



THE UNIVERSITY  
of EDINBURGH

## Postgraduate Virtual Open Days

Postgraduate  
Student Life At  
Edinburgh



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**EDINBURGH**  
extraordinary futures await

# Introducing Edinburgh

Edinburgh is Scotland's capital, and an amazing place to be a student!

The city is relatively small, making it easy to travel around and meaning you can live in a variety of areas while still having easy access to campus. There are lots of green spaces, which is great for exercising, socialising or just relaxing.

The city also has a rich history which you can explore, regular cultural events, and a vibrant nightlife.



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# Introducing your Students' Association

The Students' Association is separate from the University, but we work together to enhance student experience at Edinburgh.

All students – Undergraduate and Postgraduate – automatically become members of the Students' Association when you join the University, meaning you can access all our activities and services, and there is no membership fee.



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# Introducing your Students' Association

## We're here to:

- Help students settle into University life
- Support students, and offer advice when they need it
- Help students meet people and make friends
- Give students a voice, within the University and beyond



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# Our spaces on campus

We run four venues across the University: Teviot Row House, Potterrow, Pleasance, and King's Buildings House.

In these buildings you'll find cafes and bars, informal study space, and student-led events and activities.



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# Our events programme

We organise a programme of events, from club nights and parties, to quizzes, live music, spoken word poetry, and Scottish cultural events like ceilidhs.

Some are free to attend, others you need to buy tickets for, but they're all great ways to have fun and make friends.



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# Our events programme

We also host annual events like our Christmas lights switch on, Teaching and Student Awards, and mark national celebrations like LGBTQ+ History Month.



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# Student-led events and activities

We have over 400 student-led societies, volunteering groups and social enterprises!

Throughout the year they run events and activities, as well as hosting online spaces where you can connect and discuss different topics. Joining a student group is a great way to meet people with common interests, make friends, and feel like a part of a community outside your School.



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# Your voice

There are over 1300 student representatives across the University, working to improve your student experience at Edinburgh, from Programme Representatives at the local level to our five full-time Sabbatical Officers who give students a voice on the issues that matter to them.



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# Your voice

Volunteering as a Programme Representative, standing in our annual Elections, or contacting your Sabbatical Officers to let them know about your ideas to improve student life at Edinburgh are great ways to achieve change and help shape the University.



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# Our Liberation Campaigns and Section Communities

Our Liberation Officers and Section Representatives represent marginalised and non-traditional communities on campus including Black and Minority Ethnic, disabled, LGBTQ+, and women students, student parents and carers.



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# The Advice Place

Our Advice Place offers free, professional, confidential and impartial advice on a wide range of topics, from finances and housing to mental health and academic progression.

If you're ever worried about something and aren't sure who to turn to, you can contact them for guidance and support.



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# Peer Learning and Support

There are Peer Learning and Support schemes in almost every School. In these schemes, older year students mentor new students, offering advice and support, helping you settle into your studies and University life.



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# Support for international students

Edinburgh is an incredibly international University and city. We have a range of events and activities to help you feel at home here, from Global Buddies to our Tandem Language Cafes, and cultural events throughout the year.

You'll also have the opportunity to explore the very best of Scottish culture!



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# Find out more

There's lots more information available:

- On our website: [www.eusa.ed.ac.uk](http://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk)
- On our social media channels (Instagram, Facebook, X/Twitter, LinkedIn, and TikTok)

Don't be afraid to get in touch if you want to know more!



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# Thank you for listening!

Does anyone have any questions about  
Postgraduate student life at Edinburgh?

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## Find out more

- Virtual visits: [www.virtualvisits.ed.ac.uk/pg](http://www.virtualvisits.ed.ac.uk/pg)
- Student chats: [www.edin.ac/student-chat-pg](http://www.edin.ac/student-chat-pg)

Once the session is over, click "Leave" and head back to your e-ticket to attend other sessions you've booked.