

A GUIDE TO

**SOCIETIES &
SPORTS CLUBS**



**ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY
STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION**

19/20

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ABOUT AUSA

AUSA welcomes you to the University of Aberdeen. As a student of the University of Aberdeen you are automatically enrolled as a member of AUSA (at some universities we would be known as your union).

We work hard to deliver our charitable objectives by representing you, supporting you, running campaigns for and with you. We offer over 200 co-curricular activities for you to explore your interests, share and develop your talents and make your time in Aberdeen a fantastic experience.



GET INVOLVED BE HEARD

Each year students elect a Student President, Education Officer, Welfare Officer, Communities Officer and Sports Officer on a manifesto that they then spend their time in office delivering. You are able to hold them to account by engaging in the committees and council that makes up our democracy.

WHAT DID YOU STUDY?

MA in Psychology.

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT UNIVERSITY?

Joining student groups and societies, absolutely. I made most of my friends through common interests rather than what I studied as I ended up switching my degree halfway through first year from English and History to Psychology. Thus missed those first few weeks of the degree in which most people got to know others. I was also not very out-going during my first year, so this was the way for me to make good friends.

WHAT IS YOUR KEY GOAL FOR THE YEAR IN OFFICE?

If we can make more students feel they've been heard and have been represented, and if we beat the election turnout for the 19/20 Sabbatical Officer election, I would be absolutely thrilled. But more short term, I wish to increase the opening times for certain University buildings to allow for more flexible study and more study spaces, and to ensure there is a Black History Month organised for this October.

YOU CAN INVITE TWO PEOPLE TO A DINNER PARTY (DEAD OR ALIVE). WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Avril Lavigne and T. Colin Campbell. Ask me why next time you see me.

WHAT SINGLE PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS?

Don't try to reinvent yourself, but definitely go out and try new things to do and new things to learn.



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WHAT DID YOU STUDY?

I studied Politics and International Relations, though I did take a lot of courses in Anthropology as well, and I really enjoyed it.

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT YOUR FIRST YEAR AT UNIVERSITY?

I quite liked the freedom to take different courses that weren't related to my degree. Meeting so many new people was also fun.

WHAT IS YOUR KEY GOAL FOR THE YEAR IN OFFICE?

I am hoping to ensure that students are better supported in their studies and academic life. I'd particularly like to focus on developing a network for dissertation support, as well as ensuring that the provisions for students with learning disabilities are improved. Overall, my aim is to make sure that students are meaningfully and comprehensively represented and their voice is always heard in all decisions that concern education matters.

YOU CAN INVITE TWO PEOPLE TO A DINNER PARTY (DEAD OR ALIVE). WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

I think I would really like to invite Jody Williams for sure. She's so inspiring and such an amazing activist, so I'm sure dinner with her would be very interesting. I'd also be keen on inviting Andy Samberg, he seems like he would definitely be a good laugh.

WHAT SINGLE PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS?

Get involved! I'd encourage all students to try and enjoy their university experience as much as possible and to try and remember that while our studies are important, there are so many other aspects of university life that are worth exploring.

WHAT DID YOU STUDY?

BSc Conservation Biology.

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT UNIVERSITY?

Sport and getting to meet so many different people through my club.

WHAT IS YOUR KEY GOAL FOR THE YEAR IN OFFICE?

Promoting sport for all.

YOU CAN INVITE TWO PEOPLE TO A DINNER PARTY (DEAD OR ALIVE). WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Jane Goodall (world renowned primatologist and anthropologist) and Vigdís Finnbogadóttir (4th President of Iceland, the world's first democratically directly elected female president).

WHAT SINGLE PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS?

Always remember that university isn't just about academics. Take some time while you're here to involve yourself with student activities.



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WHAT DID YOU STUDY?

Well, this is my third degree. My first was a Bachelor's Degree in Education, then I did an MBA in Marketing, and finally studying for my MSc International Business and Finance here at Aberdeen University.

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT UNIVERSITY?

The freedom.

WHAT IS YOUR KEY GOAL FOR THE YEAR IN OFFICE?

My goal is to make sure student health, wellbeing and welfare issues in general are handled in the best way possible. Again, available students support services should be more publicised for students to access.

YOU CAN INVITE TWO PEOPLE TO A DINNER PARTY (DEAD OR ALIVE). WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Naomi Osaka (Tennis Player) and William Elphinstone (Founder, University of Aberdeen).

WHAT SINGLE PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS?

To concern yourself with things within your control, explore all the opportunities in university, and learn from volunteering activities.

WHAT DO YOU STUDY?

I'm studying Anthropology (3rd year).

WHAT DID YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT UNIVERSITY?

I enjoyed getting to meet so many people and getting involved in societies.

WHAT IS YOUR KEY GOAL FOR THE YEAR IN OFFICE?

I want to focus on sustainability. For so many years, sustainability has been largely forgotten or kept in the background. I plan to put it to the forefront of everything I do.

YOU CAN INVITE TWO PEOPLE TO A DINNER PARTY (DEAD OR ALIVE). WHO WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

I would probably invite Vandana Shiva and Greta Thunberg and have amazing chats about environmental activism.

WHAT SINGLE PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO STUDENTS?

Get involved! Join a society, sport club or AUSA committee. You will meet so many people with similar interests you would not otherwise meet in your classes. Your first year is the opportunity to do a lot of different things and learn a new hobby for example.



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AUSA ADVICE

This is run by AUSA staff who can help you find private accommodation and provide advice on living on your own for the first time; we have services to help you find part-time work; and represent you in academic appeals.

CAMPAIGNS

AUSA runs a variety of campaigns to improve your time at University, from campaigning for fairer rent to fighting job cuts. We also support students to run campaigns by providing resources and advice. If you're passionate about a cause and want to make a change - get in touch with the AUSA Communities Officer at: ausacommunities@abdn.ac.uk

AUSA VOLUNTEERS

This is a great way to learn new skills, meet new people and can be flexible to fit around your studies. AUSA staff can help you to become a committee member, an AUSA volunteer or a volunteer for a local group or charity. All your volunteering hours count towards the Saltire Award which is a Scottish Government programme established to recognise the contribution of young people to society.

FUNDRAISING

AUSA Raising and Giving (AUSA RAG) is the main student led fundraising campaign which raises money each year for local charities. RAG is particularly known for its Torch Parade, RAG Week, Fashion Show and Student Show.

RAG raises funds throughout the year by holding lots of fun and interesting events for students to get involved in.

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A TO Z SOCIETIES

These are student run and supported by staff. There are over 150 societies catering for a wide range of interests, from whiskey society, dance society to engineering society. Joining a society is a great way to meet new people and have new experiences.

For full details on all our societies head to - ausa.org.uk/societies



A CAPPELLA SOCIETY

Come join our A Cappella society where we don't feel the need to call the other instrumentalist, we'll just do it ourselves.

ABERDEEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE SOCIETY (ABES)

At ABES we believe that everyone has the potential to run a successful business, which is why it is our main priority to unlock this potential. It doesn't matter whether you have a solid business plan or if you are still struggling to come up with an idea, we provide a platform where you can share and develop your ideas and build the skills and qualities necessary to succeed in business.

ABERDEEN LIFE ETHICS SOCIETY

Aberdeen Life Ethics Society is a non-sectarian society. Our goal is simple - we want to encourage students to belong to a movement that respects others and stands up for those who don't have a voice. We want to speak the truth about the intrinsic worth of human life (and the harm caused to it by various acts) civilly and peacefully. We will be holding society social events, pro-life training sessions, and public lectures, and we invite all like-minded students to join our efforts to bring the pro-life message to this campus.

ABERDEEN POLITICAL ECONOMY GROUP (APEG)

The Aberdeen Political Economy Group (APEG) is a student society affiliated with the University of Aberdeen.

Our aim is to create a pluralistic, inter-disciplinary forum that actively promotes the exchange of ideas, resources and materials related to contemporary socio-political and economic issues.

We are convinced that scholarship must always be informed by a variety of perspectives, insights, and academic schools of thought. In this spirit, we host talks, panel debates, workshops, and an annual conference for students and members of the general public.

ABDN SKATE SOCIETY

Skateboards, Scooters, Skates and Heelys! Anyone with wheels is more than welcome to come along! Grab your membership to make sure you get early ticket access to our Roller Disco Ball!

ABERDEEN STUDENT LEFT

Aberdeen Student Left is a political society and socialist platform, providing a space for all students on the political left to organise, socialise, and discuss theoretical and topical issues. ASL has regularly organised events such as activist workshops, protests, social nights, film showings, talks, guest speaker events, discussion events, and reading groups. Aberdeen Student Left is not aligned to any particular political party or group and seeks to provide a space on campus for leftists of all persuasions to meet, socialise, and organise with each other!

ABERDEEN STUDENT PARLIAMENT

ASP is a replica of the Westminster Parliament, structured around the House of Commons. ASP allows students to debate in a parliamentary setting and pass professionally drafted legislation. The aim of ASP is to encourage youth involvement in politics and teach legislative drafting skills. ASP provides the platform to enhance transferable skills in areas such as public speaking, confidence and leadership. The society provides a public speaking workshop with an MSP and also run a legislation workshop with experienced policy makers and Lawyers. ASP runs various socials including themed pub crawls, meals and trips. ASP members get free AAA cards for Underground and Bridge Street Social Club and discount cards for Shakes and Cakes, Crema and the Orchard Cafe.

AU CONSULTING GROUP (AUCG)

The Aberdeen University Consulting Group (AUCG) focuses on four functional areas to give students comprehensive insights and key skills for management consulting. This holistic approach aims to accelerate students' careers in management consulting and beyond.

AU ROLEPLAYING ASSOCIATION

We are a group of people that meet together to play tabletop games, we have everything from Dungeons and Dragons to Vampire the Masquerade. If small games aren't for you maybe the Mega-games are. We do a number of different events over the year; some of which are Halloween and All Players Eve. We are open to new

adventurers and returning adventurers, and if you have any questions we will be at the Freshers' Fayre or email us at aura.roleplaying@gmail.com

AU SCIENCE MAGAZINE

A small, friendly group of scientists and science enthusiasts ready to talk about cool things happening across all fields of STEM!

AU SHOW CHOIR

Our aim is to spread joy to as many as possible through the power of songs and dances. We rehearse once a week on campus to prepare for our annual Spring Concert where we showcase everything that we have been working on throughout the year. The pieces we perform tend to be up-beat pop songs, songs from musicals, mellowed out ballads, and anything in between! We are a no-auditions group so anyone who has a passion for singing and performing is more than welcome to join. No experience is required, only yourself as well as your enthusiasm! We do hold auditions for solo performances in the concert but if you fancy yourself more of a group singer, we appreciate you just as much! If you have any questions, find us on Facebook or Instagram and we will get back to you as soon as we can!

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING SOCIETY

Members of our society will be able to work closely with their teammates on engineering challenges. The development of the project will include evaluating ideas, brainstorming new ones and articulating their opinions. This is a great possibility for students not

only to gain a hands-on experience in R&D, Design and Manufacturing processes but also to practice critical thinking and teamwork. Furthermore, the members will expand their knowledge in aircraft and rocketry design.

Apart from gaining practical experience (which is highly valued by employers), most importantly we want our members to have fun and enjoy the opportunity to deliver significant projects as a team.

AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

Existing to encompass all races, ACS Aberdeen helps to inform, educate and incite appreciation for the exceedingly rich diversity of African and Caribbean cultures among and outside the student population. With African-Caribbean innovation, invention, art and entertainment constantly used and exploited in the mainstream, we aim to push for our passionate and unapologetic voices to be heard as well. We encourage this through a variety of events where we deliver these rich African-Caribbean heritages in an informative but stimulating environment for all to immerse in.

AIESEC ABERDEEN

Being a part of AIESEC is like joining a massive community of globally-minded young leaders. People who want to grow their own potential while contributing to something much greater than themselves. We give you immediate responsibilities so you can learn by doing, step outside your comfort zone and experience both success and failures amongst a supportive community. If you are keen on activating your potential and contributing to a mission

that changes the world, then we're looking for you. We can't promise you that it'll be easy, but it sure will be worth it.

AIPN STUDENTS CLUB

The Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN) headquartered in Texas, USA is a professional interdisciplinary membership association that supports international energy experts around the world. We draw our members mostly from the School of Law, Engineering, Geology, and Business School. Registered members have access to top job opportunities in the global energy community, opportunity for summer internships and to be mentored by top energy experts, opportunity to attend AIPN events anywhere in the world and much more. Please join us today!

For more information please go to aipn.org and/or contact any committee member.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

Welcome to the Amnesty International Society! We are a campaigning group dedicated to defending human rights and shining a light on oppression and abuse around the world. During our weekly events and meetings, we hope to get our members as involved as possible in organising talks, film screenings, letter writing sessions, actions, live music nights and other events to fundraise and raise awareness on campus. Join us for fun events and to meet like-minded and passionate people!

ANIME SOCIETY

Hey there! We're the Anime and Manga Society. You can find us in the Taylor

building on Tuesdays (room number A17) and in Macrobert on Fridays (room number MR252). We gather from 6-10pm and usually start showing anime just after 7pm. On Tuesdays, we'll normally watch episodes from a random series or one or more OVAs/films. On Fridays we watch our selected long series and short series. We also play board games between anime screenings. Overall, we are a friendly bunch who love everything about anime and manga so email us at auanimesoc@gmail.com if you're interested.

ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY

Our aim as a departmental Student's Society is to provide a link between your academic experience and socialising within and outwith the University. Through our regular film screenings, discussion panels and socials, we hope to create and encourage stronger bonds and lasting relationships between students of all disciplines and the School of Social Sciences to enhance your University life.

ARAB HOUSE SOCIETY

Studying Arabic? Interested in Arab countries and culture? Don't worry, we have you covered! Join our society if you would like a taste of some delicious Arab food or some help learning Arabic! You can also join our social and cultural events, movie nights, calligraphy workshops and much more!

ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

We are a group for everyone studying archaeology at the University of Aberdeen or for anyone who has an interest in preserving our past.

The society is great for meeting like-minded people or for enjoying the company of your classmates. It is also a useful forum for students of all years and fosters interest in archaeology outside of lectures.

ART SOCIETY

Do you like the idea of doing art, but struggle to find the time, inspiration or materials? Did you always want to try new ways and techniques of expressing yourself creatively? Do you want to meet friendly and open-minded students who share your interests? Come to the Art Society! We organise weekly art workshops for all students - no skills or previous experience needed! We, and our cupboard full of materials for painting, sculpting, drawing and crafting, are waiting for you!

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SOCIETY

At the moment we are at an exciting forefront in an ever changing field of tech that will no doubt bring with it huge changes to our lives. We as a society aim to expand our knowledge, and increase awareness so that we can contribute on these developments with regular meetings, debates, group projects and workshops.

AUSTRALIAN SOCIETY

Our society is not only for Australian citizens but anyone who wants to learn more about the Australian culture. Our aim is to bring a sense of the Australian culture into AU and encourage a welcoming, relaxed and positive environment, educate individuals about Australia's unique history, run fun and interactive workshops that will encourage individuals to learn and

develop their knowledge of Australian animals and the indigenous community etc. whilst also meeting new people and asking any questions they may have in relation to Australia.

AUWISE

Aberdeen University Women in Science and Engineering (AUWISE) was set up to encourage the next generation of talented female students to take up STEM subjects at university. We aim to equip female students at Aberdeen University with the skills they need to develop successful careers, where we organise networking sessions and career-focused events.

b BAHÁ'Í SOCIETY

The Bahá'í teachings urge us to direct all our efforts to create a world of the Most Great Peace, where humanity stands united together and works for the common good of all people. In response to this, we, as a society, try to create a space in the university for people from all walks of life, faiths, nations and creeds to come together and celebrate our diversity! Join us if you're interested to know more about the Bahá'í faith and to participate in the process of striving to make the world a better place.

BAKING SOCIETY

Our society aims to spread the love for all things 'Bake Off' and teach the hungry students of Aberdeen to bake! Come along to our workshops, competitions and socials to meet like-minded people and have fun!

BELIEVERS' LOVEWORLD ABERDEEN

BLW Aberdeen Campus Ministry is a Christian Society based at the University. It is a unique and dynamic ministry where we encourage like-minded people and people who want to know more to come and meet with us and fellowship together giving every student the opportunity to hear and respond to God's Word. Where everyone and anyone is welcome.

BENELUX SOCIETY

The Benelux Society brings students from Belgium, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg together and helps you to discover their cultures & traditions. Every Wednesday, we have an informal meet up in the Bobbin from noon onwards. We called this "koffie-uurtje" or coffee hour. Here, we play games, drink coffee (surprise!), eat biscuits and just have a chat. We also organise other socials and host all kinds of events. To keep up-to-date with what we do, check our Facebook page. Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you soon at one of our events!

BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES SOCIETY

We bring together everyone studying in the school of Medical Sciences and people that have an interest in these areas. Over the year we have a variety of events and activities, including our Café Biomed talks to improve your knowledge, skills and employability, and themed socials such as pub crawls and quizzes to help you to meet like-minded people and see what the Aberdeen nightlife has to offer! And of course, we always end the year in style with our amazing annual ball. Check our Facebook page or become a member to see what we've got coming up!

BOOK CLUB

Every month you will be able to vote for the book you want to read and at the end of each month, we'll have book discussions around a tea, a hot chocolate or a coffee and cakes, of course! We also organise blind dates with books, bookish pub quizzes and much more.

BRIDGE CLUB

Do you want to engage in a society but don't know where to start? Aberdeen University Bridge Club may be just for you! The game of bridge is played with a standard deck of 52 cards; it's easy to learn but damn difficult to master! Thankfully, you won't be struggling alone; we're a new society, so everyone's a beginner. Thanks to the generosity of a local bridge club, the memberships are free of charge, and we will be having the best coaches in Scotland visiting our group and tracking its progress. Come and give bridge a go!

BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION ON CAMPUS

Do you want to help a great cause and boost your CV at the same time? Then how about joining the University of Aberdeen's British Heart Foundation Scotland Fundraising Society. The British Heart Foundation saves lives through pioneering research and patient care, and is only able to do so through fundraising by groups like us all over the UK. We aim to raise money and awareness for the charity by holding fun events throughout Aberdeen.

BULGARIAN SOCIETY

The AU Bulgarian Society is a place where all Bulgarians and people enthusiastic about the country and its culture can come together to enjoy a friendly atmosphere. We organise Bulgarian parties, folk dance lessons, a food night, and many other exciting activities that bring the country of our hearts to life in Aberdeen!

CAMPAIGN FOR NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT (CND)

Aberdeen University CND is a branch of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament – a group that strives for the removal of all nuclear weapons from all across the world. As a Scottish branch of this global group we focus mainly on Trident (the UK's nuclear weapons system) but our campaigning often goes beyond borders. Join us for monthly meetings, fundraisers, local campaigns, and protests, all of which you can keep up to date with on our Facebook page. We are passionate about creating a safer world for everyone, and we believe nuclear disarmament is one of the best ways to do this. All those curious are welcome to any of our events, we hope to see you there! Check in on our social media! Facebook: Aberdeen University CND. Twitter: @aberdeenuniCND

CATHOLIC SOCIETY

The University of Aberdeen Catholic Society is open to all: Catholics, non-Catholics, agnostics and atheists alike! Over the next year, we have plans for organised retreats, games nights, prayer meetings and various other events. We aim to provide

opportunities for meeting new people and making new friends here in Aberdeen. We work closely with the Catholic Chaplaincy for many of our events throughout the year. Whatever it is you are looking for from the Catholic Society, you will see that we provide something for everyone.

CELTIC SOCIETY

We are the Celtic Society! Our aim is to create a friendly and social environment for people to follow and widen their own personal interest in different fields relating to the Celtic nations' culture, history, languages and traditions.

CENTRE STAGE THEATRE COMPANY

Centre Stage is one of Aberdeen University's most active societies and offers the chance for students to take part in all aspects of drama and production no matter what their level of experience. In addition to staging numerous productions every year, we also hold weekly workshops for our members that cover a range of useful dramatic techniques for everything from auditioning to stage management. Alongside, the society holds a number of fantastic social and dramatic events throughout the year. For more information, contact the society Secretary at secretary@centrestageaberdeen.co.uk, or visit us on Facebook for updates about our workshops, plays and socials.

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

AU Chemical Engineering Society is for all engineers and those of interest in our events to meet, network and learn together. In addition to many events with other

societies that share similar interests, joining the society will not only enrich your CV but also your social experience at the university.

CHEMISTRY SOCIETY

The Chemistry Society (or as we like to call it, ChemSoc!) organise events for students and staff within the Chemistry department.

Typical events we hold include pub quizzes, mystery lectures, and ceilidhs, so it's a great way to meet fellow classmates or get to know people who work in the department!

So if you're a Chemistry student or are studying courses in Chemistry, come along and say hi at one of our events and enjoy a break from studying!

CHESS SOCIETY

Welcome to Aberdeen! The Chess Society at the University of Aberdeen is a group of people who enjoy playing chess.

Our spectrum of chess experience varies - everyone is invited! Most of us are beginners, so do not worry if you are a beginner too or do not know the rules of the game yet. In our meetings we have a beginners' class to introduce you to all the necessary basics, an opportunity to just play casual games as well as lectures delivered by our experienced members on World Champions, covering one player per week - all the way from Steinitz to Carlsen.

CHRISTIAN ORTHODOX SOCIETY ABERDEEN

The Christian Orthodox Society is here to provide an amazing environment where people can discover and explore the

traditional faith of the Christian Church. We work closely with the Orthodox Christian community here in Aberdeen and throughout Scotland. All are welcome - no matter their background - to join with us on this epic journey! We will be having weekly meetings, with intriguing discussions and prayers; and going on adventurous pilgrimages. So come along for a cup o' tea (with one-biscuit-only per head...) and make some great new friends from all over the world!

CHRISTIAN UNION

Why Christianity? Aren't all religions the same? Hasn't science proved religion is just a fairy-tale? The Christian Union exists to answer these questions and many more! We'll be running events throughout the year, as well as during Fresher's week, to see how Christianity addresses life's big questions. We'd love to see you there and hear what you think. Have a look at our social media pages, and keep an eye out for flyers, to find out more and keep up-to-date with information on all the events we have coming up.

CINECLUB

Cineclub organizes weekly screenings where members can watch, debate and enjoy films in a communal atmosphere. Besides the weekly screenings we will be organising other events - visits to the cinema, pub crawls, collaborations with other societies and going to film related events.

CIRCUS SOCIETY

Now you've run away from home, it's clearly time to join the circus! Want to learn

to juggle? Get into aerials? Play with poi and diabolo? No experience necessary! Come and have a go at anything you've ever fancied! Learn new skills and have fun! (Shh.. Don't tell anyone but we do play with fire...)

CIVIL ENGINEERING SOCIETY (CES)

Members will benefit from links that CES creates with professional institutions, engineering companies and the community. CES also hopes to be a platform where ideas and student experiences can be shared. Join us to benefit from both social and learning opportunities with students who share similar interests.

COMEDY SOCIETY

Bringing laughter to the Granite City; open to everyone and anyone regardless of experience! With a workshop or show every week, we aim to give you the skills and the opportunities to get an audience laughing - whether it's stand up, improv or sketch. We run regular shows, letting you test out and perfect material, get stage confidence, and most importantly, have a good time - after all, you're spending time with comedians, and we're a funny bunch. We also host socials throughout the year, and get involved in other events throughout the university. Looking for a good time? Join us!

COMMERCIAL LAW SOCIETY (AUCLS)

The AUCLS is the first law society at the University of Aberdeen fully focused on careers in the commercial world. We are unique in that our membership is open to any student of any discipline at the university, the reason being that nearly half

of all training contracts are given to non law students. We hope to improve students' commercial awareness, as well as give them the best guidance for their future careers. We will do this by giving members access to the services of our Mentorship Team and our Competitions Team. With our mentorship team giving you application advice, by putting on events such as CV Clinics and Mock Interviews with the assistance of our sponsoring law firms. Our Competitions Team aim to improve your graduate employment prospects by putting on a variety of internal competitions sponsored by firms as well as being active in a variety of external competitions. This year the CLS is proudly sponsored by Brodies LLP, Slaughter and May, and Pinsent Masons.

COMPUTING SOCIETY

The AU Computing Society exists to provide a place for students to learn and share computing knowledge. Weekly meetings are held in Room 205 in the Meston Building, every Wednesday from 6PM to 8PM. Special events include practical workshops led by members on fields which they are interested in, talks by invited guest speakers and social events such as coding challenges, movie nights and gaming competitions. For more information please visit our website: aucs.org.uk

CONCERT BAND

Come along and join the Aberdeen University Concert Band for fun, friendships and a whole lot of music! The Concert Band is a community band, open to students and staff of the university, as well as anyone around, and outwith the university. In previous years we have had two bands:

the Concert Band open to any woodwind, brass or percussion player, and the Wind Band, an auditioned band who perform more challenging repertoire. All are welcome - students, staff and members of the community alike.

CONSERVATION SOCIETY

We do conservation volunteer work and hikes in and around Aberdeen, as well as social gatherings, movie screenings, wildlife identification sessions, and educational talks.

CONSERVATIVE & UNIONIST ASSOCIATION

We were founded in 1881 - which makes us one of the oldest societies on campus. Our Honorary President is Alexander Burnett MSP. The bulk of our activity comes from our socials at various pubs and cafes. We also go out campaigning with our local MPs, MSPs and Councillors. In addition to this, we plan trips to Holyrood, Westminster and to the annual party conferences.

CRAFT BEER SOCIETY

We are a bunch of easy-going people, who enjoy the occasional fancy beer and appreciate a good craft brew. We host tastings monthly and chill bar hangouts on a more regular basis. If you know a lot about beer, just like a good pint or simply want to come hang out in some of the best bars Aberdeen has to offer, this society is for you!

CREATIVE WRITING SOCIETY

Creative Writing is a place for writers to gather, socialise and work together to

improve their work while meeting interesting people along the way.

CZECH & SLOVAK SOCIETY

The CZ/SK Society provides an amazing opportunity for the Czech and Slovak students to meet their nationals and enjoy our home culture; we also represent and promote Czech and Slovak cultures to students of all nationalities.



ECONOMICS & BUSINESS SOCIETY

Since our founding in 2013, we have swiftly grown to one of the largest societies on campus, and we were awarded "Society of the Year 2015-2016" by AUSA - the official student society body at Aberdeen University. Last year we boasted over 300 members who regularly attended our coveted events, ranging from the legendary Business School Pub Crawl to the largest Ball, the Business Ball with 370 attendees.

EDUCATION SOCIETY

The Education Society is for like-minded students who care and are passionate about Primary and Secondary Education. We organise many social events, including trips to nature, bonfires, cultural food nights, Czech and Slovak movie nights, pub quizzes and many others.

EEESOC ABERDEEN

The EEESoc is dedicated to assisting electronics students and enthusiasts alike, giving students somewhere to work on their projects and offering support where

we can. We're always looking to expand our team and bring in new members, so if you'd like some more information, or you'd like to get involved at a committee level, please contact us: Facebook: /EEESocAbdn Email: EEESoc@abdn.ac.uk

89 SCOTLAND

89 Scotland is part of 89 Initiative, a pan-European Think and Do Tank. We aim to involve young people in political participation beyond voting and party membership. We want to 1) Research why Scottish youth might be disengaged with politics 2) Find out new ways to increase participation 3) Create innovative solutions to boost youth engagement in politics.

ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS

At Engineers Without Borders, we believe that engineers are best placed to address the global issues of poverty, sustainability, and development. We encourage engineering students to think about these challenges and the role of engineering in combating them. We also have a duty to inspire the next generation of engineers, and provide outreach activities in local schools, with an emphasis on development and sustainability. Although we are mostly engineers, students from all school can get involved and help us make a difference.

ENGINEERING SOCIETY

EngSoc is a society for engineers of all disciplines and anyone else who wants to join in! Buying our membership gives you a discount on our Annual Ball and also provides you with a discount at a TBC bar.

ENGLISH LITERATURE SOCIETY

As a society, we endeavour to showcase as much of the literary talent in Aberdeen as we can. If you join up you get a free entry to all our performance nights. Our membership fee is cheaper than the price of a second hand book so don't hesitate to join us, you'll get good friends and a good laugh out of it. Our most popular event we run is the Performance Night at the Blue Lamp, which we host every month. We are enthusiastic about creating a platform for creative writers and performers who want to share their work with a lovely and encouraging audience. Throughout the year we will also be hosting a variety of other literary based activities and excursions, like us on Facebook to keep up to date with all our events!

EUROPEAN LAW STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION (ELSA)

The European Law Students' Association (ELSA) is the world's largest independent law student association with more than 38 000 members worldwide. ELSA offers law students a perfect platform to develop their existing skills, acquire new ones and meet fellow students and legal professionals throughout Europe. Get involved with ELSA Aberdeen to see more of the legal world and get the most out of the university experience, boost your CV and socialise with other enthusiastic law students.

EXCHANGE ABDN

We are Exchange ABDN - a society for Aberdeen's Erasmus and International Exchange students! We are focused on ensuring your time in Aberdeen is as

memorable as possible. We host the best parties and social gatherings and we know exactly what you want because we have been exchange students ourselves!

f FEMINIST SOCIETY

We are a society dedicated to promoting intersectional feminism on campus, locally and globally. Whether you're a seasoned feminist or you just discovered it recently, regardless of your gender identity, race or sexuality, everyone is welcomed. Join us for a casual chat or a heated discussion and teach us or be taught, we can't wait to see you at our events!

FILMMAKING SOCIETY (AUFSS)

At the AU Filmmaking Society, anyone who is interested in film production can learn and share skills through our workshops, exercises and projects that will take place over the course of the academic year. Joining AUFSS is a great opportunity for anyone who loves film, no matter what your experience level is. Our society has access to filmmaking equipment so you don't need your own personal equipment to join. Our society meets every Tuesday from 6PM in New King's 3. Members receive discounted access to various events held throughout the year, including local film screenings and the Glasgow Film Festival. For any enquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us through one of our social media pages or via email.

FINTECH & BLOCKCHAIN SOCIETY

In a fast-paced ever-changing world, every moment creates new challenges and opportunities. The FinTech and Blockchain club is aimed at providing you with the information needed to understand and tackle these problems, while simultaneously introducing you to other like-minded creative individuals. The educational program will introduce you to topics like Fintech, Blockchain, AI and Automation through a series of lectures, discussions and case studies aimed at improving your analytical and problem-solving skills while also increasing your employability. We believe that people from all degrees will find value in our discussions and we invite everyone to join us.

FIRST LOVE SOCIETY

Who is your First Love? What is faith? First Love exists to explore and answer all these questions and more! First Love is one of the well-known established Christian Societies around the UK. With our many fun-filled events, you are promised an interesting year if you join us. Come along to our vibrant campus services on Sundays filled with not only biblical discussion but also showcasing our talents through dance, singing and acting. So whether you're a Christian or not and as long as you're ready to explore faith and love in Christ – First Love is waiting for you!

FLAT EARTH SOCIETY

This society looks to cater for those on campus who want to share their views with people of similar beliefs, this being the belief

in a flat earth. The second aim is to spread the word about flat earthism in a peaceful manner, by holding events and gatherings which can help enlighten other students looking for a meaning in life. The final aim of the society is to get involved with like minded communities nationwide and connect with them to share similar beliefs.

FRENCH SOCIETY

Join the French Society to discover our wonderful culture. We organise many socials, movie nights and obviously, we drink a lot of wine.

g GAMING SOCIETY

We are a society that welcomes anyone who wants to play games - video or tabletop! All are welcome to join us!

GEOLOGY SOCIETY

We are a society dedicated to everything geology related! Throughout the year you can expect a wide range of events including interesting lectures and field trips! Joining the society is a great way to make new friends in your class and meet some older students who will be able to help and support you through your university career. Join our facebook page to keep up to date with events and upcoming socials!

GERMAN SOCIETY

The German Society organises various events related to Germanic culture. From "Kaffee und Kuchen", to talks by German authors, anyone is welcome, whether you

are from a German speaking country, learning German, or don't speak any German at all. Come along to one of our events to learn more!

GREEK & CYPRIOT SOCIETY

The Greek & Cypriot Society is devoted to bringing students together! By promoting the Greek ways and culture, we aim to create an all-inclusive environment that both members and non-members can feel like home! We strive to create a sense of home for those missing their homeland and share the Greek and Cypriot culture to everyone interested, through events all throughout the academic year! Come, meet and join us and create friendships that will last a lifetime!

h HER CAMPUS ABERDEEN

Her Campus Aberdeen is unique in the fact that we are both an online student magazine but also an accredited society with the university. Every week we publish our online magazine (with articles on local events, inspiring articles, listicles and the latest beauty and fashion trends) but also host a variety of fun nights out, nights in, charity bake sales and events as well as get involved with a lot of local businesses. Last year we worked with a local shopping centre, Trinity Centre as part of a charity campaign as well as businesses such as Institute, Vodka Revolution and The Body Shop. We pride ourselves in providing fun, light-hearted and engaging content while also providing our writers with a voice on any topic they choose.

HIGHLAND FAFFERS SOCIETY

Do you have a passion for adventures, outdoors, hiking, campfires and travelling? That's what Highland Faffers Society is all about and more. We hike and camp, go to cultural festivals, faff about in the woodlands, arrange awesome socials and play fun outdoor games. By joining us, you'll have the opportunity to explore the beauty of Scotland, challenge yourself by hiking up to Ben Nevis (the highest mountain in the UK), pet Shetland ponies and explore Viking culture in Shetland, climb mountains on the Isle of Skye, jam in the folk music festival in Orkney, play highland games with us and all this with awesome like-minded people. We arrange short and long trips with different difficulty levels, so no worries, there is something for everyone! What don't we do? Anything boring. Simply because we are no good at it, as well as saying no to new adventures. Sometimes we get lost, but only to find new vagabondage. Check out our facebook page, email us or join our socials for upcoming events and more information.

HIP HOP SOCIETY

The Hip Hop Society is a way for students of different backgrounds to share a common interest and explore various cultures and the artistic background of the genre. We seek to celebrate what is becoming the most significant genre of our generation, holding a place for all fans to listen, discuss, and analyse music ranging from the origin to the modern artists pushing the new sound. We will have frequent events ranging from listening parties of albums new and old, themed parties, pub crawls, and various fundraisers throughout the year.

HISTORY OF ART

Come join the History of Art Society! We have many events all year round including our famous colour crawl and artist pub quiz. Gossip with your friends about the latest Banksy or discuss the Renaissance Masters. Whether you need help with that last minute essay or just want to chill with like-minded art lovers, the History of Art Society is for everyone and anyone!

HISTORY SOCIETY

The History Society is quickly growing into one of the largest, most active, and most successful of the AUSA societies. We are not just for History Students but anyone who wants to expand their interests, meet new people, join a social or two, and maybe learn something new! We host a regular lecture series, trips to historic castles, beaches, and battlefields and re-enactments, along with our infamous socials including pub quizzes, themed crawls, our ceilidh and annual bonfire and ball.

ICE SKATING SOCIETY

Whether you are new or experienced, figure ice skating is a very lovely and exciting sport to do! Join a brand new (3 years) society that has just started meeting & connecting people. With our increase in sponsorships with places in Aberdeen we are expecting to have a lot of fun on nights out (karaoke, ice disco, joint events with other societies, etc) as well as alternative plans for the quieter ones (innoflate, bowling, ice skating, etc). Come try us out in our taster at the rink on

September 2019! For more info find us on Facebook @ AberdeenUniversityIceSoc and Instagram @auiceskating

INDIAN SOCIETY

We host a wide range of events for Aberdeen University students throughout the academic year. Our aim is to be a fun and vibrant society that welcomes everyone. We organise a Holi and Diwali event, which are fantastic opportunities to try out some Indian food, learn something about the culture or take part in traditional dancing. We also arrange fun and relaxed bowling night, once every term. The annual highlight is the Indian Cultural Night, where we have a fancy dinner and dance event in co-operation with the RGU South Asian Society.

INDONESIAN STUDENT ASSOCIATION

We are an organisation consisting of Indonesian students who are studying in Aberdeen. PPI Aberdeen is under the auspices of the PPI United Kingdom, and was established as a place to gather and contribute to students in Aberdeen.

We aim to increase brotherhood as well as solidarity among our members by conducting potlucks, sports activities, gatherings, and other events such as Wonderful Indonesia, which was held in collaboration with the Indonesian Embassy.

For further information about us, please check our website at www.ppiaberndeen.com, Instagram @ ppiaberndeen, and Facebook at PPI Aberdeen United Kingdom.

INTERSOC (INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY)

Want to see Scotland's great sights? Want to have wonderful experience with people from all over the world? If so, Aberdeen Uni's InterSoc is the perfect society for you! Prepare yourself for trips, parties, concerts, pub quizzes, food nights and more!

INTERNATIONAL VIEWPOINT

The International Viewpoint is an online student-led platform for students to publish short pieces that comment on ongoing international and regional issues from their unique point of view. Our objective is to not only empower students to share their views but also enable a wide variety of views to be discussed on the platform in order to provoke educated discussion regarding the topic.

INTERNETWORK

InternNetwork was launched in September 2016. The simple aim of the project was for students who had obtained financial internships to share their experiences with students who were aiming to get onto a financial internship programme.

IRISH SOCIETY

Our society is for anyone wanting to celebrate Irish and Northern Irish culture together! Our aim is to create solidarity among Irish population and educate people on the culture and language of Ireland. We welcome anybody who is Irish/Northern Irish, or simply has an interest in our culture. We connect people on campus from all over Ireland, as well as spread awareness of Irish/Northern Irish heritage.

ITALIAN SOCIETY

CIAO! We are the Italian Society and cannot wait to meet you all! The society is for Italians and non-Italians: the only requirement is that you enjoy company and good food! We try and keep the Italian culture alive on campus: most of the time our events include Italian food (which we cook at local Italian restaurants) and a lot of laughs and fun games. There will always be music, buffets, wine, authentic homemade food, chatter and a lot of loud happy people! And don't forget the crazy hand gestures!

J JAPANESE SOCIETY

We love to create links with the Japanese people, Japan-lovers, enthusiasts and those new to these wonderful traditions and customs. We enjoy establishing partnership networks with other societies at the university such as the Aikido Society, Kendo Society and Anime Society. We aim to do this through events that range from Japanese food and drink sessions, film nights to Japanese language lessons.

JAZZ

We are Aberdeen University Jazz, we offer members the chance to play jazz in different bands. If you want to come along drop us a message!

JEWISH SOCIETY

The AU Jewish Society is a cultural/religious society committed to providing students with a flavour of Judaism, as well as campaigns and educational programmes in support of Judaism and the state of Israel. We provide recreational, religious and social activities where members can meet other Jewish and non-Jewish students. We also provide the opportunity to enter national events and to be involved in the local community.

JOURNAL OF MATTERS RELATING TO FELINES

Journal of Matters Relating to Felines is a beautiful student magazine composed of articles from all departments and disciplines of the university with cats being the ribbon tying them all together. This is the start of your wonderful adventure at this university; what a great start it would be to get published in your first year!

KICKBOXING SOCIETY

Do you love Martial Arts? Are you into good physical workout and want to improve your flexibility? Are you after becoming strong, quick and able to defend yourself? Do you want to get into a new world and meet fantastic people who make our society thrive? Have you ever thought about getting a belt in Martial Arts? Do you feel like at times you just need to chill and relax? Have you ever thought about taking part in a Kickboxing competition? Finally, do you want to contribute to our group by introducing a new and outstanding

perspective? If you answered to most of these questions with 'YES!' then our society is the perfect choice for you! We will train, become better and have loads of fun together so do not hesitate and come around for a free taster session to check it out yourself! Osu!

KNITTING SOCIETY

Knitting: it's the ballsy choice! We teach and with yarn, thread and other fibre crafts including knitting, crochet, embroidery and more in a friendly, informal and social environment.

LABOUR STUDENTS (AULS)

AULS provides a welcoming atmosphere for left-wing students and locals to get involved with campaigning, political discussions and socialising. We invite everyone who shares Labour values to join us!

LATVIAN SOCIETY

Latvian Society is something more than just a club where people come for events. We are like a small family that stays together, help each other and celebrate events together. Moreover, we welcome anyone who is interested in Latvian culture and traditions, regardless of their nationality.

LAW SOCIETY (AULS)

The AU Law Society is one of the largest and most active societies on campus. We aim to optimise the student experience of Aberdeen for both law and non-law students. We

provide social and academic events beneficial to your career and university experience, with the opportunity to network with leading law firms. Our members form bonds with other students that last well beyond University. An AULS membership provides you with entry to our events, such as Family Ties, Sports Varsity, The Law Ball, as well as discounts to bars and clubs. We look forward to meeting you!

LAW REFORM SOCIETY

Enhance your CV and gain new academic and research skills with AU Law Reform society. We will be researching areas of law reform in all legal fields and producing an annual publication. We also host talks and networking events with top QCs, MPs and activists. Membership will also gain you access to exclusive events, opportunities for work experience and discounts with our sponsors. If you want to have your name on a research publication and a CV which stands out then don't hesitate to sign up. We are open to all students, not just law.

LAWYERS WITHOUT BORDERS STUDENT DIVISION AT ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY

AULWOB is about furthering the efforts of our parent organisation to increase access to justice, rule of law and human rights by crossing borders to make a difference. Our society is divided into two divisions: The Research Division helps write legal reports on a variety of human rights issues for our parent organisation and international NGOs. The Events Division is charged with the organisation of our annual Human Rights Conference, alongside fundraising and socials. Everyone is welcome to join either,

or both divisions as you please, and be assured a great experience with the team!

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS SOCIETY

We are Aberdeen University's branch of the Young Liberals - the youth wing of the Liberal Democrat Party. We meet up to socialise, discuss important matters of state and organise campaigns. Membership is £1!

LINGUISTICS SOCIETY

We are the society for the 3rd best linguistics department in the UK (currently working on beating Oxbridge). Since 2013, we have gathered all kinds of language lovers, from the phonetics fans to the semantically confused to the pragmatists. Everyone (except prescriptivists) are welcome, even if you just love a well-spun pun. We host linguistics-related events that range from academic talks with experts to chill pub socials and movie nights. We also hold study sessions on a regular basis, where students gather to help each other out or to just whine about the newest assignment in solidarity. Come along to have some fun and maybe learn a little with other language lovers.

LITHUANIAN SOCIETY

We are aiming to fill the gap & create a common space for the ever-increasing Lithuanian student population at the University of Aberdeen. The society will hold various regular events, such as quiz nights and dinners for the national holidays, which will help the students to feel at home even being hundreds of miles away from the actual home. Everyone, not just Lithuanians, are welcome in the society - we are all eager to welcome all who are interested in

the Lithuanian culture and are looking for an exceptionally great time.

m **MALT WHISKY SOCIETY**

Our goal as a society is to show people the variety of Scotland's national drink: Single Malt Whisky. We are committed to educating people about the different aspects that make whisky special through distillery trips, tastings and presentations. We have fortnightly tastings where you can sample a variety of different malt whiskies and learn more about how to taste it.

MARINE SOCIETY

Want to make a difference in this world and take an active role in changing the perception about the oceans? Want to learn new skills and get experience in marine science? Then the Marine Society is the right place for you! Our society was set up in order to help students interested in marine life and welfare to come together and be active in marine conservation, you are the piece of the puzzle we are missing! Come and help us with your ideas!

MARISCHAL CHAMBER ORCHESTRA SOCIETY

We play typical chamber orchestra repertoire from Haydn to Debussy, and Beethoven to Poulenc. We also offer opportunities to play in a range of chamber groups, including (but not limited to) string quartets, wind quintets and brass quintets. We perform concerts at the end of each semester and also offer a summer course

which usually takes place in June/July. Auditions take place during Freshers week and are open to everyone at the University of Aberdeen!

MARROW

We are Aberdeen Marrow, a pretty special bunch of students who help save the lives of people with blood cancer. We are part of a student network of over 40 UK universities and 7 abroad that volunteers for the charity Anthony Nolan. Their vision, ultimately, is to try to save the lives of everyone who needs a bone marrow or stem transplant. But what can YOU do? You can help them to achieve this! By joining the Aberdeen Marrow team, you could help us to sign young people (the best type of donor) up to the Anthony Nolan donor register and/or raise precious funds for the vital work of Anthony Nolan.

MARY'S MEALS SOCIETY

There are 300 million chronically hungry children in the world today. Mary's Meals is a charity committed to finding a solution to this global problem. They have a simple idea that works. By providing one daily meal in a place of education in order to attract chronically hungry children into a classroom, Mary's Meals ensure these children receive an education that can, in the future, be their ladder out of poverty. Mary's Meals began by feeding 200 children in Malawi. Today they feed over 1,425,000 hungry children every day. And you can help! Our society is committed to raising funds and awareness for the amazing work of Mary's Meals at Aberdeen University. This society is the perfect place to meet new people, learn vital new skills that will help in all walks of life and really make a difference. With Mary's

Meals it costs just £13.90 to feed a child for an entire year! Your efforts really make a difference.

MATHS SOCIETY

We hold weekly math talks and several casual socials throughout the semester, so don't worry, it's not all about the math! It's a great way to meet coursemates and fellow math students. Our events include games nights, bowling, movie nights, Pi Day and many more! Whether you want to discuss math, commiserate about it, or just forget it completely, you'll have a great time with our society!

MATURE & DIRECT ENTRY SOCIETY

We are a newly re-established society of "mature", postgraduate, direct entry students and alumni. We are predominantly a social group and members are not obliged to commit any time beyond their own choice, nor will there be any fees to be a member.

In addition to our regular events and socials, we are a child friendly society and endeavour to organise events that your children can attend with you. For a wide range of reasons many of our members will not be available at certain times of day, so we plan to organise a wide range of gatherings at various times across the campuses. Please feel free to join us.

MEDICAL SOCIETY

Join Aberdeen's biggest society: 'MedSoc'! With over a century of know-how behind us, we plan to run the best events of the year including (but not limited to): Adoption night (where we match our freshers with their new

medic family), a smashing weekend of sports at SNIMS and our legendary MedSoc Ball. Join now to avoid missing out on all the fun!!

MEXICAN SOCIETY

The Mexican society aims, not only to spread our culture and traditions within the University of Aberdeen, but to create valuable interactions with the student community. Our society members strive to share all things Mexican, from academic events and networking, Mexican nights and fiesta, as well as helping newcomers to arrive safely and have a great experience during their stay at the Aberdeen Uni. Feel like this is what you are looking for? Únete a nosotros! Join la fiesta!

MODEL UN SOCIETY (MUN)

Do you want to enhance your speaking and negotiating skills - and have fun while doing it? Are you passionate about diplomacy and international affairs? Then come along to MUN! Join us in our Monday sessions where we simulate UN meetings. You will get to become the delegate of a country and defend its foreign policy on current international issues. Join us at national and international MUN conferences throughout the academic year, in places such as Lviv, Edinburgh, Budapest, and Amsterdam. Through a range of different events and exciting socials, we provide our members with lasting friendships and amazing experiences.

MOOTING SOCIETY

We are a law society, both fun and useful for a future in the legal profession. A moot is a legal debate in a mock courtroom setting,

where two teams attempt to persuade the judge of the credibility of their case. Mooting is a great chance to improve advocacy skills, public speaking, research and your CV! The First-Year Competition is a great place to start, but feel free to participate in other moots internal and external. Mooting is not always serious, as we have many socials throughout the year e.g. Staff v Student Moot, Christmas Dinner and more!

MUSLIM STUDENT ASSOCIATION (AUMSA)

AUMSA was founded to serve the needs of Muslim students and staff, as well as those looking to engage with Muslims. It aims to foster bonds of fraternity by establishing a Muslim student community. As a networking platform, we intend to suit students of all shades of observance. We also strive to encourage, promote and strengthen harmony and understanding between peoples of all faiths.

n NERDVERSE

We watch a variety of sci-fi and fantasy related media, ranging from cult classics to B-movies, with the occasional outing to see a new release. We also hold special monthly events.

NORDIC SOCIETY

Nordic Society exists for all Nordic and non-Nordic students interested in celebrating Nordic holidays and cultural traditions! Our annual highlights are First of May/Vappu/Valborg, Finnish Independence Day and

of course, our popular "Sitting/Sitsit". Alongside our more popular events, we also organise karaoke nights, Advent parties, Lucia and much more. The society is a great way to be acquainted with students from, or outwith the Nordic countries. So whether Nordic or not, what are you waiting for?! Membership is only £3 for the whole year! Everyone is warmly welcomed to join our society and if you want more information, email us on: nordsoc@gmail.com or find us on Facebook @NordicSocAberdeen, or simply talk to one of our committee members. We are always happy to have a chat!

O OPERA SOCIETY

The UoA Opera Society has been offering students the chance to perform in a wide range of operas and operatic works over the last number of years, in both university owned venues as well as local theatres around Aberdeen. It celebrates a history of successful productions including Bizet's 'Carmen', Mozart's 'The Marriage of Figaro', Sondheim's 'Sweeney Todd - The Demon Barber of Fleet Street' and most recently Kurt Weill's 'The Threepenny Opera'! The society continues to provide these wonderful opportunities and is open for all students to audition and take part in.

p PAKISTAN SOCIETY

Our Society aims to provide a platform for student body to socialise, connect and celebrate various Pakistani cultural events and traditions. Additionally, the society

also welcomes students from diverse backgrounds to educate them about and involve them with Pakistani cultural values and norms whilst experiencing it first-hand.

Weekly events will be hosted by the society, which includes: social & charitable events, movie nights and cultural events. Also, annual sightseeing trips around UK. Lastly, the society also plans to celebrate Pakistani cultural events during term time such as, Basant Kite Festival.

So get your membership and enjoy the perks of being a member!

PALESTINE SOCIETY

Figs, olives and kuffiyehs and everything falastini! Welcome to the first Aberdeen Student Palestine Society. Created to give Palestinians, and those interested in the beautiful place, a space for cultural and social expression. If you are interested in meeting and engaging with Palestinians and learning more about the country, join us in stimulating events, thought-provoking panels, and warm and friendly socials. Together we plan on bringing the Palestinian culture closer to students studying in Aberdeen, and share insights, food and knowledge with you. It is very vital for us to be able to offer a safe space; no hate speech is welcome. Everyone curious is welcome to join our events! Stay tuned for our first plans!

PETROLEUM 4.0

Formed out of an identified gap between the Energy/Petroleum industry opportunities and the talent pool (students), the Petroleum 4.0 society strives to bridge this gap by drawing from an established formal partnership with the university as well as the potential

knowledge, resources and capacity of members in these Energy related programs to source for opportunities for its members in the course of their study and therefore enhance their practical experience and overall value.

PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY

We meet up every Wednesday evening at the Blue Lamp to discuss a great variety of philosophical topics, make new friends and have a great time. Most importantly, we want to encourage free thought and philosophical skills, and have fun by doing so.

PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY

AU Photography Society exists to create an enjoyable and engaging environment to practice photography, socialise and support the community. We welcome members of all skill levels. You don't need a camera to join; bring your phone camera or borrow the equipment we have available to members! Fancy starting up photography? Perhaps you want to develop your skills even further? You can join for photography itself or to network with people and make new friends. Our activities include: trips, macro, landscape and events photography, workshops, movie nights, pub socials, one-to-one camera support and more. There's something for everyone!

PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY SOCIETY

Our society aims to bring together everyone with an interest in physics and astronomy. We host talks bringing in experts from both our own physics department and outside the university. We have lab tours, trips, and much more to tickle your fancy in physics and astronomy. We'll also have socials as

any proper society should and there will be all the options. You don't need to study physics or to be an expert in black holes to join, although you might wish to be one after a few years with us, but don't worry it's no biggie.

POLISH SOCIETY (POLSOC)

Did you know that the Polish Constitution was the first in Europe and the second in the world? Have you ever heard of Nicolaus Copernicus and Pope St John Paul II? Did you know that there are as many as 15 UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Poland? Did you know that Donald Tusk, who has been the President of the European Council since 2014, is Polish? Did you know that Poland is home to the largest castle in the world? If not, PolSoc is something for you! PolSoc is an organisation that unites students interested in Polish language, culture, economy, and history. Our goals are to promote Poland, represent its students in Aberdeen and cooperate with other societies and Polish organisations. We organise lots of different events such as social meetings, cooking workshops, tours, national holidays' celebrations, and many more. If you have any queries contact ausapolishsociety@gmail.com! Follow us on Facebook and Instagram [@ausapolishsociety!](https://www.instagram.com/ausapolishsociety/) People of all nationalities are welcome to join, and it is our top priority to make everyone feel as welcome as possible.

POLITICS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SOCIETY (PIR)

AUSA Politics and International Relations Society is a student based society. Over the past few years we have organised many diverse events ranging from political debates to lectures and talks with a great variety of guest speakers. Additionally, we organise international politically focused trips.

Whether you are a politics student or not, joining the society is a great way to meet and interact with people who, among other things, have interest in how the world is run and know to always make time for some relaxed fun with the PIR family. Get involved!

POOL SOCIETY

We aim to create a friendly environment where anyone can socialize, play pool and take a break from their studies. We are a small community consisting of pool and snooker players at all levels, and welcome everyone from first timers to professionals. We have regular events throughout the academic year accommodating for many different interests. One big hit has been the North East Scotland University Pool Tournament and let's not forget our famous pub crawls. If this sounds like a society for you, come have a chat with us at the Freshers' Fayre or visit our Facebook page: [@AUPoolSociety](https://www.facebook.com/AUPoolSociety).

PROTOTAU

PrototAU is the first team from Aberdeen University to participate in the Shell Eco-marathon Europe 2019. The team of engineering and business students is dedicated to design, build and manufacture

an efficient hydrogen-powered vehicle. New students are always welcome.

PSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY (PSYCHSOC)

Intrigued by or studying Psychology? The PsychSoc is a society for all like-minded individuals, catering to both your social and intellectual interests with additional academic and personal support. To stay updated like us on Facebook "Aberdeen University Psychology Society" and follow us @abdnpsychsoc on Twitter and Instagram.

PUB GAME SOCIETY

Do you like fun? Do you like pubs? Do you like games? If yes then we are the society for you! We are planning to: Host events such as tournaments, Pub Quizzes, board game nights and Pool! In addition to exciting social events we also want to do casual meet ups in new pubs throughout Aberdeen giving you a perfect opportunity to explore Aberdeen as well as meeting new people.

r RENEWABLE ENERGY SOCIETY (UARES)

UARES is a student-run society which promotes the use of clean energy and upcoming renewable energy opportunities not only in Aberdeen but throughout Europe. The promotion of clean sources of energy is achieved by but not limited to, hosting regular meetings, events, balls, fundraisers, investments, research and charity projects.

ROBOGALS

A non-profit organisation that aims to inspire young children and girls to get excited about STEM.

Volunteer at school visits and science festivals, all expenses paid.

Boost your CV and develop skills that will help you pursue your future career goals!

ROCK AND METAL

You like rock? Metal? Or both? Then this is the place for you! This society is for everyone interested in alternative music, whether it is the occasional rock song in your playlist or the darkest black metal from the depths of a Norwegian forest. Together, we attend events, gigs, talk about music (and everything else) and most importantly have fun together. We have fortnightly meet-ups at our favourite tiki bar and a range of special events on offer for you. Don't be shy, even though some of us might look like it, we don't bite – usually!

ROMANIAN SOCIETY

If you are a Romanian who is homesick or just a curious stranger, we have just the thing to keep you on your feet with a warm glass of țuică, an awarded Romanian film and heart warming events.

RUSSIAN SPEAKING UNION

We are welcoming all ambitious, enthusiastic and open-minded people who are interested in different aspects of Russian culture.

You will definitely enjoy a wide range of events, including Russian holiday celebrations, traditional Russian dinners, speakers and lectures, movie nights, literature evenings, conversational meetings, language lessons, theme parties, etc.

S **SAVE OUR SPECIES (SOS)**

Our goal is to raise awareness and change attitudes towards pollution and climate change.

We aim to educate students on the small changes they can make to have a big impact on saving the planet by holding information stalls.

We also think it would be beneficial to clean up areas around campus and encourage students to recycle packaging or choose packaging that is better for the environment (i.e. using less plastic).

SCOTTISH DANCE SOCIETY (AUSDS)

In addition to exciting social events we also want to do casual meet-ups in new pubs throughout Aberdeen giving you a perfect opportunity to explore Aberdeen as well as meeting new people.

SCOUTS AND GUIDES SOCIETY

Whether you have been a Scout or a Guide before or are just interested, this society is for you! During the year we do a lot of different Scout and Guide activities, such as camping, hiking, bonfires at the beach and other more and less outdoorsy things. As a member of our society, you can develop a diverse set of skills from leadership and problem-solving to first-aid and other everyday skills while having a great time together.

SEWING SOCIETY

Whether you are a complete novice wanting to learn a new skill or an experienced sewer, our weekly sessions will provide you with the right equipment and guidance to pursue your own sewing projects in a friendly setting where tea and biscuits are regarded as essential.

SEXPRESSION ABERDEEN

Sexpression Aberdeen is a branch of Sexpression:UK, a charity run by students from all over the UK. Our vision and aim is to provide information to the community to enable them make to informed decisions about their relationships, and understand sex and sexuality in the 21st century. Volunteering with us is great for so many reasons! If you have an interest in education or sexual health, development of your public speaking and want to meet like-minded people, then like our Facebook page for more information about socials and events!

SGI VALUE CREATING SOCIETY

SGI engages in various peace activities, including human rights education, the movement to abolish nuclear weapons and efforts to promote sustainable development. We believe that each person's life contains infinite potential. We want to help students to unlock their hidden potential and achieve creative harmony with their environment through the philosophy and practice of Nichiren Buddhism.

SHARED PLANET SOCIETY

Come check us out at our Food-Cooperative at the ground floor of the Student Union Building, or at our sustainable Café at the Chaplaincy every two Wednesdays. We run projects all year round to promote environmental and social justice. If you are interested in getting involved in campaigns or projects about sustainability, social justice and environmental activism, you should definitely give us a shout.

SOCIALIST STUDENTS SOCIETY

Socialist Students is a democratic campaigning organisation with groups in universities and colleges throughout Britain. We've continuously been playing a leading role in the numerous anti-tuition fees movements in recent years. We say that education is a right not a privilege - not to all cuts, fees and privatisation. On most campuses we hold weekly meetings to discuss the politics of changing the world. Join us and get involved!

SOCIOLOGY SOCIETY

The Sociology department of UoA is world renowned for its top research and quality teaching across diverse fields (for instance, religion and gender studies). Furthermore, it boasts frequent lectures given by guests from all over the world. It is a great place to study the arcana of Sociology and, as the Sociology Society, we hope to enhance this experience for everyone. You do not need to be a full-time sociologist to join us - everyone with a spirit of a curious seeker and a pinch of sociological imagination wanting to deepen their knowledge is welcome!

SPANISH & LATIN AMERICAN SOCIETY

We welcome everyone interested in Spain and Latin America! Join us to make new international friends and become part of our gran familia of students & non-students that will make you feel at home. Dance, learn, create and enjoy delicious food at our cultural, social and academic events. Whether you want to socialise, get tips for your semester/ year abroad, improve your Spanish skills or learn more about Spain and Latin America in general, the Spanish and Latin American Society offers different events on campus every week! ¡Nos vemos pronto!

SOCIETY OF PETROLEUM ENGINEERS

Join the largest individual-member organisation serving managers, engineers, scientists and other professionals worldwide in the oil and gas industry!

STUDENTS FOR GLOBAL HEALTH (SFGH)

SfGH is a student-led registered charity which aims to tackle health and social inequalities at global and local level via education, advocacy and community action. There are so many aspects of global health to get involved in, just have a look at the Sustainable Development Goals and see which area interests you! We work within a larger international organisation, International Federation of Medical Student's Association (IFMSA) which provides unique opportunities to both medical and non-medical students ranging from research opportunities, community projects and conference attendances around the globe. So come be a part of SfGH, where we can make change happen!

STUDENTS FOR INDEPENDENCE

The political landscape in Scotland is changing, and Students for Independence are part of a growing network of grassroots political groups who seek to advance the cause of Scottish Independence. If you are interested in engaging with the future potential of an independent Scotland and getting involved in discussions, debates and campaigns relating to Scottish politics, come along to one of our regular meetings, events or socials. We aim to host guest speakers from the forefront of the Scottish political arena and the national independence movement. People from all political backgrounds and parties are welcome!

STUDENTS RUIN - GIN SOCIETY

The Gin Society is an exciting society led by friendly Gin-fanatics! We host:

Gin tastings where you are guaranteed to try the best Gins out there: varied in theme, these always deliver something new for you, so you experience this wonderful drink in ways like never before;

Socials themed around Gin and Aberdeen's secrets on how to best enjoy the drink;

Distillery Trips to understand how Gin is made.

Whether or not you love gin by the time of joining, you will soon thereafter – and by cooperation with local businesses becoming a member grants local bar, drink and event discounts.

SWING DANCE SOCIETY

Have you ever wanted to learn Charleston and dance like in the Roaring Twenties? Are you intrigued by the awesomeness of Lindy Hop? Or are you more the Blues dancing type? With us you can try out all of those and become part of the UK swing-dancing scene with workshops in and around Aberdeen. No dance experience or partner needed. Find us on Facebook at 'Aberdeen University Swing Dance Society' for events, classes and socials. We will be with you every triple-step of the way, so come and give it a swing!

t TEAM ABERDEEN UNIVERSITY (TAU) RACING

Our project aims to develop students' understanding in automotive engineering. Society members learn practical, hands on skills where they design and build a new car from scratch each year in the engineering facilities at the university. The project is entirely student-run and gives members the opportunity to attend the Formula Student competition held at Silverstone Circuit where they race the car against rival universities. The project is industry-funded, allowing students to develop networking skills during day-to-day interactions with sponsors. Furthermore, team members have the opportunity to attend various local events to maximise their exposure to the Oil and Gas and Automotive industry.

THAI SOCIETY

Aberdeen Thai Society was created to bring all Thai students in Aberdeen together as a community. Moreover, we aim to promote

and present Thai culture, traditions, food and much more to students and non-students, meaning everyone is welcome!

We have a number of events planned for this academic year, so stay in the loop by following us on our social media profiles. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to send us a message; our team will be happy to help.

TRADING & INVESTMENT CLUB (AUTIC)

At AUTIC our central aim is to benefit student prospects in the world of finance. Our Education Programme provides the core skills and knowledge required. The AUTIC Investment Fund supplies an opportunity to experience investment analysis in a live environment through student-led equity appraisals. External speakers and conference delegations provide supplementary learning. Through these three key activities AUTIC aims to develop well-versed finance professional with real world experience.

TREADING THE BOARDS MUSICAL THEATRE SOCIETY (TTB)

Love musical theatre? Love performing? TTB is the society for you. We are the Uni's musical society!

U UNICEF ON CAMPUS

FUNdraising and campaigning in direct aid of UNICEF UK. We are currently ranked the first runner-up in all UK universities.

UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY OF ABERDEEN (UNA)

UNA University of Aberdeen would like to advance your knowledge and interest in the United Nations and promote support for it, albeit in a spirit of critical loyalty. We seek to stimulate debate and action on how to make the UN more effective, transparent, inclusive and accountable. We want to equip you with knowledge about how the UN works and what it can achieve, realistically. UNA University of Aberdeen wants to engage you in a diverse range of activities - seminars, workshops, meetings and conferences - on the 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and, additionally, give you a better understanding of the six main UN organs. Thus, we want to connect you to UN's work and values by providing an interface between the UN and the University of Aberdeen.

V VEGGIE VEGAN SOCIETY

Join us if you are curious about ways to make your life more sustainable, want to learn how to cook and bake delicious treats and are seeking to meet like-minded people in uni. We organise potlucks, cooking classes, film screenings and other fun activities throughout the year and campaign for a plant-based lifestyle.

W **WICCA SOCIETY**

Have you ever wondered about the belief systems that inspired witch hunts? Ever thought about horned gods, zodiac charts and the four elements that be? Then come by and check out our society. Whether you join us for a full moon potluck, some tarot and tea or to learn how to make your own candles and face masks - it's all magic/k! So blessed be and feel welcomed by our society. Whether you're experienced or simply curious about Wicca - you're invited to stop by and find out! And don't worry, we don't bite (we have spells for that).

WILDERNESS & EXPEDITION MEDICINE SOCIETY

Wilderness, pre-hospital, expedition and emergency medicine; outdoor skills; good messy fun.

WILDLIFE DOCUMENTARY SOCIETY

Welcome! Throughout the year we'll be going on loads of expeditions in Aberdeen and beyond to try and capture the beauty of Scottish Wildlife on film. You'll have opportunities to film, photograph, produce and edit your own work, or contribute to bigger projects! It's great fun for anyone interested in animals (not just biology students!) because we get to learn about species identification, interaction, and how to work a camera in your favour. We'll be having guest speakers from professionals in the wildlife film industry to present their own films and talk a bit about the behind the scenes of production. On rainy days we've got loads of socials and pub nights and best

of all - documentary screenings featuring all of your favourites - with a particular soft spot for Sir David ;) We hope to see everyone at our freshers events and throughout the year! Visit our Facebook or Instagram pages @Uwilddocsoc or pop us an email; we're happy to chat about what we do!

WINE SOCIETY

Wine Society is where anyone gets to try new wines and learn more about it regardless if you're already a wine connoisseur or a novice. Regular tasting events with varying themes and hosts guarantee there is something for everyone!

WOODLAND SOCIETY

Do you love woodlands, nature and the outdoors? So do we! At the Aberdeen University Woodland Society, we aim to help students from all walks of life get out of the classroom, get outdoors, and explore the amazing woodland environments in and around Aberdeen, learning about these wonderful places and getting the chance to gain hands on experience in their management. If any of this interests you, then stay tuned! Not only is there plenty of chance to get in touch with nature through activities like tree planting and habitat creation, the Woodland Society also gives students from a variety of disciplines a platform to discuss current environmental issues and challenges, and socialise with friendly, like-minded people.



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YAD'AM SOCIETY

If you want to help make a real difference then join the Yad'am Society and get involved in our many projects to facilitate debates, raise awareness and funds and genuinely try to aid people who have suffered as a result of the many refugee crises around the world. (P.S. our membership isn't even expensive...)

YOGA SOCIETY

We offer weekly classes open to all levels where you will meet new like-minded people while benefiting your mental and physical health at the same time!

YOUNG EUROPEAN MOVEMENT SOCIETY

Young Europeans Aberdeen is the Aberdeen branch of one of the largest European-wide youth organisations (JEF Europe). We strive towards facilitating conversation and building a shared sense of community and togetherness. Our events range from political events to fun socials, so there is something for everybody, and our network of branches all over Europe brings the possibility of gaining new friends, experiences and adventures.

Z

ZOOLOGY & BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES SOCIETY

We are a society for all students studying any biology related degree. Join us if you want to meet like-minded people, have fun during our socials, go out on trips, watch documentaries and hear educational talks. Some of our traditional events are the Families Ties, visit to the Guide Dog Center, Pub Safari and a trip to the Highlands Wildlife Park. So if you like animals, the environment or just biology in general then just join and have an awesome time with our friendly members.

A swimmer is captured in a pool, with water splashing around their head. The swimmer is wearing a white cap with a yellow and blue logo. The pool has red lane markers in the foreground and orange lane markers in the background. The overall scene is dynamic and energetic.

A TO Z SPORTS

These are student led and supported by AUSA staff including the Sports Officer. Sport and exercise is a fantastic way of meeting new people and keeping healthy, both physically and mentally. There are many different ways to get involved, from joining one of our 55 sports clubs or intramural (recreational) leagues to taking part in any of our fun sports events.

a **ABDN SNOW**

We cater to all abilities from seasoned pro's to complete snow newbies! We boast racing and freestyle teams at national level, and are always keen to recruit new riders into our competitor's squad. If you have any questions contact abdnsnow@abdn.ac.uk

AIKIDO

Aikido is a Japanese martial art which uses harmony/unity as a response to violence and/or conflict. We do this by blending with the energy of an attack and pinning or throwing our partner in a safe manner. If you have any questions contact: aikido@abdn.ac.uk

ALL ROUND FIGHTING

All Round Fighting is a Club merging different martial arts into one effective combat style. Besides fighting, budo ('discipline and respect') and equality are important aspects of our training routine. If you have any questions contact: allroundfighting@abdn.ac.uk

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Playing a mix of flag and full contact football, we welcome players of all abilities to try the UK's fastest growing sport. If you have any questions contact americanfootball@abdn.ac.uk

ARCHERY

Whether you've shot all your life, or never held a bow before, come along and have a go! If you have any questions contact archery@abdn.ac.uk

ATHLETICS

Athletics Club is suitable for all abilities and interests, whether you just want to get fit or train to compete at a high level, we are the club for you. The best group of people you will ever meet! If you have any questions contact avac@abdn.ac.uk

b **BADMINTON**

We have sessions suitable for all abilities, whether you want to play for fun or for one of our teams. If you have any questions contact badminton@abdn.ac.uk

BASKETBALL

AU Basketball Club consists of two women's teams and four men's teams. All teams compete in BUCS except women's 2nds and Men's 4ths. The Club also has one Men's and one Women's Grampian local league team that anyone in the Club can compete in. If you have any questions contact basketball@abdn.ac.uk

BOAT

If you want to be part of a successful, competitive Rowing Club that race locally and nationally, or just want to give it a go then AU Boat Club is for you! A fantastic way to meet new people and keep fit. If you have any questions contact boatclub@abdn.ac.uk

BOXING

Whether you are a seasoned boxer, or just wanting to get fit, we cater for everyone. If you have any questions contact boxing@abdn.ac.uk

C **CANOE**

For those who want to experience the adrenaline of white water kayaking or the fast-paced, addictive team sport of canoe polo. AUCC offer training sessions, weekly river trips and plenty of socials! If you have any questions contact canoe@abdn.ac.uk

CHEERLEADING

Cheerleading is a mix of dance, gymnastics and stunting. It is a great way to get fit and make new friends. AUCCS is open to males and females. No experience is necessary, and beginners are always welcome! If you have any questions contact cheerleading@abdn.ac.uk

CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING

The AU Clay Pigeon Club is committed to furthering the skills of experienced shooters and introducing beginners to the sport.

We meet regularly and compete across the UK. If you have any questions contact aufieldsports@abdn.ac.uk

CRICKET

Formed in the 1800's Aberdeen University Cricket Club is one of the University's longest established Sports Club flying the flag for student cricket at one of Britain's northernmost University. If you have any questions contact cricket@abdn.ac.uk

d **DIVING**

If you have always wanted to learn how to do a backflip, conquer your fear of heights or jump off a 10 meter platform, diving is for you! The Club is open to all skill levels. We train at the Aquatics Centre and take part in multiple competitions throughout the year. If you have any questions contact divingClub@abdn.ac.uk

e **EQUESTRIAN**

AURC is a Club for riders of all abilities. With three competitive BUCS teams and weekly lessons from beginning to advanced level. We hold regular socials from fancy dress to beach hacks. If you have any questions contact riding@abdn.ac.uk

f **FENCING**

Home to fencers of all levels, from complete beginners to international athletes.

AU Fencing fosters an inviting team atmosphere and seeks to help everyone improve and enjoy fencing whatever their level. If you have any questions contact fencing@abdn.ac.uk

FLOORBALL

Floorball (innebandy/salibandy/unihoc) is a fast and fun game where good exercise and the fun of a team sport come together. We have an open-door policy and the team is unisex! For more information check out our Facebook page, Aberdeen Uni Floorball Club (@ABDNUFC).

FOOTBALL MEDIC

If you are a Medic and want to be on a fun and friendly football team, then we are the team for you. If you have any questions contact medicsfootball5@abdn.ac.uk

FOOTBALL MEN

Aberdeen Uni FC formed in 1872, and is one of the oldest clubs in Scotland. We train twice a week, as well as play intra-uni once a week, locally at amateur level and semi-pro on a Sunday. If you have any questions contact aufotballClub@abdn.ac.uk

FOOTBALL WOMEN

We pride ourselves on our welcoming attitude, and it really shows. Each year we have grown and improved, and with a strong committee this year, we hope to have the most successful year for AUWFC yet. If you have any questions contact auwfc@abdn.ac.uk

g **GOLF**

We are a mixed club who caters for all regardless of ability. We are a club with a rich history and a lively social calendar. If you have any questions contact golf@abdn.ac.uk

GYMNASTICS

Whether you are an advanced gymnast, or you have never set foot in a gym, but fancy the idea of developing your gymnastic skills, we are the club for you. If you have any questions contact gymnastics@abdn.ac.uk

h **HOCKEY MEN**

Aberdeen Men's Hockey Club is above all else an inclusive club. We welcome all levels of hockey from beginner upwards to train and socialise on a weekly basis. If you have any questions contact aumhc@abdn.ac.uk

HOCKEY WOMEN

One of the biggest and best clubs you will find at AU with five hockey teams ranging from beginners to pros! We hold great social events throughout the year along with the Men's Club. Everyone is welcome. If you have any questions contact auwhc@abdn.ac.uk

JU - JITSU

Want to learn self-defence? Try out Ju-Jitsu where a friendly atmosphere will let you meet friends, become fit and learn throws, locks and striking techniques. If you have any questions contact ju-jitsu@abdn.ac.uk

KARATE

Want to learn how to punch, kick and defend yourself – then join the Karate Club! We teach traditional karate, self-defence, competition fighting and even weapons at both beginners and advance level. If you have any questions contact karate@abdn.ac.uk

KENDO

Kendo, the way of the sword, is the widely practiced Japanese martial art. Kendo embraces and aims to improve everything from fighting prowess to a deeper, more spiritual connection with yourself. If you have any questions contact kendo@abdn.ac.uk

LACROSSE MEN

Founded by Native Americans, Lacrosse is a contact sport known as 'the fastest game on two feet'. AUMLC is one of Scotland's largest men's lacrosse clubs. Offering three trainings per week, weekly socials and an annual tour with AUWLC, we are supported by our close ties to the women's club and our diverse membership. If you have any questions contact lacrossemen@abdn.ac.uk

LACROSSE WOMEN

We are AUWLC! Our Club ranges from beginners to international players, making us a Club that can include everyone. We love our socials and pride ourselves on making sure everyone feels welcome. If you have any questions contact lacrosse.women@abdn.ac.uk

LAIRIG

Lairig is one of Britain's oldest and most active mountaineering clubs. Trips are run weekly in Scotland for walking, rock climbing and winter mountaineering, along with mid-week meets at the climbing wall. If you have any questions contact lairig@abdn.ac.uk

m MOUNTAIN BIKING

The Mountain Biking Club is suitable for any riders. The club rides every Wednesday at 1pm. There will be weekend trips to various locations around Scotland. For more information visit our Facebook page @aumbc or contact us on aumbc@abdn.ac.uk

n NETBALL

AUNC is one of the largest all girls sports clubs at Aberdeen University. We play in Aberdeen's local league, BUCS and local tournaments. We have a great social scene, as we host a wide variety of socials and fundraisers throughout the year. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @aberdeenuninetball for more details!

O ORIENTEERING

Orienteering is an outdoor sport centred around finding control points in forests and urban areas. Our training sessions are suitable for everyone and we do not leave anybody behind. Join our Facebook group: Aberdeen University Orienteering Club to find out more about AUOC's activities. If you have any questions contact orienteering@abdn.ac.uk

p POLO TEAM

Full contact, high speed and played on horseback – the ultimate sport if you have an adrenaline rush! No riding experience needed. If you have any questions contact polo@abdn.ac.uk

r RIFLE

Rifle Club welcomes you to come and try our fun sport. We train twice a week, travel and compete with other Scottish Uni's, and have many nights out! Open to all levels from beginner to experienced. If you have any questions contact aurc@abdn.ac.uk

ROAD CYCLING

Whether you want to enjoy cycling with friends or train for races and events, AURCC aims to cover all sorts of riding. Why don't you give it a go? If you have any questions contact roadcycling@abdn.ac.uk

RUGBY MEN

The AURFC has four BUCS teams and one Saturday league team, playing each week. We have seen vast amounts of success and continue to perform as one of the top University Clubs in Scotland. If you have any questions contact aurfc@abdn.ac.uk

RUGBY WOMEN

Fancy joining the most exciting, fast-paced sports club? With the biggest tackles, wildest socials and best atmosphere on campus, the Women's Rugby Club is for you. If you have any questions contact rugbywomens@abdn.ac.uk

S SAILING

We cater for all levels, from beginners to experienced. Join one of our teams to take part in races all over the UK, or just come along to our open sailing days at the beautiful Loch of Forfar for a relaxed sail. We also have our annual West Coast Cruise which is the highlight of the year and if you enjoy yachting you can also join our yachting team. You won't want to miss our weekly socials as they are always a fun night out and a great way to get to know everyone! If you have any questions contact sailing@abdn.ac.uk

SHINTY

Shinty is a fun, unique stick-based sport that is open to anyone in an easy-going and welcoming club. If you have any questions contact shinty@abdn.ac.uk

SQUASH

AU Squash Club is a friendly and sociable club. We hold regular social events. We have two BUCS teams, and three local leagues teams, as well as a development team for beginners. If you have any questions contact squash@abdn.ac.uk

SUB AQUA

AUSAC is a branch of the British Sub Aqua Club. We are active all year round with trips around the Coast of Scotland. If you would like to learn to SCUBA dive or are already a trained diver, get in touch. If you have any questions contact aus025@abdn.ac.uk

SURF CLUB

Surf Club is for people of all skills who are interested in surfing and other board sports, from first-timers to the most experienced. We provide equipment, weekly socials and even trips! If you have any questions contact surf@abdn.ac.uk

SWIMMING & WATER POLO

We cater to all abilities in both sports. We are a very social club with numerous events held throughout the year. If you have any questions contact swimpolo@abdn.ac.uk

t TABLE TENNIS

AUTTC aims at promoting the sport of Table Tennis to University students. We are open to everyone from beginners to competitive players. We provide training and coaching to promote the Sport. If you have any questions contact table.tennis@abdn.ac.uk

TAEKWON-DO

Taekwon-Do is a Korean martial art with a strong focus on self-defence. AUTKD practises ITF Taekwon-Do. Join us to learn Taekwon-Do, self-defence and improve your fitness. We are also socially active and compete with other universities. All levels of experience welcome. If you have any questions contact autkd@abdn.ac.uk or our facebook page @AUTaekwondoClub

TENNIS

Tennis has a programme designed to cater to all skill levels and abilities, including coaching, match play, tournaments, team tennis, and casual practice. We also offer extensive off-court activities. If you have any questions contact tennis@abdn.ac.uk

TRAMPOLINE

We are a group of people who like to bounce. We are a very social club that offers the opportunity to compete against other universities. All levels welcome. If you have any questions contact bounce@abdn.ac.uk

TRIATHLON

With training sessions, training weekends, competitions and socials, AUTRI caters to all skill levels from beginners to the elite triathlete. For more information check out our Facebook page @AUTriathletes or contact triathlon@abdn.ac.uk

U **ULTIMATE FRISBEE**

Ultimate Frisbee is a fast-paced, exiting and surprisingly intensive team sport. It is great for meeting new people and a fun way to stay in shape. All welcome! If you have any questions contact ultimate-frisbee@abdn.ac.uk

UNDERWATER HOCKEY

Underwater Hockey is a fun, fast-paced team sport. Imagine field hockey, but underwater! We bring kit - all you need is a swimsuit. All levels welcome. Hope to see you poolside! If you have any questions contact uw hockey@abdn.ac.uk

V **VOLLEYBALL**

Want to try something new, pick up that fun beach volley, or up your game and compete, then join the amazing Volleyball Club. We compete, play at the beach, and love our socials. If you have any questions contact volleyball@abdn.ac.uk

W **WEIGHTLIFTING**

AUWC offers a welcoming environment for anyone interested in strength training. Whether your goals are for health, athletic performance or competing in specific sports, we have a lot to offer. If you have any questions contact weighlifting@abdn.ac.uk

STUDENT GROUPS & FORUMS

A photograph of a group of people in a meeting or forum. In the foreground, a man with a beard and short brown hair, wearing a light blue button-down shirt, is looking intently at a document he is holding. To his left, a woman with glasses and a colorful patterned shirt is also looking at the document. Another person's hand is visible on the far left, holding a document. In the background, other people are partially visible, and a laptop is on a table. The scene is set in a room with wood-paneled walls and a window in the background.

These are student-led activities that are supported by AUSA staff and include the following -

ABERDEEN STUDENT RADIO (ASR)

Aberdeen Student Radio is our student-run radio station broadcasting live everyday from the Students' Union. We host a range of both speech and music shows. Speech shows range from news and current affairs to film and literature. Our music presenters and DJs curate genres spanning from Indie and Shoegaze to House and Jungle. Whatever you are interested in, there's something for you on ASR. To listen live or to get involved, follow us across Social Media or visit our website.

aberdeenstudentradio.co.uk

BOOKENDS

This is a second-hand shop where you can buy and sell textbooks, fiction, DVDs etc. and also help raise money for the AUSA RAG campaign.

bookshop@abdn.ac.uk



FICTION | NON-FICTION | TEXTBOOKS | CDS | DVDS

BookEnds
secondhand bookshop

GCTV

GCTV aims to produce content that is of interest, stimulates debate, is thought provoking and fun.

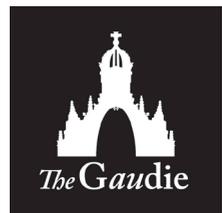
gctv@abdn.ac.uk



THE GAUDIE

The Gaudie has been an iconic part of student newspaper in Scotland. It publishes the second Tuesday of every month through term time.

editor@thegaudie.com



NIGHTLINE

Aberdeen Students' Nightline is the student-run listening and information service based in the University of Aberdeen.

We offer anonymous listening, information and support to all students at the University of Aberdeen, and are open from 8pm-8am every night of term.

We are a CANN service (Confidential, Anonymous, Non-directive, Non-advisory and Non-judgmental) which helps us to help you with any issues you may have whilst studying at Aberdeen. From homesickness to exam stress to finding a taxi number - we are here to listen. Please don't hesitate to contact us! We offer 3 lines of communication: phone, instant messenger via our website and email.

01224 272829

aberdeen.nightline.ac.uk

listening@aberdeen.nightline.ac.uk



RAISING AND GIVING (AUSA RAG)

Raising and Giving (RAG) is the major student fundraising group at the University of Aberdeen. For the past years RAG has raised over £150,000 for charitable causes by hosting fundraising events and partnering up with students across campus. Previous fundraising events include the historical Torch Parade and the AU Charity Fashion Show. Highly valuable partners include Student Show and Bookends, whom each year donate their respective profits to the campaign. RAG is always looking for societies, sports and student groups interested in having a fundraising event.

ausa.org.uk/charities

facebook.com/ausaRAG

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BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC FORUM (BME)

The Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) Student Forum is a space for BME students to meet, organise and support one another. Our goal is to promote community, solidarity and support activism around BME issues.

Through events promoting community and solidarity, the aim is to have a foundation of unity in order to also tackle institutional issues of everyday experiences and open up the university to BME students. Our goal is to meet at least twice a month with both socials and discussions as central to our events. This being a Forum by and for BME students we want to hear what you want us to deal with! Come along to our beginning of term discussions to shape your Forum.

Facebook: BAME Forum University of Aberdeen

Instagram: @bame_abdn

DISABLED STUDENTS' FORUM

The Disabled Students' Forum is a space for all self-defining disabled students to be represented and to allow them to campaign on issues affecting disabled students in AUSA, Aberdeen University and beyond. This year we will be campaigning on issues like: ensuring access to DSA; that AUSA and University buildings and events are accessible; fighting against cuts nationally, locally and on campus. The Disabled Students' Forum also allows for a place for disabled students to meet and support one another. Please come along and get involved if you self-define as disabled, whether your disability is invisible or visible everyone is welcome to be a part of the campaign.

LGBTQ+ FORUM

The LGBTQ+ Forum is a safe space for anyone under the LGBTQ+ umbrella, but everyone is welcome! We organise events every week, such as game nights, movie screenings, nights out and more and we host a fortnightly LGBTea, a laid-back social with tea, biscuits and chats! We also campaign for LGBTQ+ causes and fundraise for various charities. Come meet us at our stall at the Freshers' Fayre, find us on Facebook @aulgbtq, or get in touch through lgbtq.forum@abdn.ac.uk. If you want to talk – confidentially – to someone about your sexuality, gender identity, or any related issues, or if you're just looking for a queer friend to go to events with, you can also get in touch with us at yourqueerbestfriend@abdn.ac.uk or @yourqueerbestfriend. We hope you have a great Fresher's Week!



TRANS STUDENTS' FORUM

The AUSA Trans Students' Forum is a space for trans students at Aberdeen University to make their voices heard and campaign on their own behalf for inclusion and support on and off campus. The Trans Students' Forum is a democratic and autonomous group within AUSA that pushes for the rights of all students who identify under the trans umbrella, which is taken to include anyone whose gender identity does not match that which they were assigned at birth. All trans students are encouraged to get involved and shape the direction of the group over the coming years - we will be aiming to run a varied range of events throughout the year and would love if you got involved!

WOMEN AND NON-BINARY FORUM

The Women and Non-Binary Forum is a community at the University which exists to provide appropriate support for issues facing self-defining women and non-binary students and fight for our liberation. It is a liaison between societies, students and AUSA.

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ABERGREEN

AberGreen is a community-led sustainability education project run by AUSA to help reduce the student body's carbon footprint.

How can you get involved?

Learn - Grow - Have Fun!

- For event times, dates and locations, keep an eye on AUSA's What's On page.
- Take part in one of our many events throughout the year, ranging from cooking sessions with a twist, practical energy reduction training, creative upcycling workshops, exciting bike rides, Dr Bike events, and fun gardening sessions
- Volunteer with us to gain skills, boost your employability and gain recognition through the STAR Award
- Go out of your comfort zone to enable personal growth and help preserve your natural environment
- Have fun at one of our many social events, find new friends and exchange ideas with like-minded people!

E-CHAMPS

Become an Energy Champion, benefit from a range of free trainings to boost your skills and employability, meet new people and help your halls of residence win the Halls Energy Challenge. Free training, regular socials, and incentives such as cosy hoodies, stationary etc. all provided for you.

FOOD

Are you a bit of a foodie but not sure how to cook on a budget? Would you like to try new delicious plant-based meals, learn basic cooking skills and meet new friends? Join us on one of our many low carbon cooking classes or become a Low Carbon Master Chef and help us create content for our social media channels.

GREENER LIFE ON CAMPUS

Living away from home can be a lot of fun but also comes with a lot of responsibilities. There are so many things to figure out on



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your own! We provide free and interactive workshops to help you settle into your new home, support with good housekeeping, money saving tips and the likes of practical advice on managing your bills, energy saving, waste management, and much more. The Green Life Training resource is also accessible online to complete at your own pace. Just head over to www.ausa.org.uk/getinvolved/abergreen/sustainableliving

HILLHEAD HALLS ENERGY CHALLENGE

AberGreen challenges you to unite as a halls block and compete to be the most energy efficient community of the year, for a chance to win a grand prize for your block! Contact the team to find out more about how to get involved!

SECRET GARDEN

Did you know that there's a green secret hideaway at the heart of campus? That's right, just off University Road, next to the Butchart Building student volunteers and staff dedicate their time to growing organic veggies and fruit whilst creating an awesome social space for you to enjoy! Come along every Sunday from 11am to join in on the fun, and keep an eye on free gardening skills workshops and trips away. Book through the AUSA website.

SWAP SHOP

The Swap Shop is an innovative, eco-friendly student-run initiative for exchanging products completely free of charge. Swap Shop is run by volunteers of the Shared Planet Society and is supported by the AberGreen Project. There are two permanent locations on campus, on the ground floor of the Student

Union Building and in the AUSA Building in HillHead. Have a rummage and offer a loving home to an unwanted item or drop off things you no longer need so someone else can make use of them!

TRAVEL

Did you know that transport accounts for over 25% of Scotland's total greenhouse gas emissions and almost half of these emissions are accounted for by domestic transport? You can save money, get fitter, and do your bit for the environment if you're able to switch over to more active modes of transport such as walking or cycling. We offer cycling safety and advice sessions, Dr Bike sessions and bike mechanic training free of charge. You can gain invaluable experience volunteering as active travel champ!

UPCYCLING

Each time we throw stuff away we add to the piles of rubbish that are mounting up in landfill sites. This produces CO₂ which contributes massively to climate change. Why not attend one of our fun and creative upcycling workshops or sign up to the free basic sewing skills training we offer? Mending your clothes instead of buying new stuff will help you save pennies too!

VEGBAG

The VegBag cooperative is a student-run initiative to bring you fresh, cheap, organic, locally sourced and in season veggies every week during term time! To sign up contact the Shared Planet Society, or order online at www.ausa.org.uk/getinvolved/abergreen/sustainablefood/vegbag

USEFUL CONTACTS

MEDICAL

OLD ABERDEEN MEDICAL PRACTICE

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OLD MACHAR PRACTICE

0345 337 0510

OLD TOWN DENTAL

01224 483666

TAXIS

RAINBOW CITY TAXIS

01224 878787

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01224 353535

SUPPORT

NIGHTLINE

ABERDEEN.NIGHTLINE.AC.UK | 01224 272829

We offer anonymous listening, information and support to all our students at the University of Aberdeen.

Opening Hours:

Monday to Friday 8pm-8am

STUDENT SUPPORT

STUDENT.SUPPORT@ABDN.AC.UK | 01224 273935

Student Support provides advice and information on three broad areas - disabilities, international student matters and general advice and support (including personal and financial difficulties).

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CHAPLAINCY

CHAPLAINCY@ABDN.AC.UK | 01224 273935

The University Chaplaincy is open weekdays and most evenings to support a wide variety of society meetings, lunchtime seminars, prayer and study groups and other events.

INFOHUB

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Infohub is a one-stop shop for all student queries, and can help you by:

- Taking payments for tuition fees and accommodation
- Preparing letters, including bank letters and council tax exemption letters
- Providing proof of study and student record cards
- Issuing student ID cards
- Providing directions
- IT support
- Accommodation information
- Information on Personal Tutors and Peer mentoring
- Access to Registry Officers

Opening Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9am-5pm, Friday: 10am-5pm



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