

# SOCIETIES

YOUR 2014/2015 GUIDE TO SOCIETIES

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ZOOLOGICAL, FIND  
A SOCIETY FOR YOU

**WELCOME TO EDINBURGH!** Coming to university is SO much more than getting a degree, and your students' association is the best place to start searching for extracurriculars.

As well as being a big campaigning organisation it is also the home to student societies and activities. Getting involved with any of these is an easy way to learn new skills, meet new people with the same interests as you and have fun!

There are over 240 societies at Edinburgh University as well as lots of student groups, so there will almost definitely be something that interests you. Societies hold regular events and socials and are great for forming communities and support networks away from home. Before you know it you might be helping the committee to run the society! Make sure you visit the Societies' Fair to check out what's on offer.

However, if there isn't anything you fancy there but you have a good idea of what you would like then get in touch with our Societies Team and they'll let you know how to go about it!

There are also plenty of volunteering opportunities and charitable groups that you can join if you'd rather give something back to the community, or the Edinburgh Students Charitable Appeal organises all sorts of fun fundraising activities if that's more your thing!

Whilst Freshers' Week is an exciting time try not to overdo it – you can join a society at any point during the year and our other activities aren't going anywhere either! Do what you can and feel free to pop by the Advice Place in Potterrow if you're feeling overwhelmed!

If you have any questions come and see me in the EUSA office or email me on [vpsa@eusa.ed.ac.uk](mailto:vpsa@eusa.ed.ac.uk)!

EVE LIVINGSTON

## CONNECT

Connect is your centre for societies, volunteering and fundraising opportunities. We offer help and advice on running or joining a society, give you information about volunteering and support to help you raise money for your favourite charities.



Pop in and see us in Potterrow!

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# ACADEMIC

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# FROM ARCHAEOLOGY TO GEOLOGY

## ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY

ArchSoc is for anyone interested in archaeology. We hold a variety of events from pub nights to field trips, from workshops to fortnightly lectures to socials. A great place to meet like-minded people and a chance to become the next Indiana Jones!

## ARCHITECTURE SOCIETY

Edinburgh University Student Architecture Society – EUSAS – is the student society for ESALA organised each year by a school-wide student body. We run a series of events which bring together students, academic and professional communities.



Architecture

## ASTROBIOLOGY SOCIETY

ABSoc aims to develop interest in the study of the origin, evolution, distribution and future of life in the universe. We also consider ethical and socio-economic issues related to planetary exploration and the search for extra-terrestrial life.

## ASTRONOMY SOCIETY

EUAS allows those interested in astronomy - regardless of prior knowledge - to familiarise themselves with the beauty of the night sky. We discuss the field in lectures and workshops and at our pub socials, along with observation nights in Holyrood.

## BIOMEDICAL SOCIETY

EUBMS is a network of peer support for students studying Biomedical Sciences courses, providing course specific study and skill sessions as well as general biomedical career advice on subjects like internships.

## BIOLOGY SOCIETY

BioSoc is a social and academic society for students interested in biology, responsible for organising social and academic events such as an end of year ball and lectures with well-known professors at the University of Edinburgh.

## BUSINESS SOCIETY

With full backing from the Business School and a network of top companies from various sectors of business, we strive to make your time at university the best years of your life, while equipping you with the resources to build on employability skills.

## CARBON MASTERS SOCIETY

The society aims to bring together students, staff, faculty and community members to affect change and understand the science of how our planet operates and the economic fundamentals that often control our interactions with the environment.

## CHEMICAL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

We offer a wide range of events and provide links with industry, giving the opportunity to meet other Chemical Engineers from the University and the rest of the UK. We host a range of talks from companies so you can learn about what jobs your degree can lead to.

## CHEMISTRY SOCIETY

ChemSoc is the oldest chemistry society in the world! We run several events throughout the year for chemists and enthusiasts of all year groups to socialise outside the lab. Join now to be kept up to date with social and academic opportunities!



Chemistry

## CIVIL ENGINEERING SOCIETY

The Civil Engineering Society aims to provide social and academic opportunities for Civil Engineering students at Edinburgh University, with events such as technical lectures, socials and presentations from recent graduates.



Classics

## CLASSICS SOCIETY

Salve Amici! The Classics Society has its fingers in all of the pies. Socials, both sane or with togas, our Classics Plays, our world-class lecture series, our charity work. So many reasons to join. All welcome - no Classics degree required!

## COMPSOC

CompSoc is your essential society if you're interested in computers or studying Informatics. We run events all year where there's a lot of free pizza... and a load of cool tech talks. You can expect hackathons, a game night, pub crawls and a lot more.

## ECOLOGY SOCIETY

EcoSoc is for ecologists, biologists and environment champions. We're here to facilitate discussion and events for those interested in the natural world. Get involved! The input of new members is vital and we use feedback to shape EcoSoc's future.

## ECONOMICS SOCIETY

The Economics Society offers students access to information and experiences concerning economics. There's plenty to do with our conferences, podcasts, social and networking events and many other projects. We're always eager to welcome new members!

## GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Are you fascinated by earthquakes, mining or volcanoes? Interested in the ways that the Earth works? If so, GeolSoc is the society for you! We are a group of students who share a passion for geology, working together to better understand our field.



Economics

## ENGINEERING SOCIETY

The Engineering Society bridges the gap between the different disciplines and is a fantastic place to meet new people. With socials, academic events and the end of year ball on the calendar to look forward to, joining is a must for all engineers!

## GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY

GeogSoc aims to enhance Edinburgh's community by building friendships between geography-minded students. We host an abundance of social events, including pub quizzes, academic families, the Geography Café and the Annual Spring Ball!

## GRADUATE LAW STUDENTS SOCIETY

The Graduate Law Society is a society for law students - 21 and over, 4-year degree, 2-year accelerated programmes for graduates, LLM, PhD and International Exchange Students. We provide a chance for our members to meet, socialise and relax.



**HISTORY SOCIETY**

The History Society is one of the largest, oldest and most vibrant societies at Edinburgh. We welcome any student with an interest in history. Whether it's academic lectures, trips around Scotland, or our famous socials: we have something for you!

**INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY**

EUID is a student lead initiative closely working with other organisations to spread awareness, spark debate and critically engage with contemporary global development topics through a series of talks, panel discussions and workshops.

**LINGUISTICS AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE SOCIETY**

LangSoc bring the love of linguistics and the English language out of the classroom and provide support, friendship and community to all who share our passion! We organise talks by researchers from Edinburgh and beyond, fun socials and academic support.

**LATE ANTIQUE AND MEDIEVAL POSTGRADUATE SOCIETY**

LAMPS is open to all students interested in subjects from Late Antiquity and the Middle Ages from across the University, including English Literature and History of Art. We organise weekly papers, regular socials and exciting field trips!

**MATHEMATICS SOCIETY**

You don't need to be a maths genius to join MathSoc! Whether you study or just enjoy the subject, we provide the perfect opportunity to meet likeminded people at our many social events, pub crawls/quizzes, student-led seminars and our annual ball!

**NEUROLOGICAL SOCIETY**

The Neurological Society aims to provide undergraduate medical and science students with additional opportunities in all things neurological - from neuroscience to neurology! We host lectures, revision tutorials and clinical skill sessions as well as conferences.

**OPHTHALMOLOGY SOCIETY**

Interested in Ophthalmology? If so, join EUOS! We organise talks about careers and research, revision, optics and suturing tutorials. We also support students sitting the annual Duke Elder Exam organised by the Royal College of Ophthalmology.

**PAEDIATRICS SOCIETY**

Our focus spans neonatology, academic medicine, and many other subspecialties. If you love children or are interested in treating young patients, Paediatrics Society is for you! We host tutorials, lectures, socials and volunteering opportunities.

**PHILOSOPHY SOCIETY**

PhilSoc promotes philosophy through lectures; discussion and reading groups, socials and academic support sessions, a library and an academic journal. Assuming no previous knowledge, we encourage students from all disciplines to get involved.

**PHYSICS SOCIETY**

Physics Society is a social society for students, physicists or not, to meet those interested in physics. We hold social and academic events throughout the year like ceilidhs, pub crawls, general interest talks, Laser Quest and our annual Christmas get together.

**POLITICS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SOCIETY**

The Politics and IR Society is a professional association, an academic community, an alumni network, and a speaker's bureau. We publish a journal and host a think tank. We welcome diversity and encourage debate, not just from Politics and IR students.

**PSYCHOLOGY SOCIETY**

For Psychology and non-Psychology students alike! Come join us to learn more about the subject and meet some lovely, like-minded folk. With guest speakers, social events, academic families, PsychPALS and much more, there's something for everyone!

**SOCIAL ANTHROPOLOGY SOCIETY**

Social Anthropology Society (SocAnthSoc) encourages all with an interest in Anthropology to come together, exchange ideas and experiences, and share knowledge in order to extend the discipline beyond lectures and tutorials.

**SOCIOLOGY SOCIETY**

SocSoc is a community of UG and PG students and staff interested in sociology. Our events are mostly social, including drinks, meals, cultural and creative activities. We also plan a seminar series organised by and for PG students to exchange ideas.

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION**

A community run by and for students of Sustainable Development. We hope to enhance your drive and connections in the field. SDA also look forward to creating an inclusive atmosphere for other interested students to share in the subject.

**SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY**

The Sustainable Development Society aims to address the concept of sustainability on multiple levels at university and within the local community. This society is a great way for you to raise your understanding of the subject and make a difference!

**SYNTHETIC BIOLOGY SOCIETY**

Synthetic biology is an exciting new field that uses multidisciplinary approaches to engineer biological systems for useful purposes. We aim to investigate this field. Engineers, mathematicians, biologists, philosophers and more - all are welcome!

**VETERINARY ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

EVZS promotes interest in veterinary zoological sciences and connects to the network of zoological and wildlife veterinary medicine and husbandry organisations. We shall be holding the Northern Vet Schools' Veterinary Zoological Society Symposium 2015.

**YOUNG SCIENTIFIC RESEARCHERS ASSOCIATION**

Our aim is to involve undergraduates in scientific innovation and degree independent research, promoted through lectures and projects. We won NUS Scotland "Best Club or Society of the Year" in both 2013 and 2014 as well as EUSA's Best Society 2014!

**ZOOLOGICAL SOCIETY**

A society for all students and non-students of Edinburgh with a love of animals. You don't have to be studying Zoology to join, we'll accept anyone with a love for the fuzzy, scaly, feathery, slimy or otherwise creatures of the world!

# APPRECIATION

## ABERDEEN FC SUPPORTERS' CLUB

Calling all Dons fans! Don't want to miss out on anything Aberdeen FC related now that you're in Edinburgh? Fear not, for we provide tickets to all the big games and team up with the local supporters club for transport to home and away matches.

## ANIME AND ANIMATION SOCIETY

The Anime & Animation Society is a young and exciting society enabling the students at Edinburgh University and other interested parties to share their love and interest in all forms of animation, notably anime and cartoons.



Baking

## BAKING SOCIETY

You may be a student but that doesn't mean that you have to live off beans and spaghetti hoops, there is far more to food than that. So if you would rather spend your free time between lectures making cakes and cookies (and eating them) then come join us!

## BEER & BREWING SOCIETY

Whether your favourites are stouts, dunkels or doppelbochs we are the society for you! BeerSoc is all about enjoying and making beer - pub trips, festivals, meet the brewers, learn to brew nights and more. Check out [www.fb.me/beersoc](http://www.fb.me/beersoc). Cheers!

## CHOCOLATE SOCIETY

Chocolate, if you love the stuff, join up now! Whatever your tastes may be, ChocSoc won't leave you wanting - we take an open-minded approach to chocolate, and provide our members with the opportunity to try a wide range of delicacies.

## CHILL OUT SOCIETY

ChillSoc is a vibrant community of friendly, chilled out people who enjoy massage, conversation, laughter, music and food. Our main focus is teaching, learning and sharing massage but we're also pretty good at talking and eating, too!

## COCKTAIL SOCIETY

Cocktail Society - where drinking is educational! Our society was born out of the belief that those who enjoy a drink or two should have the right, and the means, to get together to meet like-minded people and have a good time!



Cocktails

## COME DINE WITH ME SOCIETY

We are a social society perfect for getting to know new people. Dinner parties are hosted by members and we explore new restaurants and bars in Edinburgh. If you love good food and great company, then this is just the society for you!

## DAY TRIPS SOCIETY

Day Trips Soc plans regular trips, allowing members to meet new people and enrich their knowledge of cultural sites in Scotland and the North of England. This society is well tailored anyone interested in embarking on social learning experiences.



Film

## FILM SOCIETY

Edinburgh's student-run cinema and film appreciation society, founded in 1963. We screen films twice a week and host events such as quizzes, talks and socials. Watch movies, meet new people and help run the society - there's something for everyone!



Harry Potter

## FOOTBALL SUPPORTERS' ASSOCIATION

If you're the sort of person who loves playing, watching and talking about football, we are definitely for you. We're a bunch of hardy fans from everywhere with two teams and 5s. So if you're a die-hard fan or a casual follower, come along!

## HARRY POTTER SOCIETY

We exist to bring together fans of the books and films through an array of exciting events. We aim to provide a space to meet new people throughout the year with an event to suit everyone - we won the award for Most Sociable Society in 2014!



Societea

## ICE CREAM SOCIETY

Everything frozen - we love it! If you like fro-yo, a single cone, cardamom sorbet or an ice cream sundae (we are talking at least 4 different scoops, chocolate sauce, whipped cream and lastly, a cherry on top), join our ice-cream lovin' society!



Wine

## LITERATURE SOCIETY

LitSoc offers a mix of panel discussions, author talks, and reading groups; our poetry slams are a regular feature, and we have been lucky enough to host A.L. Kennedy, Stuart Kelly, and many more. Keep an eye on our Facebook group for updates.

## SCIENCE FICTION AND FANTASY SOCIETY

The Sci-Fi and Fantasy Society meets twice a week, once to watch TV series and go to the pub, and once for our film night. We also have a library of over 1600 books. We welcome student and non-student members.

## SOCIETEA

Whether you're a tea connoisseur or just like a good cuppa, you're welcome to join us for a drink and casual chat. We enjoy high quality infusions from around the world, provided locally by tea shops and gathered by our members on their travels.

## VEGETARIAN SOCIETY

VegSoc fosters an open community to celebrate vegetarian and vegan food from plant to plate, discuss the veggie life and ideas, and advocate holistic attitudes to food. Find new ideas, a warm environment, and the best food you'll eat all week!

# FROM COCKTAILS TO CUPS OF TEA

## WATER OF LIFE SOCIETY

Established in 1988, the Water of Life Society provides a relaxed but informative way to learn about whisky and meet new people. We are dedicated to enjoying whisky and life. If you have a passion for either, come along to our next meeting!



Water of Life

## WINE SOCIETY

Like wine? So do we! Edinburgh University Wine Society is dedicated to enjoying good wine in a relaxed environment. If you're an expert sommelier or just like a glass from time to time, we have events for everyone.



# CAMPAIGNING & FUNDRAISING

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

Amnesty International is an organisation of ordinary people from across the world standing up for humanity and human rights. Our purpose is to protect individuals wherever justice, fairness, freedom and truth are denied.

## BOLLOCKS TO POVERTY EDINBURGH

Want to say 'BOLLOCKS TO POVERTY'? Excellent. We run campaigns on global injustices. There's loads of ways to campaign. Got an idea? We'll do it. Our society is about getting people together with all sorts of talents, to fight global issues.



Amnesty

## DESIGN FOR DEVELOPMENT

For anyone interested in Sustainable Design and Architecture for international development and disaster relief. We hold workshops and lectures and produce a publication/blog. Our projects offer a chance to develop your skills and meet new people.

## ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS EDINBURGH

Engineers without Borders aim to provide opportunities for young engineers in the UK to learn about technology's role in development and to make real changes by empowering thousands of new engineers to break down barriers.

## FAIR TRADE CAFÉ

The Fair Trade Café makes soup, bread and cakes with sustainable and ethically-sourced ingredients, raising money for charity. We also collaborate with a number of other student groups to put on great events and raise money. All are welcome!

## FEMINIST SOCIETY

We're a group of people of all genders interested in discussing feminist issues and campaigning for gender equality and liberation. We aim to raise awareness of gender inequalities and how we can work together to reduce them.

## FRIENDS OF MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIERS

Médecins Sans Frontières is an international humanitarian organisation delivering emergency aid in more than 60 countries. Friends of MSF raises funds and awareness of their inspirational work with exciting events for students across the university.



Student StopAIDS

## KASHMIR SOLIDARITY MOVEMENT

Kashmir has been contested since 1947, despite the UNSC call for a referendum. KSM works to raise awareness of and stand in solidarity with their struggles. We organise demonstrations, host speakers and run cultural events.

## LIFE SOCIETY

LifeSoc aims to increase recognition in the student community for the value of life from conception to natural death. By providing talks, holding socials, and organising debates, we hope to promote understanding and dialogue around these issues.



Friends of MSF



UNICEF

## MARY'S MEALS EDINBURGH

There are over 300 million chronically hungry children worldwide. Mary's Meals is a Scottish charity with a simple idea to tackle this – setting up school feeding projects. We run fun events to raise money for children around the globe. Come help out!

## MEDSIN EDINBURGH

A student network tackling global and local health inequalities through education, advocacy and campaigning. If you're interested in human rights, public health, politics and just about everything else in between then we are the society for you!



Mary's Meals

## PEOPLE & PLANET

We are a passionate and active group and work on many issues. Past achievements include getting Fair Trade products into EUSA, kickstarting 'Transition Edinburgh University', divestment from arms companies and campaigning for fossil fuel divestment.

## SAVE THE CHILDREN SOCIETY

Save the Children Society is a group of students devoted to fundraising, campaigning, and speaking out for the organisation. We have monthly socials and meet every Monday at 6pm in the Chaplaincy. Come along if you want to get involved!

## STUDENT STOPAIDS

Part of a nationwide campaign, we campaign for universal access to HIV prevention, treatment, care and support worldwide. We also work to increase awareness, tackle stigma and discrimination, and on important sexual health issues in the UK.

## STUDENT VOICE FOR ANIMAL RIGHTS

SVAR is a movement of people who question humans' relationship with animals and stand against the structures of cruelty which exploit them. A space to plan and host campaigns to raise awareness and a place to share our thoughts on these issues.

## STUDENTS FOR JUSTICE IN PALESTINE

SJP aims to raise awareness on campus about the occupation of Palestine and show concrete solidarity with the Palestinians. We host speakers, culture nights, trips and ongoing campaigns. We are an active group on campus making a real difference.

# FROM AMNESTY TO UNICEF

## TIBET SOCIETY

We stand in solidarity with Tibetans under occupation, and support their non-violent resistance. From promoting human rights to learning about this amazing culture, come along and be part of a great student community with an inspiring mission!



Tibet

## UNICEF ON CAMPUS SOCIETY

UNICEF on Campus is a student initiative supporting the work of UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund) through both fundraising and awareness-raising events here at the University and in the wider Edinburgh community.

## WATERAID EDINBURGH

We raise money and awareness on behalf of WaterAid, an international charity that works to provide clean water and hygiene education to 27 developing countries. We organise fundraising and campaigning events for a worthwhile cause.

# VOLUNTEERING

## EUSA VOLUNTEERING

EUSA's student volunteering service has hundreds of Volunteering roles available with local and national Charities. We also manage student-led Volunteering Groups. For more info on current groups or to set up your own, go to [www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/volunteering](http://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/volunteering).

## ACT

We are a volunteering group who organise festivals, talks, workshops and hands-on volunteering activities with the aim of creating sustainable participation and engagement with change in communities.

## ART IN HEALTHCARE STUDENT FRIENDS SOCIETY

Our society runs art workshops in care homes and with disabled adults and children. If you fancy getting involved in the local community in a singularly rewarding and fun way, whilst getting some great experience, then we are the society for you!



Art in Healthcare

## EVOLVE

eVOLve offers a variety of one-off activities with different local charities on a weekly basis. Get stuck in to a wide range of community engagement projects such as gardening and painting. We're not afraid to try something new and newcomers are always welcome!



EUSA Volunteering

## BEST BUDDIES EDINBURGH

Student-run social club for adults with learning disabilities. We promote friendship between our volunteers and the adults we support and provide an opportunity for students to enhance the often isolated lives of adults with learning disabilities.

## CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY VENTURE

CHV has been volunteering with disadvantaged children across Edinburgh for 51 years. With groups totalling over 70 students and 100 kids, we regularly have activity nights, day trips & weekend camps. Society Award Winner for Community Impact 2014.



Children's Holiday Venture

## ENACTUS

We provide sustainable and ethical business volunteering opportunities which make a real impact on our community while giving our members real world experience, a chance to develop their skills and grow a network of contacts for future career success!

## FIRST AID SOCIETY

A chance to learn life-saving skills in a relaxed atmosphere. We meet Mondays at 19:00 in Chaplaincy Meeting Room 2. Sessions are fun and hands on, with classes on simulating casualties (including the required make-up!) and applying for volunteering opportunities.

## HEARTY SQUIRREL

Hearty Squirrel is a student and volunteer run food cooperative. We strive to provide healthy, ethical and Fairtrade food through our own 'shop'. Join us if you're interested in helping at the stall or with our local work.

## PATIENT OUTREACH PROJECT

Patient Outreach Project sends student volunteers to visit elderly patients at the Western General Hospital, Liberton Hospital and the Royal Infirmary. We have regular socials such as pub quizzes to get to know each other and fundraise.



Tanzania

## ADE TANZANIA

Act to Develop Education Tanzania runs and supports a nursery school in Arusha, Tanzania. We fundraise to provide the necessary supplies to run and maintain the school, supporting 73 children in total through nursery and primary education.

## EDINBURGH GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS

EGP is a student-run charity which sends volunteer teams overseas during the summer. You can participate in community-led development projects, from HIV/AIDS education to school expansion. There are also opportunities to volunteer in Edinburgh.



# INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING

## FIRST AID AFRICA

Join us on a summer expedition to teach first aid skills to rural communities in Sub-Saharan Africa, with the charity First Aid Africa! We recruit and support volunteers in fundraising for expeditions, and provide all necessary first aid training.

## MEDAID

MedAID is a student-run charity that collects unwanted medical equipment from large teaching hospitals. We check their viability and send them out to countries where resources are severely limited. Help us make a difference to those most in need.



Project Mongolia

## PROJECT MONGOLIA

Want to work with disadvantaged kids on a social development project? Visit the Gobi desert or the Mongolian steppe? Then EUPOM is for you! We volunteer for exchange projects teaching English, Creative Skill and First Aid during the summer months.

## SKIP EDINBURGH

SKIP Edinburgh work at an institution for disabled boys in Moldova. Volunteers spend time in the summer providing much needed attention and stimulation to the boys, through creative activities and basic disability to postural management.

## TENTELENI

Tenteleni supports UK university students travelling to placements in sub-Saharan Africa to engage in cultural exchange and skill sharing in a variety of formal and non-formal settings, including schools, communities and children's homes.



# ADVICE & SUPPORT

## BLOGS - LGBT SOCIETY

BLOGS is the society for all LGBT+ students and their friends, providing pure entertainment every Tuesday night! We run loads of different social and informative events throughout the year, and absolutely anyone is welcome to attend and join in.

## DYSLEXIA SOCIETY

Dyslexia Soc runs a project delivering dyslexia workshops to local high schools. We welcome anyone to join our committee team. Our aim is to get across the facts about dyslexia and provide learning techniques that really work for students.

## EXCHANGE 360

Exchange 360 is the society for the international community in Edinburgh. If you're here on exchange, studied abroad in the past or want to in the future, we're here to support you and help you make the most of your time in this amazing city!



Exchange 360

## SIGN SOCIETY

Sign Society is a friendly social way to pick up some new skills and have a bit of banter along the way. You don't need to know any sign language before you start, and soon you'll be having a good old chat without saying a single word!

## POSTGRAD SOCIETY

This society is for all postgrad students who wish to meet people from other courses, socialise, network and enjoy all that Edinburgh has to offer. We are one of the largest postgrad groups in Edinburgh so come join us!



Sign

BLOGS

Brass Band

## AFRICAN DANCE SOCIETY

The African Dance Society provides affordable, energetic and enjoyable classes in the West African style, accompanied by live drums. We aim to give our members an insight into an exciting and vibrant culture in a friendly and welcoming context.

## ARABIC BELLYDANCING SOCIETY

Arabic Bellydancing Society is designed for all movers and shakers who wiggle or jiggle! The Society promotes Egyptian bellydance and is always keen to welcome new members. So come along and have a shimmy with us – we know you'll get hooked!



Bhangra

## BALLROOM DANCING SOCIETY

Whether you've never danced before or have been dancing since you could walk, come join EUBDS! We run ballroom dancing classes and compete regularly. The society has a busy social calendar, culminating in the End of Year Ball in March.

# DANCE, MUSIC & THEATRE

## BHANGRA CREW

Bhangra is a traditional, celebratory, Punjabi folk dance with athletic moves driven by infectious dhol drum beats. The friendliest dance society around – EBC is hugely diverse and everyone's welcome! Energy, laughs & loud music – what's not to love?!

## BRASS BAND

EUBB are a non-auditioning brass band who welcome brass and percussion players of all abilities. We play pieces from a variety of styles and composers and hold concerts twice a year. We are a very friendly, social band so come along and meet us!

## CHAMBER CHOIR

Edinburgh University Chamber Choir is the smallest of the three choirs attached to the University of Edinburgh specialising in the classical repertoire. It holds 2 main concerts during the academic year and tours annually.

## CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

As Edinburgh's finest (and friendliest!) student ensemble, EUCO attracts the University's very best musical talent and works with distinguished professional musicians to put on two wonderful concerts per academic year.

## CLARINET CHOIR

The Clarinet Choir is a small, non-auditioning, clarinet-focused group. We rehearse every Tuesday at 7pm in Pleasance, and perform and busk throughout the year. We play a wide range of music and welcome anyone with a clarinet!

## COMPOSERS' ORCHESTRA

Composers' Orchestra exists to provide a live orchestra to workshop new compositions by composers at the University of Edinburgh. We accept both composers and performers alike. Join us for a fun, inclusive and innovative way to make music!



Chamber Orchestra

## DANCE MUSIC SOCIETY

The society is a community devoted to exploring the best nights in Edinburgh. We also negotiate discounts on good nights, providing opportunities to get involved in DJing & producing, and generally meet others who simply love dance music.



# DANCE, MUSIC & THEATRE



Jazz



Modern Dance



Female Choir

## FROM FEMALE VOICES TO MUSICAL MEDICS

### DICK VET MUSICIANS

The Dick Vet Musicians is a non-auditioning choir and orchestra composed mainly of students and staff from the Vet School and associated institutes. We rehearse for two hours once a week and perform two concerts a year.

### DRUMMING SOCIETY

A chance to try a new form of music – African drums: djembes, duns and loads of percussion. Sessions are run weekly and concentrate on having fun and playing some African rhythms. No experience necessary, so get yourself along and groove with us!



Drumming

### FEMALE VOICE CHOIR

We are a non-auditioning ensemble with a focus on fun! We perform two concerts each year and sing a wide range of styles. We rehearse for a couple of hours a week as well as holding a variety of social events. All levels of experience are welcome.

### FOLK SOCIETY

Scotland's Oldest Folk Club, established in 1958 – as you'd expect we have a fair few strings to our bow! We meet Tuesdays at 21:00 in Pleasance for tunes and socialising. Other activities include a ceilidh band, weekends away and song and tune teaching.

### FOOTLIGHTS

Footlights stages the largest musical in the University and runs a Showchoir. We're looking for enthusiastic people to join us – both on stage and off. No previous experience required, auditions will be held at the beginning of semester one!

### GOTH AND ROCK SOCIETY

At EdG&R, we represent the alternative scene in Edinburgh; Metal, Punk, Goth and everything in between. We host live gigs, pub crawls and more; check out our Facebook at groups/EdgarSoc and come to the Auld Hoose on Wednesdays for a drink!

### GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS

As Edinburgh's group of student bellringers, we hold regular church bell and handbell practices and social events. With a range of abilities from absolute beginners to ringers with years of experience, if you're interested, come and try it out!

### INDIESOC

IndieSoc is Edinburgh's society for independent music, publishing and culture – creation, facilitation and appreciation thereof! We provide the space for the likes of mix CD swaps, zine fairs, record store crawls and indie-type disco events.



Change Ringers

### JAZZ ORCHESTRA

EUJO is a 17-piece big band consisting of some of the finest jazz musicians studying at Edinburgh. We play several gigs a year – ranging from society balls to the Jazz Club. For info and auditions find us on Facebook or contact a committee member!

### LAW SCHOOL MUSIC SOCIETY

Play an instrument or love to sing? Want to keep up your musical interest at university but don't know how? Come along to the Law School Music Soc! We give students of all musical abilities a chance to pursue their interests in a relaxed environment.



French Theatre

### LES ESCOGRIFFES

The Escogriffes offers fun high-quality French theatre in one annual play giving the opportunity to act for fluent French speakers or a great way of practising your French! In addition to our big production we also organise small shows and fundraiser events.

### MODERN DANCE SOCIETY

Complete beginner or advanced dancer – WE WANT YOU! We have a lot on offer: 7 styles of professionally taught classes, spectacular shows and socials galore. We all share one thing in common – passion. Passion for dancing, for the society and for fun!

### MUSIC SOCIETY

The Edinburgh University Music Society is regarded as one of Scotland's leading student music societies. Founded in 1867, we consist of a Symphony Orchestra, Sinfonia and Chorus. With six major concerts a year the society's repertoire is extensive.

### MUSICAL MEDICS

We are a non-auditioning choir and orchestra with members of all abilities from all degrees: whether you're a serious musician or looking for a break from studying, the more the merrier. We perform twice a year, raising money for medical charities.

### NEW SCOTLAND COUNTRY DANCE

Get the Scottish experience and come and give us a try! During the year we organise balls and dance classes of Ceilidh, Highland, Scottish Step and Scottish Country Dance. There are classes available for all levels. No previous experience necessary!

### PIPING AND DRUMMING SOCIETY

Are you interested in piping and drumming? Then come along to EUPDsoc! It's a great way to learn a new instrument or practice your pipes while you're at university. Membership is open to experts and novices alike so join now!



Pole Dancing

### POLE DANCING SOCIETY

Why do pole fitness? Get fit, strong and flexible, the fun way! Come to our classes and learn to defy gravity with spins and tricks on the pole. Pole fitness is for everyone regardless of your age, fitness or gender!

## DANCE, MUSIC & THEATRE

Bedlam

Savoy Opera

Shakespeare

Theatre Paradox

## FROM SALSA TO SHAKESPEARE

### REELING CLUB

We teach set dances to Scottish music with wild spins and rock & roll! We host events like balls throughout the year to raise money for the ABF, the Soldiers' Charity; black tie events with dinner and dancing and a white tie occasion with an Auction of Promises for the ABF.

Reeling

### RELIEF THEATRE

Relief Theatre is a society dedicated to learning all about the theatre, on stage and behind the scenes. We love trying out new things and run weekly workshops in the community on topics like stage combat. We're always looking for ideas for new and exciting projects – so join us!

### RENAISSANCE SINGERS

EURS is an early music group made up of students and staff of the University, as well as people from the wider Edinburgh community. We collaborate with members of the Scottish Gabrieli Ensemble and the Squair Mile Consort and have toured various countries in Europe.

### REVELATION ROCK GOSPEL CHOIR

We are a fun choir open to all regardless of singing ability (or lack of it)! We are Christian-based but there are no pre-requisites and no auditions! We aim to draw out hidden talents and build friendships through singing a diverse range of music.

### REVUE

Edinburgh Revue – the University's comedy society. Open to all levels of experience, we provide opportunities to write, direct and perform sketches and stand-up. Indulge your inner comic. Give it a go! Winners of Outstanding Performance Award 2014.

### SALSA SOCIETY

Salsa brings people together! The Salsa Society is a multicultural dance society that brings Latin warmth and energy to Edinburgh. With 10 weekly drop-in classes we teach a range of dances to all levels. Beginners welcome!

### SAVOY OPERA GROUP

Formed in 1961, EUSOG uses the best of talent both on and off stage to put on three shows a year. We perform everything from Savoy Operas to classic and contemporary musicals and put on annual performances at the Edinburgh Festival Fringe.



Salsa

### SHAKESPEARE COMPANY

Dedicated to the exploration of Shakespeare's work, we hold workshops covering topics from literary analysis to costume and set design. We stage one big production a year, encouraging involvement in acting, directing, producing, tech and more!

### SINGERS

We are an auditioned group under Dr John Kitchen's direction. Our repertoire includes Scots arrangements, official University events, masses and symphonies. We have regular socials and have recently been on tour to Vienna! Sign-up at the Societies Fair.

### STRING ORCHESTRA

EUSO is an ensemble of around 25 string-playing students, who work with esteemed conductors to perform concerts towards the end of each semester. We rehearse every Wednesday afternoon, playing a wide variety of music from Bach to Shostakovich.

### STUDIO OPERA

Founded in 1968, Edinburgh Studio Opera produces shows designed to give operatic opportunities to young singers. We also aim to involve as many students as possible in organisational work and in set design, tech and stage management.

### SWING DANCE SOCIETY

Looking for a social hobby to get you moving to great music or dream of dancing like in old movies? Swing Dance Society is for you! Our regular lessons give you the moves and confidence to hit up the dance floors in Edinburgh and beyond!

### TANGO SOCIETY

Forget the ballroom tango of stiff postures and roses between teeth! This is Argentine tango – every dance is different. In the words of Ms. Putnam "Tango is the Everest of social dance. Impossible. Demanding. Intricate. And therefore irresistible."



Studio Opera

### THEATRE COMPANY (BEDLAM)

The EUTC (based in Bedlam Theatre) put on over 40 shows a year. Workshops and productions provide students with a unique opportunity to learn about all aspects of theatre, including lighting, sound, set design, producing, directing and acting.

### THEATRE PARADOX

Theatre Paradox are a performing arts society that aim to put on productions that are experimental without being exclusive. Creativity and whimsy combined with a pinch of nostalgia to bring out something sometimes extraordinary, always unique.

### WEST COAST SWING DANCE SOCIETY

West Coast Swing is a modern partner dance from California. Modern and stylish it can be danced to a wide variety of music making it the perfect style to dance out and about. We are a friendly and active society suitable for beginners and experts.

### WIND BAND

Don't want your musical talents to go to waste but don't fancy auditions? Come and join EUWB a fun-loving group of talented musicians. We're a non-auditioning, no minimum standard wind band so come along Wednesdays 7pm in the Reid Hall, Bristo Square.



# EMPLOYMENT, TRANSFERABLE SKILLS & FINANCE

## AIESEC

AIESEC Edinburgh is the local branch of the world's largest student organisation. We aim to develop every student's leadership potential by equipping you with strong transferable skills and by facilitating international exchange. Come and join us!



Debates

## BRIGHT FUTURES

A careers-based society aiming to maximise the employability skills of our members by giving them insights into organisations, enabling them to make informed career choices. We provide networking events alongside workshops and competitions.

## DEBATES UNION

The Debates Union is a fantastic and engaging way to develop transferable skills in communication and teamwork. Anyone with any level of debating experience is very welcome at any point throughout the term. Hope to see you soon!

## DIAGNOSTIC SOCIETY

The Diagnostic Society is a black tie debating society and also Edinburgh's oldest society, founded in 1816. We debate on a range of topics (many light-hearted), hold formal dinners, and look forward to welcoming new members to the CCXXVIII Session.

## iCUE

iCUE aims to provide members with valuable learning and social experience. Through our activities and projects students will increase their business knowledge, get opportunities to meet like-minded students and potential employers.

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

We are dedicated to debating various stances, enhancing public speaking and socialising with members passionate about studying many subjects. We attend MUN conferences in the UK and abroad. We are also listed as the number one MUN society in the UK.

## STARTUP SOCIETY

StartupSoc helps undergraduate students start their own businesses by introducing entrepreneurs to professionals and investors. We host talks and workshops regarding the real-life considerations when starting, owning and managing businesses.



iCUE

## TRADING AND INVESTMENT CLUB

EUTIC has the UK's largest and most successful student-run real money investment portfolio, worth £50,000. We educate students about finance, providing opportunities to trade stocks as well as network with some of the world's most prestigious firms.



AIESEC



Movie Production

## ART SOC

ArtSoc is a creative community for everyone interested in art! We run weekly workshops and life drawing for all abilities, edit our own art zine and spend our weekends at the best exhibitions Edinburgh has to offer.

## CREATE SOC

CreateSoc provides the inspiration and supplies you need to make or write something new each week. Let us inspire your creative side as you flex your literary muscles at our writing workshops or try your hand at a range of crafts.



Art

## KNIT SOC

Welcome to Edinburgh University's very own knitting society! We meet weekly to knit and chat. A lack of knitting skill need be no barrier - so pop along, and any one of our skilful knitters will be on hand to teach and encourage.



Knitting

## MOVIE PRODUCTION SOCIETY (EMPS)

Want to make movies? Join the Movie Production Society! We offer camera rental, movie competitions, workshops and events, culminating in our version of the Oscars at the end of Semester 2. EMPS won Society of the Year in 2011.

# CULTURAL & ARTISTIC

## GAME DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY

GameDevSoc is designed to help students who are interested in game development get in touch with those in Edinburgh who share this interest. We're open to students and non-students alike, and to people involved in all aspects of game development!

## PHOTOGRAPHY SOCIETY

We are currently both the oldest and the largest university photographic society in the UK with an annual membership nearing 400 individuals. We welcome complete beginners and keen amateurs. Winner of the EUSA Vox Pop Society Award 2014.



Photography

# FAITH, BELIEF & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

## BAHÁ'Í SOCIETY

Baha'i Society explores spiritual themes and social action through discussions, devotionals and socials. One of the oldest faith societies, we welcome members from all backgrounds. Join us if you are interested in spirituality and the Baha'i faith.

## BUDDHIST SOCIETY

For those with a mild curiosity to seasoned Zen masters – all are welcome at Buddsoc! Many of us are new to Buddhism or are simply interested in all things Buddhist-related. We run guided meditations as well as discussions, talks and society meals.



## CATHOLIC STUDENTS' UNION

The CSU is a home away from home where we offer everyone the opportunity and space to grow in faith and friendship. We strive to ensure that everybody can be part of the warm, Christian community where students can meet, work and celebrate together.

## CHRISTIAN UNION

Edinburgh University Christian Union (EUCU) is an open missionary community of Christians which exists to explore the good news of Jesus as we go through university. Our vision is to give every student the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel.

## HINDU SOCIETY

We are modern interpreters of the world's oldest religion with members of all faiths and none. Join us for authentic Hindu festival celebrations, desi games, Bollywood trips, Antakshari nights, faith debates, Indian dancing and Satvik food tasters.

## HUMANIST SOCIETY

The Society exists to establish a positive environment for students who are humanists, atheists and secularists to enrich campus life by organising events on matters of religion, science, and secularism; and to campaign on issues of secularism.

## ISLAMIC SOCIETY

At the Islamic Society, we aim to provide a space to meet and gather for all who are interested in Islam - Muslims and non-Muslims. We welcome students from all backgrounds to any of our events, which include talks, charity work and social meals.

## JEWISH SOCIETY

The Edinburgh University Jewish Society is a pluralist, active, apolitical and inclusive community for all students interested in the Jewish faith and culture. We hold regular events, discussions and socials, including bagel lunches and talks.

## ORTHODOX STUDENTS SOCIETY

Orthodox Students Society hosts talks, trips and other activities to help explore and deepen our understanding and living-out of the Orthodox Christian faith. We are a diverse group with Greeks, Russians, British and many other nationalities.

## QUAKER SOCIETY

A small friendly society for people interested in Quaker values of peace, truth, simplicity and equality. Everyone is welcome to our shared meals, discussion groups, pub quizzes and trips to Quaker meetings. Cake and games are a regular feature!

## STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT

We are a group of Christian students passionate about living out our faith in the real world. SCM promotes an inclusive, radical and challenging faith that seeks justice for all. Everyone is welcome – discussions are open and non-judgemental.



## BRIDGE CLUB

Whether you play regularly with finesse, or you don't know your spades from your clubs, the Bridge Club is for you. Come along to learn about this brilliantly tactical game - the majority of students have never played bridge before so don't worry!

## CHESS SOCIETY

We invite all students who want to just play a couple of chess games in a relaxed atmosphere, high rated players with good knowledge of chess, as well as novice players or people who wish to learn how to play chess – join us!



## COMPUTER GAMES SOCIETY

Do you love gaming? Whether it be PC, Console, or Drinking we are all about games. We host many 12- and 24-hour LANs throughout the year! No matter what game you love there'll be someone here who loves them too, so come and join us at Gamesoc!

# GAMING & ROLEPLAYING

## FAQ: CARD AND BOARD GAMES SOCIETY

Like card or board games? Looking for people to play them with? Come along to our society and enjoy these games with others who share your passion. Expand your gaming horizons and make friends playing everything from wargames to card games!

## GEAS (GRAND EDINBURGH ADVENTURING SOCIETY)

GEAS is the role-playing society. Dungeons and Dragons, Pathfinder, World of Darkness and many others are all played here! Visit our website [www.geas.org](http://www.geas.org) for more information. No previous experience required, come along and try it out!

## MEDIEVAL RE-ENACTMENT SOCIETY

At the Medieval Re-enactment Society we recreate all aspects of life from 600 to 1600AD. Events range from feasts to calligraphy sessions, costume making to cooking and even training in medieval combat skills. We cover it all on a regular basis!

## MURDER MYSTERY SOCIETY

Secret plots, mysterious disappearances and the ever-present threat of death, the Murder Mystery Society makes for far from usual evening entertainment! Meet people, stab them in the back, then relax over a pint afterwards.

## POKER SOCIETY

Come and join like-minded students for a friendly game of Poker every Thursday in Teviot Row House. Regardless of your experience we can help you improve your poker and have fun at the same time, and everyone's welcome to come out for drinks after.



## WARGAMES SOCIETY

The Wargames Society mainly plays Warhammer and 40k but we do play lots of other games too. Necromunda and Blood Bowl are popular and Battlefleet Gothic, Epic and Warmachine/Hordes are also occasional visitors to our tables.

## WHAT? WHERE? WHEN? SOCIETY

What? Where? When? is an intellectual quiz game challenging analytical thinking and team-working ability. Don't miss this great opportunity to develop your intellectual and social skills. We won the Best New Society Award 2014 too!



# INTERNATIONAL & MULTICULTURAL



Bulgarian



Hellenic



Japanese

# FROM BULGARIAN TO LITHUANIAN

## AFRICAN CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

At the African and Caribbean Society we are committed to celebrating both our distinctiveness and amalgamation in regards to the wider University community. We are resolved to entertain, connect and socialise whilst doing so!

## AN COMANN CEILTEACH

An Comann Ceilteach is the University's oldest society welcoming those interested in Gaelic and Highland culture. We run Gaelic based trips and last year went to Islay. Our biggest event is our ceilidh, the Highland Annual. Fáilte oirbh!

## BRUNEIAN SOCIETY

This society was formed with the main aims of fostering fellowship, familiarity and unity among the Bruneian students in Edinburgh and promoting Brunei and its rich traditions to the people of Edinburgh.



Chinese

## BULGARIAN SOCIETY

If you are curious about Eastern Europe, the Bulgarian Society will help you explore it in a new and intriguing way. The society organises cultural events which will broaden your understanding of the traditions and values of contemporary Bulgaria.

## CHINESE SOCIETY

We provide a forum for Chinese or other students in Edinburgh who are interested in the Chinese language and culture and want to make new friends. We are also keen to organise team building events to improve member's collaborative skills.

## CHINESE STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION

Edinburgh University Chinese Students and Scholars Association (EUCSSA) is a non-political, non-religious and non-profit group which organises and supports social and cultural activities among Chinese students and scholars at Edinburgh University.

## DUTCH SOCIETY

Our events include all Dutch festivities, such as Sinterklaas, King's Day and important football matches. Whether you want to dive into Dutch culture or just have a drink with some of Holland's finest people, the Dutch Society is right for you!

## ESTONIAN SOCIETY

We are a network for everyone interested in Estonia and Estonian culture. We connect with employers and student organisations around the world and collaborate with many societies to put on socials, concerts and even festivals.



Estonian

## EUROPEAN UNION SOCIETY

EUSoc promotes awareness of and engagement with the European Union in a balanced manner and fosters knowledge and debate among students of Edinburgh. We offer a range of activities including lectures, debates, socials, trips and practical research.

## FILIPINO SOCIETY

We aim to promote the cultures and traditions of the Philippines. We provide a comfortable place where interested students can meet, socialise, and form new friendships. We also help students from the Philippines adjust to life at Edinburgh.

## FRENCH SOCIETY

Whether you are French, study French or just enjoy the idea of France, we're the society for you! We organise language workshops, socials, Christmas ceilidhs and food and wine evenings, all with a French twist!

## GERMAN SOCIETY

Do you like Schnitzel and Apfelschorle? Then this is your society! If not, don't worry. Our society is about much more! We host events such as an Oktoberfest and also organise talks on the politics, society and culture of this beautiful country.

## HELLENIC SOCIETY

Do you enjoy Greek music, food or just some fun company? Join our society and experience amazing parties, vasilopita cutting, live music and much more! Equally open to Greek, Cypriots and anyone else who might be interested!

## HONG KONG INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY

The EUHKIS provide members with a friendly environment and acts as a channel to meet like-minded students who share an interest in East Asian culture, and is a society that delivers members' best interests.

## HUNGARIAN SOCIETY

The Hungarian Society is for anyone who enjoys all things Hungarian or wants to find out more about Hungary! We regularly host food events, parties and national celebrations. If you are interested or just want to try out something Hungarian join us!

## INDONESIAN SOCIETY

EUIS welcomes those that have an interest in learning about Indonesia's traditions and cultures to join! Members can join to participate in creating events that convey the diversity of Indonesia's culture.

## ITALIAN SOCIETY

We organise wine tastings, socials at Italian restaurants and numerous cultural activities. Come along whether you are studying Italian, speak the language or just really like Italy! All welcome, join us for fun, new experiences and socialising.

## JAPANESE SOCIETY

The place to be for anyone with an interest in Japan, its culture or its language, and for anyone Japanese. We hold events throughout the year and weekly socials to bring members closer together. Winner of EUSA International Action Award 2014

## KOREAN SOCIETY

Edinburgh Korean Student Society establishes relationships between Korea and other nations, via a wide selection of activities such as Korean culture events and other social events. We welcome students from all four universities in Edinburgh.



Korean

## LITHUANIAN SOCIETY

EULS welcomes all existing and new students to build one big family of Lithuanians and those interested in Lithuanian culture. We hold many events in order to get to know each other and to foster Lithuanian culture, language, cuisine and traditions.

## LUSOPHONE SOCIETY

Lusophone Society is a place for everyone from Portuguese speaking countries, like Portugal and Brazil, or with an interest in their culture to come together! We organise social events such as nights out, gastronomy or film nights, and language sessions.

## INTERNATIONAL & MULTICULTURAL



Malaysian



Scandinavian



Welsh



Singapore

## FROM MALAYSIAN TO SCANDINAVIAN

### MALAYSIAN STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION

As the Edinburgh Malaysian Students' Association (EMSA), we strive to provide Malaysian students in Edinburgh a home away from home. We host meals, tours, volunteer opportunities, traditional events and other social meet-ups.

### MEXICANOS @ EDIMBURGO

The Mexican Society is a society dedicated to the celebration of Mexican culture, history and traditions. We provide a support for all Mexican students living in Edinburgh. Although most of our members are of Mexican origin, we welcome anybody!



Mexican

### MIDDLE EASTERN SOCIETY

We stand to promote the rich cultural and historical heritage of the Middle East. Whether you're from the Middle East, have an interest in the region or study a subject related to it – our events are open to everyone!

### MYANMAR SOCIETY

Myanmar Society aims to act as a platform for students and staff of the University to share and discuss the culture and current situation of Myanmar through various events including cultural exchange and exhibitions.

### NIGERIAN SOCIETY

Our society brings together a network of students from across the city as well as members of the community. Open to Nigerians and non-Nigerians alike, our society is for anyone with an interest in Nigerian and African culture.

### NORTH AMERICAN SOCIETY

EUNAS is dedicated to promoting understanding of Canadian and American culture and creating a community for North American students, faculty and alumni. We host talks and discussions along with socials including nights out, meals and seasonal parties.

### PAKISTAN SOCIETY

We endeavour to exemplify the richness of Pakistani culture, promote the heritage and culture of Pakistan and build a social platform for students to get to know each other. Whether you are Pakistani or not, join us for various spectacular events!

### PERSIAN SOCIETY

EUPS promote Iranian culture and invites anyone interested in Iran to join us. We also want to encourage friendship between the Iranians at the University and students of other nationalities.



Polish

### POLISH SOCIETY

We are a friendly community of Poles together with anyone interested in Poland – its culture and history. We run a variety of events from pub meetings, themed parties and cooking events to lectures and holiday celebrations.

### ROMANIAN SOCIETY

Whether you are Romanian or not, feel free to join our Society and spread the word about our events, which include nights out, barbecues and football and frisbee games. Rest assured, you will have a wonderful time with us!

### RUSSIAN SOCIETY

The main aim of the Russian Society is to bring together those interested in different aspects of Russian culture. We also provide a social platform for both Russian speaking students and people interested in Russian language, culture or heritage.

### SCANDINAVIAN SOCIETY

The Scandinavian Society is for anyone from Scandinavia, anyone interested in Scandinavia or anyone who wants to meet new people! For many it is a chance to meet people from home and for others a way to learn about a different culture.

### SINGAPORE STUDENTS' SOCIETY

SingSoc is a home away from home for all Singaporeans and a colourful and diversified group who have come together to bring the culture, history and vibrancy of Singapore to the world! Join us for orientations, food festivals and traditional celebrations.

### SLOVAK AND CZECH SOCIETY

For everyone from and interested in Czech Republic, Slovakia and other Slavic countries. We organise lots and lots of gatherings, parties, sporting events, sightseeing trips, cooking events and much more!

### SOUTH ASIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

The South Asian Students Association is the go-to society for everything South Asia; serving as a unique social, cultural & educational platform for exhibiting its rich heritage, diverse traditions & emerging societies in a tightly knit community.



South Asian

### SPANISH SOCIETY

Hola! Join us if you study Spanish, are from Spain or are interested in the country. We are inclusive of other languages of Spain such as Catalan, Basque and Galician. We host socials (we especially love tapas and wine) and chances to make friends.

### SWAHILI CLUB

Swahili Club offers free Swahili language classes every week, taught by one of our great volunteer teachers. We also organise a number of cultural events throughout the year and are very proud of our charity fundraisers. Karibu rafiki!

### THAI SOCIETY

ThaiSoc aims to promote Thai cultures including food, travel, language and ceremonies and foster friendships not only amongst Thai members but also all nationalities. We also aspire to build a strong bond between members of the society and alumni.

### TURKISH SOCIETY

Merhaba! Learn about Turkish culture – the modernity of the West and mystery of the East. Enjoy Turkish cuisine, whose magnificent heritage of flavours evolved over the centuries. Join us and have some delicious Turkish delights!

### VIETNAMESE SOCIETY

We promote Vietnamese culture (including food, language and more) and foster friendship amongst Vietnamese and those who are interested in Vietnam. We host social events and cooking sessions where members are invited to come and learn about Vietnam.

### WELSH SOCIETY

Cymdeithas Gymraeg Prifysgol Caeredin celebrates all that is Welsh from the beautiful language to leeks, miners and of course Tom Jones! We have a fortnightly social, pub-rugby events, and a yearly Six Nations trip abroad. Come along and get involved!



# MEDIA & BROADCASTING

## EUSCI

EUSci is a student-led science communication society. We publish a magazine, a bi-weekly podcast and run a seminar series. Our activities are open to students, staff and the local community. A must for those interested in fun science communication!

## FRESH AIR

FreshAir.org.uk is Edinburgh's student radio station. Broadcasting everything from entertainment to arts, music and news, we have something for everyone. If you're interested in joining or want to listen in visit [www.freshair.org.uk](http://www.freshair.org.uk) for more info.

## NOMAD MAGAZINE

We are an eclectic group of students interested in writing and publishing on a wide range of subjects; travel, culture, politics and creative writing. Develop your skills at our workshops, and get involved in producing a professional publication.



Published

## PUBLISHED

A creative writing and publication group producing 'The Inkwell' and showcasing the talents of students with events like open mic nights. We encourage budding novelists, poets and dramatists. Winners of the Illuminating Arts Society Award 2014!

## RETROSPECT

Retrospect, the University of Edinburgh's History, Classics and Archaeology journal! We publish twice each academic year, once each semester, and look for student-written academic articles (2000 words), features (1000 words) and reviews (400 words).

EUSci

## STUDENT NEWSPAPER

The Student Newspaper offers students a wide variety of opportunities to boost their skills and CV from writing and editing to photography, illustrations and marketing. We also offer a vibrant social scene with weekly events.



The Student

## ALLOTMENT & PERMACULTURE SOCIETY

Green fingers? Like growing your own food? Want to learn more about how it works? This is the society for you! Join us if you're interested in growing/planting/gardening/foraging and all things green.



Duke of Edinburgh

## CAPOEIRA SOCIETY

Capoeira is a martial art rich in culture, combining kicks and acrobatic movements with music to form a playful fight/game. You can practice Capoeira to improve balance and flexibility, for self-defence, or simply to enjoy the Brazilian way of life.

Allotments

# PHYSICAL & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

## DIRTY WEEKENDERS

We are a group of students interested in the outdoors and in conservation. We arrange weekly conservation projects in and around Edinburgh. If you enjoy cutting down trees, bashing vegetation, or making fires, this is the society for you!

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

Complete your Duke of Edinburgh Award with us! Here to give you lots of advice and take you through the all-important hikes! Whether you're an experienced Duke of Edinburgh participant, or have never heard of the award – come along and get involved!



Dirty Weekenders



Pony Trekking

## EXMOOR PONY TREKKING SOCIETY

Any level of rider can become a member or simply experience this cheeky native breed and discover the beautiful countryside just outside the city. If you are a more experienced rider, you can train to become a trek leader.

## PHYSICAL & OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

### JUGGLING SOCIETY

EUJS is about more than just throwing and catching things, although we do admittedly do a lot of it! Our members also do staff, poi, diabolo, unicycle, and more. No previous experience required and equipment is available for use at society meetings.



Juggling

### OFFICERS' TRAINING CORPS

We offer a variety of activities, such as leadership development, military training, and the opportunity to get paid to take part in sports and adventurous training. Visit our Facebook page to find out more at [www.facebook.com/EdinburghOTC](http://www.facebook.com/EdinburghOTC).



Officers' Training

### TAI CHI SOCIETY

Tai Chi Chuan is an art and system of movement based on internal strength. We meet twice a week to practise Chen style Tai Chi including Laojia form, qigong, silk reeling and partner work to develop an understanding of the martial aspects of Tai Chi.

### WILDERNESS MEDICINE SOCIETY

EUWMS enjoy the chance to get out there and enjoy the wilds of Scotland whilst learning more about medicine outside the lecture theatre or wards. Come along and find out more at our talks, trips or weekly climbing sessions.

### YOGA SOCIETY

Looking for a way to relax, exercise, de-stress, and meet lovely people? This is what Yoga Society is all about! We offer weekly classes where you will learn poses and breathing techniques. All-levels are welcome.



Wilderness Medicine

### ANARCHIST SOCIETY

We provide a non-hierarchical forum for students to engage with the ideas of anarchism and libertarian socialism. You don't need to be an 'anarchist' to come along to our events – the society is for everyone interested in liberty, equality and respect.



Labour

### CONSERVATIVE & UNIONIST ASSOCIATION

EUCUA promotes conservative political philosophy across the University. We offer a chance to engage in political debate and intellectual inquiry, as well as networking. EUCUA boasts a full and varied social calendar throughout the academic year.

### LABOUR STUDENTS

The home of student members of the Labour Party. We campaign, discuss policy and get high-profile speakers to come and speak to us about our shared values. The club's weekly meetings including training workshops and a wide range of socials.

## POLITICAL

### LIBERAL YOUTH

Edinburgh Liberal Youth is a regional branch of Liberal Youth Scotland. We exist to promote a free, fair and liberal society on campus. You do not need to join the Liberal Democrats to be a member of Edinburgh Liberal Youth!

### MARXIST SOCIETY

Edinburgh University Marxist Society is committed to raising the profile of Marxist ideas on and off campus with talks and discussions - we want to build a socialist alternative with a specific Marxist understanding.

### SCOTTISH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

We are a group of students at Edinburgh's universities who believe in independence for Scotland within Europe. We divide our time between campaigning and social events and are open to anyone who wants to come along to learn more or get involved.

### SCOTTISH SOCIALIST PARTY SOCIETY

Student supporters of the Scottish Socialist Party, a broad and open party of the Left. Our society campaigns for an Independent Socialist Scotland, and on topics of gender equality, environmental sustainability and social justice.

### SOCIALIST SOCIETY

A radical anti-capitalist society aiming to unite all socialists on campus of all parties & none. We stand for replacing capitalism with socialism, eradicating exploitation towards a just and equal society, based on democratic control of the economy.



Green

### YOUNG GREENS

Young Greens are the youth wing of the Scottish Green Party. Green politics places an emphasis on environmental and social justice. Edinburgh Young Greens meet fortnightly and help the party in its work and campaigning. Be part of something great.



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