Student population

33,435 students (2016/2017) –
24,344 students are from the UK,
9,091 (27%) students are international.

52% of postgraduate students
are international.

47% of Foundation degree students
are international.

Student age profiles

56% of students are 18-21, 25% are
22-25, 9% are 26-30 and 10% are
over 30. This means that nearly
a quarter of students are “mature”.

The student body is 71% undergraduate
students, 16% postgraduate taught and
13% postgraduate research.

We are found across all campuses:
18,203 students at University Park,
6,862 students at QMC and other health care
sites, 5,345 students at the Jubilee
Campus and 2,206 students at Sutton
Bonington.

1 in 10 students’
lives with a disability.

Student understanding of the Students’
Union and what we do has grown
from 67% to 71% since the start of the
2016/2017 academic year, and we will be
looking to build on this again in 2017/18.

We have had a positive impact on
the University experience of 86% of
students in 2017 so far (HDWD 2017).
Our 2016/17 Welfare Officer secured funding to set up a wellbeing strategic task force between the SU and the University to come up with a joint approach for welfare support.

We work hard to train all staff and student committees to enable them to host all-inclusive events and opportunities. Many students with disabilities belong to societies, volunteer and have said that "they see no barriers to university life" [Surveys, 2016]

26,860 students were involved at least once a year in SU activities in January 2017.

Over 50% of students feel a sense of involvement with the SU (2017).

2016/17 saw 1676 student-run events and 13 Students’ Union events, a 45% increase on the previous year.

It’s all about joining in “the student experience”. Whatever it is that makes you tick, you’re getting involved in your student community.

It’s your platform to stand up for what you believe in.

587 undergraduate course reps.

227 postgraduate course reps.

10 postgraduate sounding board members.

45 school education reps.

There was an impressive 83% turnout of UoN students in the last general election (2017).

Last year, there was a 1.8% increase in voter turnout at university elections.

Networks

Women’s Network hosted events for International Intersectional Women’s Day and Body Confidence Week.

Disabled Students’ Network host inclusive activities throughout the year.

LGBT+ Network’s Sticker Scheme enables members to signal their interest in intimacy on nights out.

We also have Black or Minority Ethnic, Environmental and Social Justice Network, and Mature Students networks.

Staff at Students’ Union Advice have been praised for being friendly, helpful and professional.

Nottingham Night Owls is a student-led project where volunteers help students stay safe on nights out. They have volunteered over 2135 hours, assisted over 1500 students on nights out, picked up 5000 items of litter (Progress Report, Dec 2016). They walked 179 students home, provided 194 students with assistance for vomiting or minor first aid.

Awarded Voluntary Project of the Year.

You said how Students’ Union Advice can be difficult to access when you’re not based at the university park. The team have now introduced a live online chat for fast access and will be visiting campuses. This helped to support 2,218 students in 2016/2017!

We have had a positive impact on the wellbeing of 86% of students (HDWD 2017).

81% of students are satisfied with the support they received from the SU in relation to housing (May 2017).

It’s the welcoming and friendly advice that helps you overcome the trickier times at university.


**Societies and sports**

United Nations Society arranged a conference in collaboration with the UoN Ningbo campus and Loughborough University, bringing together people from around the world.

Sustainability Society raised money to ensure that all students could go regardless of their financial backgrounds.

 Presidents of sport clubs signed the BUCS #TakeAStand campaign and all sport clubs are working hard to become as inclusive as possible.

**Training**

Training is provided to all students who undertake activities with the SU.

We also have the Education Network made up of elected Course Reps, Faculty Reps, and Postgraduate Sounding Board who aim to improve the academic experience at Nottingham.

Recent achievements include:

- Economics students now receive individual exam feedback.
- Physics Department restructuring workloads to be more manageable for students and expanding support available.
- Faculty of Arts, the School of Psychology and Life Sciences now delivering course marks anonymously to reduce negative impact on students’ wellbeing.

**YOU ASKED, YOUR SU DELIVERED**

In response to student feedback, online learning and training is being rolled out to bigger student groups including Welcome volunteers!

94% of students who attended Silver Training sessions provided positive feedback.

All of Bronze Training is considered useful and relevant by students, who reported that it increased their skills. 80% of postgraduate taught course representatives are now fully trained to represent their peers on the matters of teaching and learning. We moved the baselines from 50% to 80%.

At least 9,000 students have completed an SU training or development opportunity.

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**Life in the community**

Paint the Town – a competition for students to redesign two local bridges in Lenton.

Dunkirk Communi-tea – linking students with the wider community.

Successfully negotiated a £170,000 increase to budget an extended Hopper Bus service between Derby and Nottingham so the buses run earlier and later.

**International Students’ Network**

organised the International Students’ Ball and host regular meet-ups.

**What students said:**

“The Welcome Week was brilliantly organised so that it felt like we were constantly surrounded by this community of people who were eager to help and really made me feel as though the Uni was my home from home.” [Impact Survey, 2017]

“The Disabled Students’ Network have helped me when I’ve had worries about long-term illness and I’ve also seen the great work they have done to help my friends.” [Impact Survey, 2017]

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**What students said:**

74% of international students attended the Welcome Fair (2016).

Students praised the feeling that the SU was everywhere.

Over half of surveyed students rated the variety of events 5/5 (Welcome Survey 2016).

The average satisfaction with the Welcome Week increased from 6.5 to 7.0 between 2014 and 2016 (Welcome Surveys).

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Volunteering
69% of students have spent time volunteering alongside their studies, with 76% of these feeling happier for doing so (HDWD Survey).

- Mobile Students’ Union Volunteering stands have been introduced to make it even easier to students to get involved.

In 2016/17 we funded:
- Part-funded Nigerian Socs’ Liter of Light Project.
- Easy Tiger, a student-led Safe Sex Project.
- Funding to upskill community first-responder volunteers.

In National Student Volunteering Week 2017 we supported:
- 16 charities/ community groups
- 22 organised events
- 180 students (UoNSU website).

This week had a big impact on the charities and groups that received our help but it was also a very positive experience for the students.

Events
- Events in 2016/17 included Grad Ball, Varsity, National Societies Awards, University Staff Oscars, Network balls to name a few, with student engagement increasing by 50%.

The overall number of trips and events increased by 694% in 2016/2017 compared to 2015/2016 which means that our students are getting even more involved and there really is something for everyone.
- Student organisers of high-profile events were very satisfied with the planning and delivery of support they received, rating it 9/10 (Grad Ball Survey 2017).

Lecture capture
Following a strong campaign led by our Education Officer and Network, an opt-out scheme for capturing lectures using Echo 360 was introduced in Accounting and Finance, Medicine, Clinical Microbiology, Philosophy and Veterinary Medicine.

Postgraduates Who Teach
Our Postgraduate Officer and Postgraduate Course Rep Network lobbied individual schools and departments to ensure they followed University regulations when postgraduate students applied for teaching positions.

Other campaigns
There are many on-going and past campaign projects as a result of student feedback. Here are some recent successes:

Student media groups
If students are interested in the stage, screen or airwaves or they’re an upcoming wordsmith, our award-winning student groups University Radio Nottingham (URN), Nottingham New Theatre, and Impact magazine offer opportunities to find their audience.

Sponsorship
Over £250,000 has been generated to support student activity (Sponsorship Team)

- One such group was the Nigerian Society, which was trying to gather funds for a Liter of Light Nigeria project. They received £7,300 worth of funding, which allowed them to kick off the project and materials needed. Now they are training locals in Nigeria on how to build their own sustainable lights using simple electrical components and plastic bottles. They have a goal of training 5000 people over the next 3-5 years, who they hope would produce about 1 million lights!

- 6 out of the 10 student “groupings” were supported, they were; Societies, Networks, Med Groups, Sports, SB & Volunteering.

- 2 in 5 groups utilise Portland to raise funds and on average they raise £127 per stall, taking into account the number of stalls held by student groups this works out to an estimated £13,000.

- Over 200 sponsorship contracts were agreed with an average value of just under £1,000.

- 26 donations have been made to student groups, totaling £12,110.
Enhancing the university life

Mooch Bar
Mooch is our award winning bar on University Park campus. Mooch was awarded Gold accreditation in the 2017 Best Bar None Awards.

Between January and July 2017:
- 108,030 transactions were completed
- 28,884 burgers were sold.

They employ 50 student staff.

In response to student feedback, meal cards are now accepted at Mooch.

Over 9/10 students would return to Mooch.

SPAR shop – University Park
In 2015, students asked for a branded shop to exist on campus so we teamed up with SPAR to make this happen.

The SPAR shop employ 27 student staff at the Jubilee and University Park shops.

The staff at SPAR are always friendly, and the shop is run well as it’s always in full stock! Anytime I need a snack there is a wide range available for when I’m studying.

(SPAR shop – University Park)

Jubilee Shop
- The average waiting time is under 1 minute.
- 5 in 7 customers at Jubilee noted that staff were friendly, helpful and polite and any queries were answered well.

Print Shop
The SU Print Shop provides services to all students and staff.

During 2016/2017, over 650 print jobs were completed for Students’ Union societies.

“You asked, your SU delivered
Following student feedback, there has been a big rise in free-from options at SU shops and at Mooch. These include vegan, coeliac, and allergy requirements.

50% of customers are served within 1 minute and the average service time is 2-3 minutes
Staff have been praised for being friendly, even when it’s busy.

Queen’s Medical Centre (QMC)
QMC has its own opportunities based on-campus, especially aimed at medical students.

- Pins and Needles and OGSSOC organise mock OSCE exams, allowing students to interview, exam and treat mock patients.
- Medics’ Widening Access to Medical School (WAMS) hosted Multiple mini interviews (MMI) to help attendees learn techniques and people from disadvantaged backgrounds attended.
- GPSoc now offers sign language lessons for beginners.

Jubilee campus
We have been heavily involved in working with the University to encourage the introduction of an SU hub on-campus, to go along with the Jubilee campus SU shop that’s already there.

91% of Jubilee students rated their satisfaction with the SU’s performance as 6/10 or above.

Sutton Bonington campus
Sutton Bonington is home to the Guild, SB’s representative SU body. They deliver events and support throughout the year, delivering 134 this year alone.

- 76% of SB students think that the SU offers enough wellbeing support (HDWD 2017).
- At SB, over 65% of students are involved in societies, and 57% are involved in sport clubs (HDWD 2017).

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(SPAR shop – University Park)

Elle

55,156 pints of lager and ale
13,530 pints of coke and lemonade
10,942 bottles of beer
5,688 shakes
1,511 takeaway meals
18,115 portions of chips

“Food is served in 6 – 10 minutes.
- Food, cleanliness and service met or exceeded expectations for 90% of customers.
- There is a big choice of good value food including vegetarian and vegan options.

“I rarely drink so I find it difficult to socialise with my friends but the mooch bar is great for that because the food is brilliant and it’s all very reasonably priced!”

(SPAR shop – University Park)

“Mooch brings UoN community together.”

(Student life)

During the 2016/17 academic year, 6 events took place exclusively for Derby-based students. These included a campus specific Welcome Fair, puppy room, tea and cake events, and a midwife afternoon conference.

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Celebrate Recognising achievements in 2016/17

- **Varsity** is a tournament between University of Nottingham and the Nottingham Trent University. Last year, UoN students purchased 4,800 tickets across three matches.
- Athletics Club have adapted their training and socials to be inclusive of all faiths and cultures.
- The Intramural Sports League (IMS) is an internal league – in 2016/17 there were over 230 fixtures each week, 3500 students played in 12 different sports across 268 teams.
- Society and sport participants frequently used their engagement to develop their skills (83% say it improved their time management and 96% improve their team working).

What students said:

*“We impact the local community too. Students from the club go into schools to help deliver futsal sessions, we’ve run youth tournaments at the university, disability futsal sessions and helped to deliver wider football-hub projects, such as the FA People’s Cup. The club has had a unique opportunity to represent Nottinghamshire.”*

*I was first year rep and secretary for one of the SU societies. This increased both my confidence and belief in myself.*

[Impact Survey, 2017]

*“Being an international student, societies were a great way to get in touch with something that was relatable to home.”*

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**Representing all University of Nottingham students, we have 7 full-time and 7 part-time elected officer roles (2017-2018). Past officers have:**

- Worked on a Housing Reform and launched Flatmate Finder and Rate Your Landlord.
- Organised the Big Student Debate where students discussed political issues and worked with citizens on issues like refugees, eradication sexual assault and understanding what causes crime.
- Worked to improve food choices across the campus to ensure there are halal, vegan and gluten free choices and that students can get hot water for 20p across campus.
- Worked to get welfare reps across all halls at the University.
- Secured funding for the student-led Link Conference.
- Pushed for improvements of personal tutors, which means that every PGT student will be assigned a tutor during 2017 /18.
- Worked with UoN Sport and the Graduate School to bring exercise sessions to Graduate Centres at the most stressful times of the year.
- Convinced the University to implement an opt-out system for lecture capture by the 2018-19 academic year.

**Peer Mentoring**

There are peer mentoring projects across schools at Nottingham where older students can volunteer their time to support younger students at the University.

In 2016/2017, the Global Buddy scheme was introduced, providing peer mentoring for international students by UK students. Students who took part in the Global Buddies scheme experienced less emotional difficulty and they felt more “at home” in Nottingham, feeling a strong sense of belonging with the SU.

**Puppy Rooms**

These are organised in collaboration with the Guide Dog Society to help students de-stress in exam times. So far they have raised over £2,000.