Welcome to your Students' Union
Welcome to Nottingham!

Welcome is your introduction to the year whether you’re here for the first time, or returning as an undergraduate or postgraduate. It’s a chance to learn about everything your SU offers, everything you can offer, and how we all work together to make sure your university experience is the best it can be.

Make sure you get to all of the fairs, try out all the events you want in the calendar and find time to learn about everything you can do with your Students’ Union in your time at Nottingham.

For all the latest news and notifications on events throughout the week, download your SU app from the App Store or Google Play.
Your Students’ Union is a vibrant, diverse community of 33,000 students, elected student officers, SU staff, volunteers, and a whole lot more besides, all here to ensure you enjoy the best university experience possible; from the day you receive your acceptance, to the day you graduate.
So what do we do?

All SU services, facilities and activities fall into three broad areas, enabling you to get involved with any of our 200+ societies and student-run services, make change to your own student community through elections for hall committees, education reps and SU officers and find support from Students’ Union Advice or student groups such as Night Owls.

Make change

It’s your platform to stand up for what you believe in. Got ideas for improving the student experience? Want to champion a cause or unite others who share your passion? Through your SU you can take something you believe in and make it a reality.

It’s your Students’ Union, be the difference.

Get involved

It’s all about joining in the student experience here at Nottingham. Whether you’re a part of a society or looking to join one, a Welcome mentor showing new students the ropes on campus, playing your favourite sport or volunteering your time.

Whatever it is that makes you tick, you’re getting involved in your student community.

Find support

It’s the welcoming and friendly advice that helps you overcome the trickier times at university. If you’re having issues with money, your housing or your course, or perhaps you’re looking for work and don’t know where to start, chances are someone else has felt the same and can help.

Whether it’s support from your friends or SU Advice, you’re not alone.
Welcome Fair
Discover Nottingham

With over 40 brands, this fair brings together some of the best names around, such as Domino's, Google and DG Taxi to give you a flavour of Nottingham living.

Join us in the Portland Building for exclusive offers, some hidden gems and plenty of pizza.

Wednesday 27 September
Thursday 28 September

Hey all!

Firstly I would like to congratulate you and welcome you to Nottingham!

I remember fondly being in your position 3 years ago, nervous as to what the next few years would bring, but don't fret as everyone is in that position too.

I'm confident that you will settle in, in no time and have the best years of your life here. As a student, you're part of your Students' Union community, with 200+ societies, over 70 sports clubs, over 100 volunteering opportunities and a wide variety of media groups, there are countless opportunities for you to get involved in.

Your Students' Union is here for you! To facilitate your needs whether that's sports, societies, welfare, events, academic representation or anything in between.

If you want to know more, have any suggestions or just want to come and talk to us, myself and your officer team are always here for you. Come chat to us in the Welcome Zone or drop us a message over social media.

Hope to meet you soon and have a fantastic time at this year's Welcome!

Alan Holey
President of the Students' Union

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Come and say hello!
We'll be all over the campuses this week, so come and have a chat

Have a read of our manifestos at su.nottingham.ac.uk, find out what we've got planned for this year.

First and foremost, we're students. Some of us graduated this summer, some of us are having a year out, most importantly we're just like you.

We'll represent you when you need, make the changes you want to see, and help to make sure you have the best time at Nottingham.
Get involved…

Student groups
Your studies are the important part of course, but there's so much more to university life and you might as well try some of it out, right? The University helps you learn, your SU helps you live.

Societies
There are over 200 societies you could be a part of, from faith and culture, to music and dance, to games and science fiction. If you can't find it in our A-Z list we'll help you start it.

Find out more at su.nottingham.ac.uk/societies/find-a-society

Student media groups
We have Impact, a student-led magazine, University Radio Nottingham (URN), and Nottingham Student Television (NSTV). Fancy yourself as TV or radio's next face? Consider yourself a future magazine editor? Your student-run services could be your big break.

Volunteering
It's your perfect opportunity to get a little feel-good factor and some top marks for your CV. With over 100 opportunities throughout the year, the world is your oyster when it comes to volunteering.

Find out more at su.nottingham.ac.uk/volunteering

Sports
Whether you’re a future world champion, picking up that tennis racquet gathering dust in the corner, or eyeing up a new challenge, your skill level will be catered for here.
Turn up 'n' go every 5 MINS ON TO CAMPUS

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Access our state-of-the-art David Ross Sports Village, Jubilee and Sutton Bonington sports centres.

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• squash courts and indoor sports halls

Join online at nottingham.ac.uk/sport or visit any sports centre reception

*Price shown for UoN Students only, cost may vary for other groups. Membership ends on Tuesday 31 July 2018.

nctx.co.uk/students
Night-time events

A well-established part of Welcome, your SU hosts five main club events, where we take over a selection of Nottingham's best venues in turn so we can all get to know each other among some epic surroundings.

Sunday 24 September
Back to School
Feels like you've only just left, right? Well for your first night of Welcome we're going back to school!

Pryzm & NG1
£6 8PM-2AM

Monday 25 September
Baywatch
Whether you’re team Hasselhoff or team The Rock, Baywatch is for everyone.

Ocean and Rock City
£6 8PM-2AM

Tuesday 26 September
Toga
Are grapes, wine, ancient Greece and Rome your vibe? We'll see you at Tuesday’s Toga party.

Rock City, Stealth and Rescue Rooms
£6 8PM-2AM

Wednesday 27 September
Heaven and Hell
Angel or devil? We’ll leave that up to you for heaven and hell night.

Pom Pom and NG1
£6 8PM-2AM

Thursday 28 September
Glitter Party
With glitter artists and a headline act, this is not a night to be missed! Cover yourselves in glitter for the biggest night of the week.

Ocean and Pryzm
£10 8PM-2AM

If you download the UoNSU app or visit su.nottingham.ac.uk/welcome you can find out more on the 100+ events happening this week
Get involved with our Welcome Fairs

During Welcome Week a number of fairs will be taking place across each of the UoN campuses, offering tasters of everything your SU has to offer.

Get Involved Fair
The main Get Involved Fair will be taking place at the David Ross Sports Village over Monday 25 and Tuesday 26 September.

With your first opportunities to sample and sign up to over 200+ societies and 70+ sports clubs, the fair is your first step to excelling in your favourite sport or discovering your hidden talents. There will also be opportunities to find out more about volunteering opportunities, media groups, and campaigning, amongst others.

If you can’t make it to the main fair, there will also be bitesize versions at Sutton Bonington, Derby, City Hospital, and Queens Medical Centre.

Find out more about these at su.nottingham.ac.uk/Welcome

Discover Nottingham Fair
New for Welcome 2017, Portland building will be home to the new Discover Nottingham Fair on Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 September. Bringing together some of the best names in Nottingham, you’ll discover exclusive offers, some hidden gems, and maybe some free pizza too.

Make change...

Elections
Believe it or not the first elections of the year start on the first day of term for your course reps. Course reps are elected for every course and school at the University, to represent your views to the Education Network and to your teaching staff. You can find out more about nominations and elections both for halls and throughout the rest of the year by visiting our Make Change pages.

Networks
Student-run Networks are great ways to get involved with people who share your passion for causes that matter to you. With Women’s Networks, LGBT+, Mature Students, International Students, Postgraduate Students, Environment and Social Justice, Black and Minority Ethnic groups, Disabled Students, and Education Networks represented, there are lots of opportunities for people like you who want to make a difference.

Find out more at su.nottingham.ac.uk/student-groups
Find support...

How we help you

University is an amazing opportunity; for some of you it’s your first time living independently, for others it’s your first time back in education for a few years.

Whatever your circumstances we will provide help when you need it, and so Welcome is the ideal time to get a feel for the support we can offer.

Students’ Union Advice are your friendly, expert team offering free, impartial support and advice for issues around your course, housing, and money.

You can speak to the team in person or contact them via:

E: suadvice@nottingham.ac.uk
T: +44 (0) 115 846 8730
W: su.nottingham.ac.uk/advice

Nightline is a completely student-run service available 365 days a year from 7pm-8am during term time, with a full 24-hour service during busy exam periods.

This is a confidential, non-advisory service to help you with exam stress, friend problems or if you have no one to turn to.

You can reach Nightline via phone call, text, email or instant messaging. Find out more from nottinghamnightline.co.uk or +44 (0) 115 951 4985.

In addition, if you’re seeking any kind of counselling service, the University will help you at nottingham.ac.uk/studentservices
Welcome Mentors

Welcome Mentors will also be around during your first week – look out for the pink t-shirts.

They were in your position last year so they know how you feel right now and have happily volunteered to provide a friendly face, a warm welcome, and a knowledgeable answer to all your questions.

Key contacts

SU Reception
T: +44 (0) 115 846 8800

Students' Union Advice
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E: suadvice@nottingham.ac.uk

Nightline
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E: nightlineanon@nottingham.ac.uk

University of Nottingham Health Services
T: +44 (0) 115 846 8888
Campuses

By the time you read this guide, you'll probably know there is more than one campus at the University of Nottingham, but what can you find and where?

Portland Building, University Park
The central hub of your Students’ Union. Currently undergoing lots of redevelopment, you'll find the SU reception and box office (where you'll collect Crisis and Ocean tickets), your SU Officers, Students’ Union Advice, Students’ Union Volunteering and the student media groups, along with an SU SPAR shop.

UNAD, Derby Campus
If you're studying at the Derby campus you'll also have your own SU group, the UNAD committee. Here you'll find loads of sports and societies, and a great welfare and support network.

Queens Medical Centre Campus
City Hospital Campus
You'll find SU representation at both our hospital campuses.

Sutton Bonington
You'll find the Guild, SB's very own Students' Union representatives. Look out for the Guild's dining-in events if you fancy dressing up for a formal dinner occasionally.

Exchange Building, Jubilee Campus
Here you'll find another SU SPAR shop for all your essentials, and it's just down the road from University Park.
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Jubilee – 903
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Nottingham City Hospital – 905

And you can find out more at www.universityhopperbus.co.uk

Pop into town on the 31 or 34 Nottingham City Transport bus, which only cost £1.50 with your student card.

You’ll also find a new improved Cycle Network and cycle hire scheme in the city centre if you’d like to take in some greenery on your travels.

If you ever fancy ‘transport’ of a more peaceful nature, then sailing on the lake at University Park campus is highly recommended.

DG Taxis Safer Taxi scheme

Sometimes a taxi is the best option, and our Safer Taxi scheme with DG Taxis is here for you. The scheme was set up to make sure you’ve always got a safe journey home within reach.

Text TAXI to 80818 to use a fixed price list or call +44 (0) 115 950 0500.

You can also use DG Taxis’ Emergency Taxi scheme, where if you don’t have enough money for a taxi, tell the member of staff your student ID number and sign a form, and you’ll be able to pay the next day.
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One-way fare. Limited availability. Booking fee varies depending on booking method. Available up to 120 days in advance until 31 December 2017.
Stay in touch...

#UoNWWelcome

Hope you have a great Welcome week!