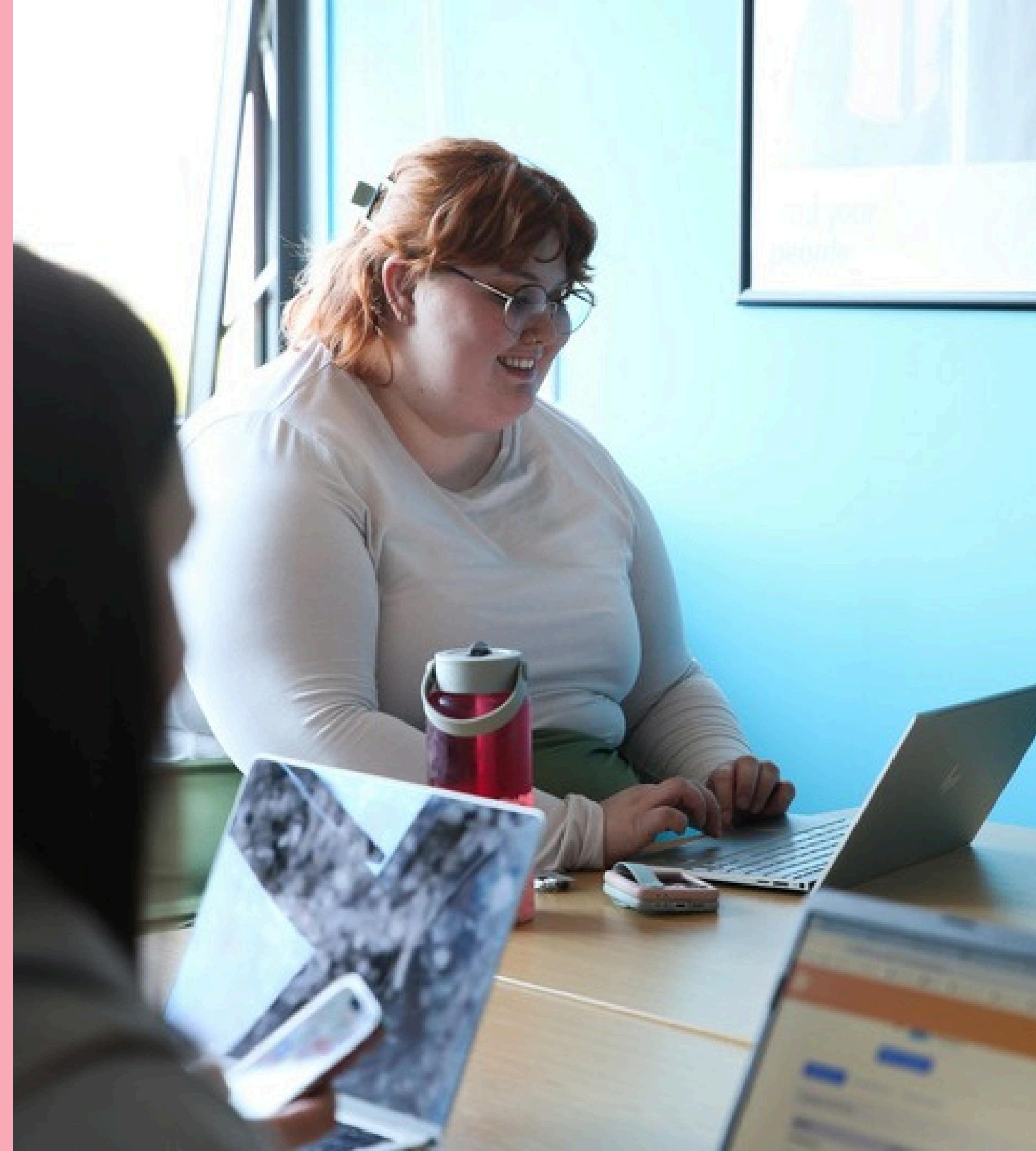


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Affiliation Updates

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:

- New Left Society
- Remnant Campus Fellowship
- Desi Society
- Run Club
- Agricapital Society
- Fintech Society





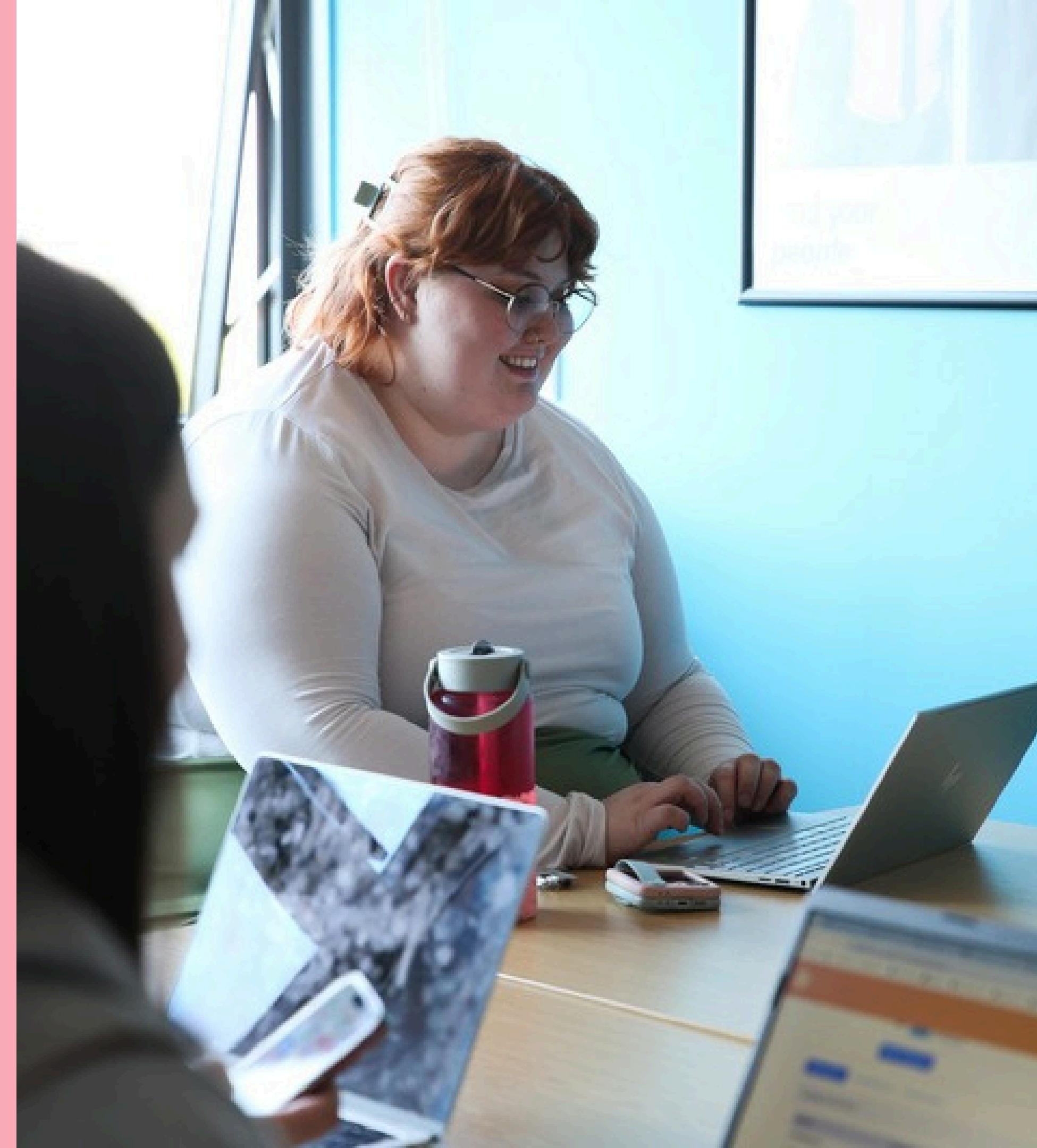
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Affiliation Updates

Congratulations also to the following societies which have reaffiliated after more than a year away:

- SNP Society
- Kuwait Society

And congratulations to the former Strathclyde University Motor Racing Club (SUMRC) who have changed their name to Strathclyde Kart Club (SKC)!





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Meet your Socs Exec

Nikkie (she/her)



Shania (she/her)



Chep (they/them)



Fern (she/her)



Matthew (he/him)



Cammy (he/him)



Kelsey (she/her)





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Black History Month

Black History Month is underway, having started with a wonderful launch event last week.

We've got a full programme of events taking place which you can find on our website.





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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 the 27th November - please share with your members and come along!





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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 space without explicit permission agreed beforehand. Please get in touch if you have any questions.





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Student Members Meeting

This gives you the opportunity to hear from our Trustees, learn more about our annual accounts, submit items for discussion and ask officers any questions you might have. Join us on Monday 20th October at 5pm!





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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)

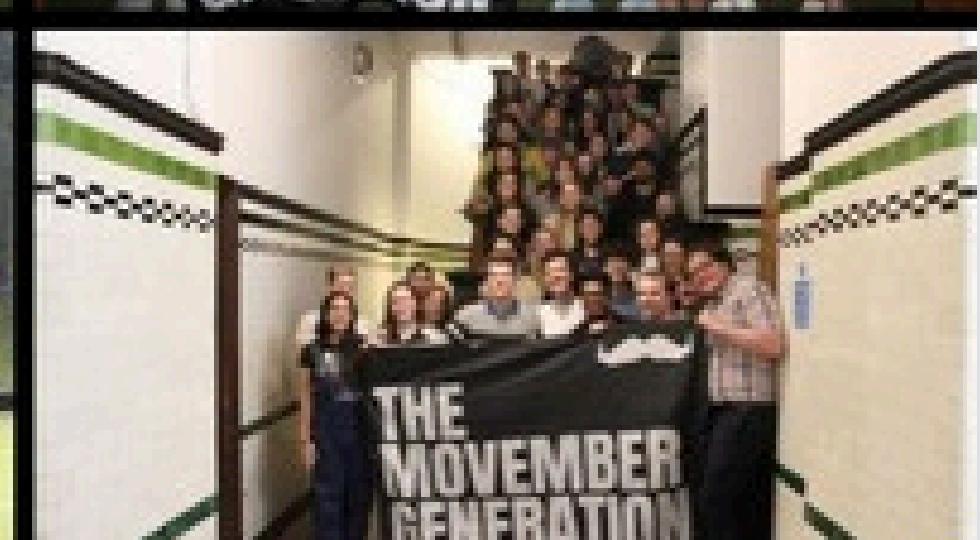


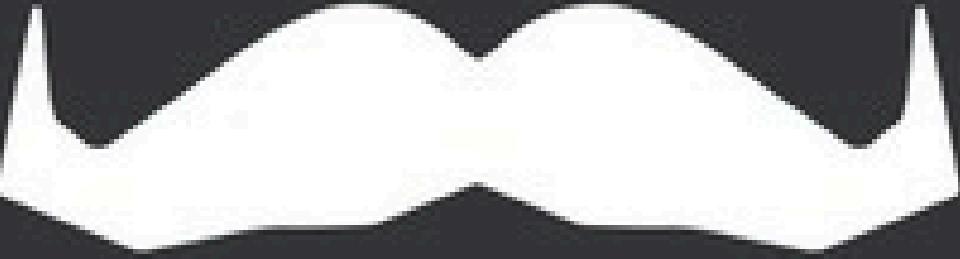


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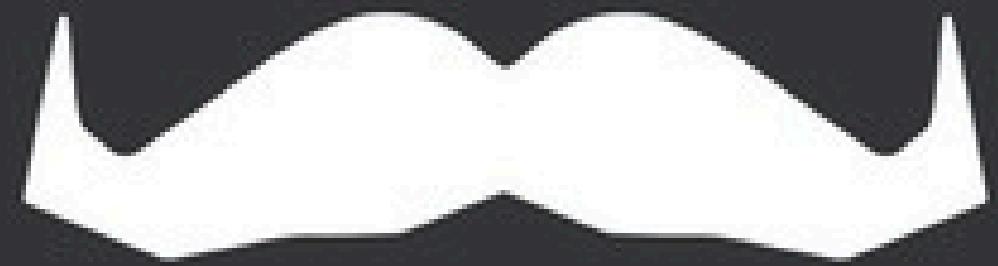
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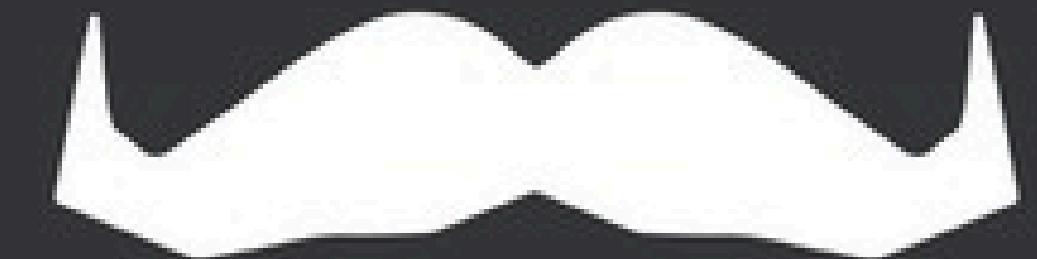
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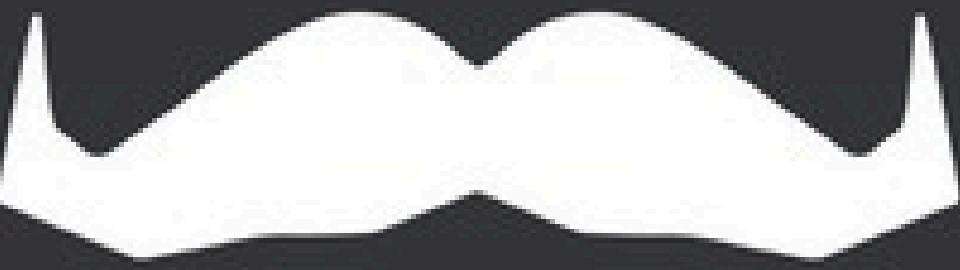
- 1) HERE TO HELP YOU FUNDRAISE**
- 2) HERE TO PROMOTE YOUR EVENT AND YOUR TEAM**
- 3) SHOW FACE AT YOUR EVENT AND HELP OUT**



Last year we raised:
£17,795



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SAVE A BRO**



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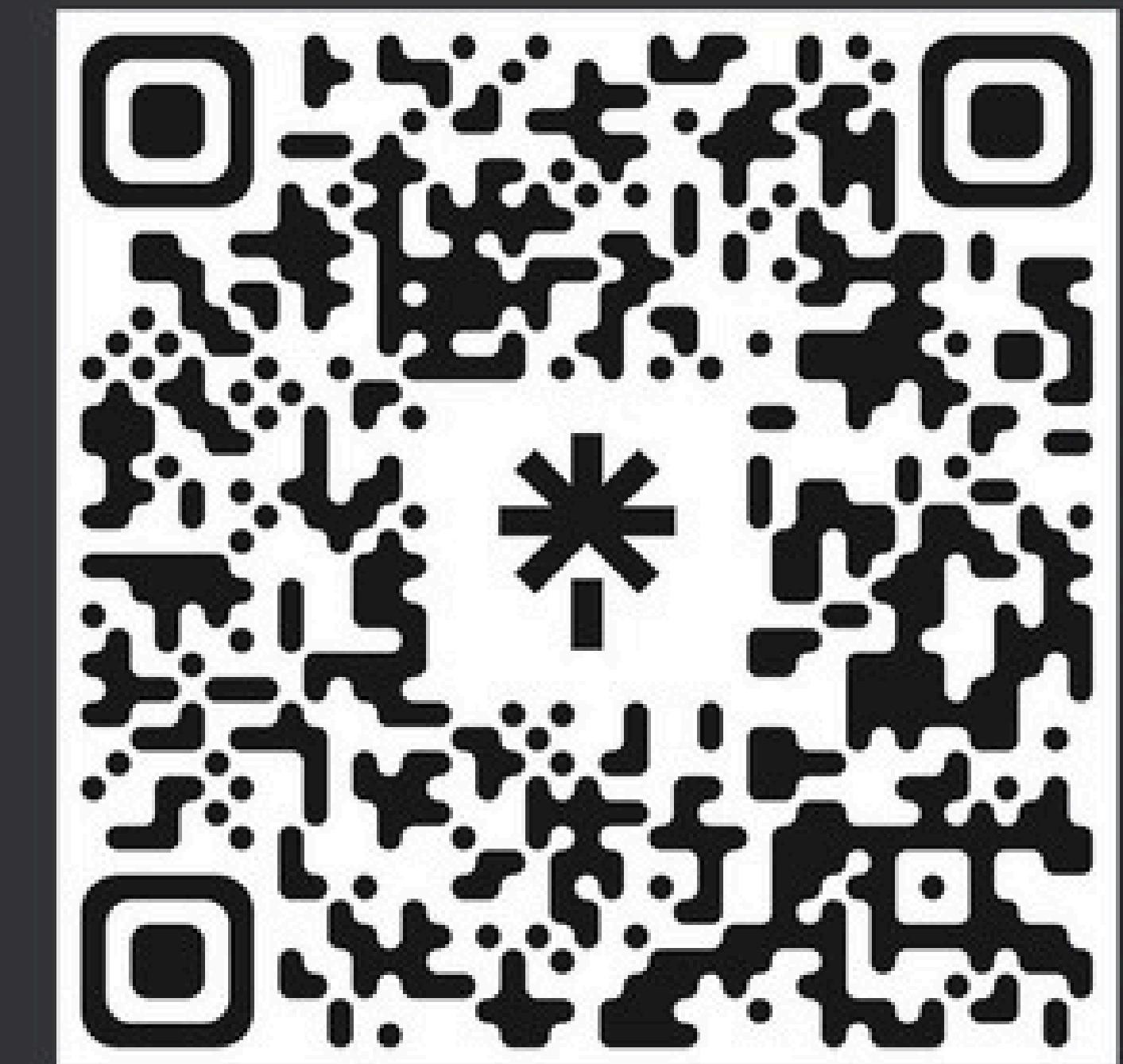


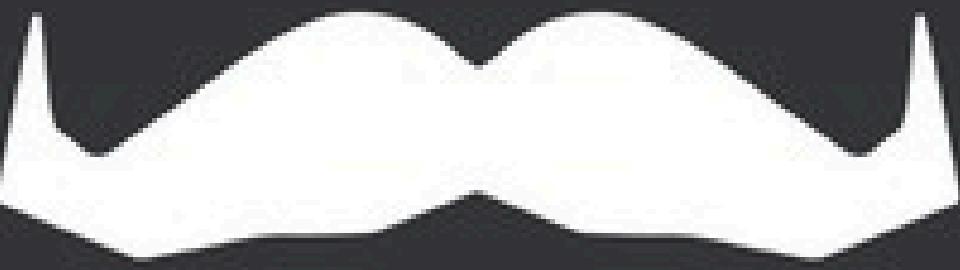
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Q&A with Nikkie & the Socs Team





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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!



Volunteering Hours

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).

Show us your logged hours by coming to Level 8, and we'll activate your discount.

You can also log your volunteer skills to show future employers, and request a reference from the Union for your CV!





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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!

GM2

Wednesday 3rd December 2025
17:30-19:30
Mandela Auditorium,
Level 1 Strath Union

GM3

Thursday 5th February 2026
17:30-19:30
TL328,
Learning & Teaching Building

AGM

Tuesday 31st March 2026
17:30-19:30
Mandela Auditorium,
Level 1 Strath Union



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Any Other Updates?





That's all folks!