

Who is the Students' Union

- All students, that wish to be, are part of the Students' Union and we represent you to the University.
- The Students' Union is all about helping students make the most of their time at university.
- Run exciting events and activities, run clubs and societies, and empower students to change the world around them.
- We also offer independent support for when things don't go as planned, e.g. academic advice.
- There are 4 Sabbatical officers, which are elected by the students each year and campaign for change at the University:
 - o President of the Students' Union – Winston Alla winston.alla@solent.ac.uk
 - o Vice President Engagement – Rebecca Johnson rebecca.johnson@solent.ac.uk
 - o Vice President Education – Mohandas Jeyakumar mohandas.jeyakumar@solent.ac.uk
 - o Vice President Welfare – Jignesh Kiree jignesh.kiree@solent.ac.uk

Where is the Students' Union

- In the Spark Building
- Next to the East Park Deli
- JM115
- Working hours 10am – 4pm
- No need to knock, just come on in



Key contacts for Societies and Sports

- Activities Coordinator – Katie Angell katie.angell@solent.ac.uk
 - o 1st points of contact.
 - o Handle day to day society activities
 - o Process risk assessments
 - o Run elections and committee training.
 - o Create official societies
 - o Manage the Students' Union Van

- Vice President of Engagement – Rebecca Johnson rebecca.johnson@solent.ac.uk
 - Acts as a trustee and director of the Students' Union
 - The society and sports face to the University
 - Runs the society forum
 - Helps plan student events and fundraising

Key Opportunities

- **Freshers' fayre**
 - Across 2 days
 - Best opportunity to recruit new students to your society
 - Showcase what you do and what you are doing for the rest of the week
- **Welcome Week**
 - Across 2 weeks
 - Run free tasters
 - Get involved with SU events
- **Society Signup Day**
 - Middle of October
 - Another chance to entice new students after freshers
- **Give it a Go**
 - 2 week program designed to run free events for students
 - Works with the local community
 - Great recruitment opportunity
- **This girl Can**
 - Designed to get more women into sport
 - Showcase our amazing Solent athletes
 - Work with local community
- **Society Forum**
 - Run once a month by VP of Engagement
 - Chance to let the SU know what you are up to
 - Chance to make any complaints or suggest changes
 - Great place to collaborate with others
- **Union Awards**
 - End of year celebration
 - Showcases all of the work you have done throughout the year
 - Party!



Students' Union Support (Sports and Societies)

- Re-post your social media, just tag or message us @solentsu
- Help with branding, contact our activities coordinator if you need some help or advice from our digital artist
- Free promotional material provided at the beginning of the year, designed to aid in recruitment
 - o Roller banner and table tent
- Utilize our contacts within the local community
- Signpost you to the relevant information and contacts within the university
- Additional funding (more information in the finance guide)
- Recruitment and fundraising events as mentioned above
 - o VP of Engagement well suited to help societies plan future events
- Support with the administration that it takes to be a society (more information on the important forms doc)
- Help to gain a mutually beneficial sponsor (more information in the sponsorship guide)