

Hello, and welcome!

Welcome to Aberdeen and congrats for making it here in the midst of a challenging year! We are so glad to have you! This is probably not the start you had imagined for your academic year, and I feel you. Quarantine sucks. But thank you for sticking with it and keeping the community safe! We really appreciate it and can't wait to meet you in person after this time!

My name is Alisa, and I am your Student President. Together with my team of Vice Presidents; Ivana for Welfare, Camilo for Communities, Ondrej for Education and Adam for Sport, we represent you and are here for you if you have any student life related queries, or simply would like to explore university life beyond lectures. The Students' Union, AUSA, is your place to join societies and sport clubs (and there are many to choose from), to chill and meet other students, but also to democratically engage with the university structures and ensure that you are represented. AUSA is how you improve the student experience and how you can change things for the better at university, in your halls of residence or in the wider world. So if you have any ideas and want to make a difference, please get in touch.

To make your self-isolation period a little easier and sweeter, I have compiled a wee support kit for you. In the bag, you will find some fun things to do, some chocolate and resources that you might need. All of us at your students' union and the university have contributed something to make your quarantine as easy as possible: The Student Support team kindly supplied the chocolate and tea bags to get you through harder days. Zee Allison, from the university's toolkit team, has designed the colouring sheets of our campus herself – how cool is that? When you check out the boredom busters (on one of the leaflets), you will find suggestions on fun stuff to do from all of us at AUSA. Why not write a postcard to a friend or watch that documentary you've always wanted to watch?

And if you'd like to chat, we are here for you! You can find AUSA's contact details and my personal contact details below. It doesn't matter if you have any specific questions or would just like to kill some time and get to know the union better – drop me a message 😊

I wish you a wonderful time in Aberdeen!

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