



Bristol SU



Welcome
2026

A UNION
FOR ALL
STUDENTS

A guide to your

Students' Union

Your membership starts here!

Welcome to your Students' Union.

We sit at the heart of all the best bits of student life. We're here to help you find your community, make sure your voice is heard, and support you through your time as a student.

When you join the University of Bristol, you automatically become a member of Bristol Students' Union (Bristol SU). We're an independent charity led by Full-Time Officers (current students elected by you) who work to improve your university experience and make sure your voice is heard in big university decisions.

We believe great things happen when people come together, and Bristol SU is where that starts.

We're your voice

We represent your academic interests and help you make change on the things that matter most to you.

We're your community

We're the home of student groups, relaxing spaces, inclusive events and activities. Meet people, try something new, and get involved in a way that works for you.

We're your support

We provide free and confidential academic and housing advice when you need it.

Easy ways to get involved

- ☐ JOIN A
STUDENT GROUP
- ☐ BECOME A
COURSE REP
- ☐ SUPPORT A
CAMPAIGN THAT
REPRESENTS YOU
- ☐ GET YOUR OFFICIAL
UOB MERCH
- ☐ SUBMIT
SUGGESTIONS TO
OUR IDEAS BOARD
- ☐ ATTEND AN
SU EVENT

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Bristol SU Welcome Week

Your journey starts now...

Welcome Week is the perfect opportunity to check out all the activities and groups you can get involved in during your time at University.



YOU'RE INVITED!

[BRISTOLSU.ORG.UK/WELCOME-WEEK-2026](https://bristolsu.org.uk/welcome-week-2026)





Events

Your intro to Bristol's nightlife, the city and a great way to meet new people. We host events featuring everything from boat tours to Mario Kart tournaments, plant potting to dog life drawing and so much more!



Give It A Go

Alongside events run by the SU, our 300+ student groups run Give It A Go sessions to give you a taster of what it would be like to join the group. Wednesday 16 September is our Give It A Go Takeover Day where hundreds of sessions will take place on one day!



Welcome Fair

Join us at the Welcome Fair, our biggest event of the year, to explore everything Bristol SU and the city has to offer. Bringing festival vibes, and exclusive to University of Bristol students.

- Meet 300+ student groups with info about membership and upcoming events.
- Get your official university merch.
- Local vendors, national brands and food stalls with free giveaways and prize draws.

Find us here:

Friday 18 September 2026
10:00-17:00 (Quiet hour 10:00-11:00)
Parry's Lane, Clifton Downs, Bristol



IT'S NEVER TOO LATE, HERE'S A BIT MORE DETAIL
ON EVERYTHING YOU CAN GET INVOLVED WITH

Student Groups

Joining student groups is a fantastic way to meet like-minded people, discover your passions and build a real sense of belonging.

Did you know...

most students join two or more groups during their time at Bristol?

It's one of the easiest ways to make friends, explore new interests and find your community.

94% of student group members say being part of a group has improved their wellbeing.



Meet new people and find your community. →

With over 300 student groups and loads of opportunities on offer, there is always something for everyone! And if you can't find a group that suits you, we can support you to set one up.

If you're interested in meeting people within your course, why not join a student group that covers your academic department? You'll connect with students in your year or get advice from those who have been here longer.

How do I decide which group to join? →

Give It A Go

Our student groups offer taster sessions at the start of each term. This means you can try it out before committing to a membership! We are also hosting a Give It A Go Takeover Day on **Wednesday 16 September**, where all our spaces will be packed with Give It A Go events!

Welcome Fair

Chat to hundreds of student groups and find out what interests you at our Welcome Fair on **Friday 18 September**. While you're there keep an eye out for our Gold Accredited groups who have gone above and beyond for their members!



USE OUR GROUP FINDER TO
DISCOVER A STUDENT GROUP
THAT'S RIGHT FOR YOU.

[BRISTOLSU.ORG.UK/STUDENT-GROUPS](https://bristolsu.org.uk/student-groups)

Sports Clubs

A photograph of two young women, likely sports players, hugging each other. They are wearing dark green sports jerseys. The woman on the right has red face paint on her cheeks and forehead, and the letters 'BUCH' are visible on her forehead. The woman on the left has a small black tattoo on her left wrist. They are both smiling and looking at each other.

Play the sport you love or try something new by finding your team at Bristol SU!

With over 70 sports clubs at different levels, there are plenty of opportunities for everyone. Whether you want to represent the university competitively or just have fun through our Intramural programme, we've got you covered.

If you just want to play at a recreational level, check out our Intramural Sports teams!

Did you know...

British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) is the national governing body for higher education sports in the UK. It's through these leagues and competitions that our sports clubs compete at the highest level across the UK and even Europe! Join a sports club and compete for Bristol this year.

Intramural Sport

Sports for All

Want to stay active, have fun, and meet new people without the pressure of intense training or big joining fees? Intramural Sport is for you.

Whether you're a seasoned player or just fancy trying out something new, Intramural Sport has 250+ teams across 12 social leagues and is open to all students.

You can join on your own or as part of your halls, society, or just with mates. Last year, almost 3,000 students got involved - why not be one of them?

Our Intramural Sport leagues include:

- Badminton
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Football
(5, 6, 7, 8, and 11 aside)
- Netball
- Tennis
- Volleyball



[BRISTOLSU.ORG.UK/INTRAMURAL](https://bristolsu.org.uk/intramural)



Volunteering

Make a difference and engage with your local community.

We work with charities, student-led projects and other organisations across Bristol to give you access to volunteering opportunities that make a real impact in the community. Whether you're passionate about the environment, education, social justice or more, there's something for you.

Volunteering is a great way to:

- Make a difference
- Develop your employability skills
- Get to know your community
- Meet like-minded people

You can gain recognition for volunteering through our Bronze, Silver and Gold digital badges for your LinkedIn profile.

Explore current opportunities on our website or chat with groups and charities at the Welcome Fair on **Friday 18 September**. Alternatively, pop along to the Volunteering Fair in the Anson Rooms on **Wednesday 7 October!**

“Volunteering allows me to connect with people, understand their lives, and contribute in a way that feels purposeful.”

Khushi Agarwal
MSc in Management
(Entrepreneurship & Innovation)

BROWSE ALL OUR
VOLUNTEERING
OPPORTUNITIES
ON THE HUB!



BRISTOLSU.ORG.UK/VOLUNTEERING



The only place for official university merch

Get your UoB stash, stationery and more

100% OF PROFITS GOES BACK INTO THE STUDENT EXPERIENCE



THE RICHMOND BUILDING,
QUEENS ROAD, BS8 1LN
MON-FRI,
10:00-16:00

BRISTOLSUSHOP.COM



Events

What's on at Bristol SU!

Our events are great ways to meet new people or do something fun together. From craft workshops to club nights, and a whole host of student-led events, there's always something happening. Check out our full events calendar online and filter by your interests.



Community Events

Often in partnership with local artists and student groups, we host community building events across campus and in our spaces. From chilled hangouts in the Living Room, to spaces takeovers, there's something for everyone to get involved in.



Bar Events

New for this year is the Anson Rooms Bar. This space will be bookable by student groups so you can expect a range of events to explore, from line dancing to open mics. All profits from the bar go back into supporting students.



OUR EVENTS CALENDAR!
BRISTOLSU.ORG.UK/EVENTS

WE SUPPORTED
602 EVENTS LAST
YEAR, WITH OVER
25,000 ATTENDEES!



Student Group Special Events

From cultural celebrations to boxing nights, our Events team supports big events in the Anson Rooms that bring all the energy.

Our Special Events programme is student-led, designed to bring students together and to be successful, safe, impactful and fun.

Keep an eye on our website for the latest information.
Or if you've got something in mind email us at:
bristolsu-specialevents@bristol.ac.uk

Bristol SU Spaces

We've got spaces across the University campuses, giving you places to study, relax, create and connect.



Bristol SU Living Rooms – Free hot drinks, microwaves, comfy sofas, and a calm space to chill or study.



Swap Shop and Community Larder – Donate or pick up free clothes or food.



Sensory Rooms – Accessible spaces to help you reset or relax. Visit our website for access.



SU Loft – Ideal for studying, group work, committee meetings, or lunch breaks with free microwaves.



Music Rooms – Play, practice and jam. Free for your use!

- Senate House
- The Richmond Building
- Langford
- Sloane Robinson Building

Bristol SU Spaces



WANT THE FULL TOUR? CHECK OUT OUR INTERACTIVE ROOMS AND SPACES PAGE FOR PHOTOS, OPENING TIMES, ACCESSIBILITY AND BOOKING INFORMATION.

BRISTOLSU.ORG.UK/ABOUT-US/VENUES



The Anson Rooms – Our biggest event space and home of our extensive Special Events programme.



Got a question? Head to the 5th floor to chat with your Officers or our staff at the Welcome Desk.



The Beckford – Grab a bite or a drink at the bar, with weekly deals all year round.



Anson Rooms Bar – Private space hosting student group events year-round.



The Pegg and Winston Theatres – Home of student theatre, dance, and live shows.

- Senate House
- The Richmond Building
- Langford
- Sloane Robinson Building

Your Full-Time Officer Team

Your Full-Time Officers are elected in March each year to lead Bristol SU.

They work full-time to represent student communities, champion student priorities and improve student life at the University of Bristol.



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Officer Collective Priorities for this year:



**Championing
Academic Confidence**



**Empowering
Our Communities**



**Fighting
Student Poverty**

FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT OFFICER
PRIORITIES AND
WHAT THEY ARE
WORKING ON HERE



[BRISTOLSU.ORG.UK/OFFICERS](https://bristolsu.org.uk/officers)

Student Voice

Your voice is extremely important to us and shapes everything we do.



Every year you elect:

- ☐ 7 Full-Time Officers (FTOs)
- ☐ 18 Faculty Reps
- ☐ A team of Student Community Organisers
- ☐ 800 Academic Reps

They represent you across all levels of the university and you can run for these roles too!

We run research projects throughout the year where you can share your thoughts and contribute to changes across the SU and UoB. Win prizes and earn vouchers by sharing your opinions in surveys, focus groups and more.

SIGN UP TO
OUR INSIGHT
MAILING LIST.



Academic Representation

Bristol SU supports and represents your academic interests throughout your time at university.

The Bristol SU Academic Representation team supports over 800 academic representatives to identify and create positive changes for students, improving their academic experience. So that this can happen, we have a range of different roles on offer, elected in September and March, and you can be one of them!

Who represents you in academia?

Full Time Officers

Two of the Full-Time Officer roles focus on education and your academic interests. They are the UG Education Officer and PG Education Officer, and work year-round to make change on a bigger scale.

Faculty Reps

These representatives gather feedback from School and Course Reps, and bring students' voices to school, faculty and university level meetings.

School Reps

School Reps gather feedback from Course Reps and attend faculty level meetings to represent schools.

Course Reps

The go-to voice for your course. They collect feedback and work with staff, School Reps, Faculty Reps and the Academic Representation team to make your course better.

All reps are elected by you and trained by our Academic Representation Team.



[BRISTOLSU.ORG.UK/STUDENT-VOICE](https://bristolsu.org.uk/student-voice)

Democracy



We're a democratic organisation, which means you shape what we do. Whether you want to suggest ideas, campaign, vote, or lead, we'll help you make a difference.

Thanks to student reps there are microwaves on campus, free condoms available and more sensory rooms.

Ways to make your voice heard:

- Post to our online Ideas Board, where we'll help you transform your idea into a campaign.
- Take part in one of our research projects.
- Vote or stand in the Bristol SU Elections.
- Connect with a Student Community Organiser and make change on campus.
- Vote on motions at student council and the Annual Members Meeting (AMM) where you can debate changes and hold your Officer team to account.

**With over 30,000 students, your voice is powerful.
Let's make change together.**



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/STUDENT-VOICE/IDEAS-BOARD

Student Community Organisers

Student Community Organisers are student leaders who actively connect communities across campus to identify issues and explore potential solutions.

Each organiser reflects a different marginalised student community, helping ensure our work is inclusive and responsive to student needs. An exciting step in how we support student-led change at Bristol!

Make sure your voice is heard, connect with them and make change!



Support



We're here at every step of your university journey!

From your first day in Bristol to your final exam, we've got your back. Whether it's academic advice, housing help, or something else, Bristol SU is here to make sure you're supported throughout your time at uni.

Academic Advice

Are you struggling with plagiarism issues, exceptional circumstances, or need guidance with academic appeals and complaints? Our expert team is here to support you.

Bristol SU Lettings

Looking for a place to live? Bristol SU Lettings agency can help you find a home.

Housing Advice

Here to support you with any housing problems and your renting rights, no matter where you are living.

Still can't find what you need?

Drop us a line at **bristolsu@bristol.ac.uk** or visit our friendly Welcome Desk team on the 5th floor of Senate House.

Our Services

Explore all our support services via our support centre.

bristolsu.org.uk/support-centre



University Services

The University have a range of dedicated student support teams.

bristol.ac.uk/students/support





Non-judgemental and confidential support for you and your academic interests.

Whether you're dealing with plagiarism concerns, exceptional circumstances, academic complaints or thinking about an appeal, our Academic Advice team is here to help. We offer free, non-judgemental guidance to support you through any university process - big or small.



We hold the Advice Quality Standard, which provides you with assurance that we have met certain criteria that demonstrate commitment to quality.

Just speak to a member of our Academic Advice team for some free and friendly guidance.



GET IN TOUCH
[BRISTOLSU.ORG.UK/
ACADEMIC-ADVICE](https://bristolsu.org.uk/academic-advice)

Academic Advice



A lettings agency that puts students first.

We want to make sure that finding the accommodation that is right for you is simple and stress-free. This is where our friendly and informed Lettings agency can help!

RENT WITH CONFIDENCE

We are part of the Arla Property Mark and the Property Redress Scheme.

UNRIVALLED TENANT SUPPORT

24hr emergency support for all our managed tenants and easy online maintenance reporting.

LOTS ON OFFER!

We provide over 5000 students with somewhere to live. Find us online at **bristolsulettings.co.uk**

Housing Advice Service

Free, independent and confidential housing advice for students at the University of Bristol.



The team is here to help you feel more confident during your first few years of independent living and help you understand your rights and responsibilities as a tenant.

They can support you through any housing problems you might face, no matter where you are living while at university.

Our Housing Advice Service is here to help you with:

- Finding housemates
- Finding accommodation
- Understanding tenancy agreements
- Advice on managing bills and housing costs
- Dealing with housing emergencies



FIND OUT MORE!
[BRISTOLSU.ORG.UK/
HOUSING-ADVICE](https://bristolsu.org.uk/housing-advice)

Looking after yourself and your mates!

We take a harm reduction approach to drugs and alcohol – meaning we focus on safety, not disciplinary action. We work with the university, the local council and partners like Horizons and their student focused service The Drop, to help you stay safe when using drugs and alcohol.

If you're struggling with drugs or alcohol, you can speak to university wellbeing staff or visit The Drop in confidence. They have support in place to help you deal with any issues you or someone you know may be facing.

There are regular sexual health and Bristol Drugs Project drop-ins on campus throughout the year.

You can pick up free condoms from our community cabinet on the 5th floor of Senate House.



Need support on any of the following?

- Drugs and alcohol
- Sexual health and violence
- Housing
- Money and gambling
- Mental health and wellbeing
- Digital wellbeing



SCAN FOR SUPPORT
[BRISTOLSU.ORG.UK/SUPPORT-
CENTRE/HEALTH-AND-WELFARE](https://bristolsu.org.uk/support-centre/health-and-welfare)

Harm Reduction and Sexual Health

Find us here

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