

Welcome to GCU Students' Association

GCU Students' Association is an expanding organisation providing a wide range of activities and services for the benefit of its 17,000 students. The Students' Association is located within the Students' Association Building on the Glasgow Campus and has a presence at the London campus. The Students' Association has its own unique and friendly community.

GCU Students' Association is a registered Scottish charity, number SC022887. The Students' Association has a Trustee Board that has ultimate responsibility for setting the strategic direction of the Students' Association, ensuring it is solvent, well-run, meets its mission, vision and values and delivers its charitable purposes. The trustees of the charity consist of four Full Time Officers (elected), four Student Trustees (appointed) and four External Trustees (appointed).

The Students' Association main purpose is to represent all students at GCU. It is autonomous from the University and is democratically controlled by students at all levels. All GCU students are automatically members. More information about us can be found at: www.GCUstudents.co.uk.

The Students' Association employs permanent staff. The permanent staff provide continuity, professional and managerial expertise and are responsible for undertaking the day-to-day management and running of the organisation, implementing Students' Association policy. All staff ultimately report to the Chief Executive, who in turn reports to the Trustee Board via the Student President. The Chief Executive has overall responsibility for the strategic and general management of the Students' Association.

On an annual basis we elect four Full Time Officers who take a year out of studying, sometimes known as Sabbatical Officers. The Full Time Officers responsible for ensuring the views of GCU students are effectively represented and that the Students' Association makes a positive difference to the lives of our members.

Caledonian Student Voice is our policy making body that meets four times a year. It oversees the work of the Full Time Officers, holds them to account and sets our campaigning and representation agenda.

The Students' Association is split into three departments:

- Representation and Advice Department
- Activities Department
- Membership Support Department

The Representation and Advice Department provides a confidential drop in service for information and support for students on academic and personal issues. Students can see our Student Advisers for support and advice. This service also operates an emergency hardship fund and provides free condoms. This department also supports the GCU Representation Structure and students being involved in GCU Quality Assurance and Enhancement processes, Student Voice, campaigns and provides support to student reps.

The Activities Department provides many involvement opportunities for students. This can include being involved in sports clubs, active lifestyle programme, societies, a media group (Student Magazine or Radio Station), volunteering programme or events programme.

We are also very proud of our Student Leaders Programme. This flagship programme accredits all our student volunteers and gives them a reflective and supportive environment to develop their leadership skills. The programme is now becoming industry and employer recognised, giving our graduates something unique and special.

The Membership Support Department supports membership enquiries and supports the other two departments.