



A Beginner's Guide to Student Parliament

What is Student Parliament?

Student Parliament is the main democratic decision-making body in Strath Union. It is open to all students to attend – you can find out more about what your elected officers are up to, see what policy proposals there are, and raise any questions you might have.

What can Student Parliament do?

Student Parliament can pass policy, set up groups and forums to address specific issues, and hold their officers to account i.e. making sure they're doing what they said they would. All in all, it shapes how Strath Union works for you, as well as for students in the future.

What can I do at Student Parliament?

You are able to speak on any of the agenda items, if you have the chair's permission to do so. You can also submit agenda items and policy proposals for discussion.

How can I submit an agenda item?

The first step is to chat to your Executive and Non-Executive Officers. They may already be working on something you're interested in – if you still think that a topic should be discussed at Student Parliament, you can send us an email at strathunion.dem@strath.ac.uk. This will then be passed on to the Democracy Convenor, who chairs Student Parliament, for consideration.

What are policy proposals?

Policy proposals set the Union's position on topics and sets out what actions the elected officers are required to do to fulfil the policy. You can find all of our current policy [HERE](#). Any student can submit policy, you can find more information out about that [HERE](#).

Who votes on these?

At Student Parliament, only the elected officers have the ability to vote. This includes the Executive Officers and the Non-Executive Officers.

How can I get more involved?

- 1) Submit agenda items or policies!
- 2) Get in touch with your elected reps
- 3) Consider running for a rep position! Keep an eye on the Strath Union website for more info.

How can I find out more?

Feel free to contact one of your elected officers or get in touch with us at strathunion.dem@strath.ac.uk