



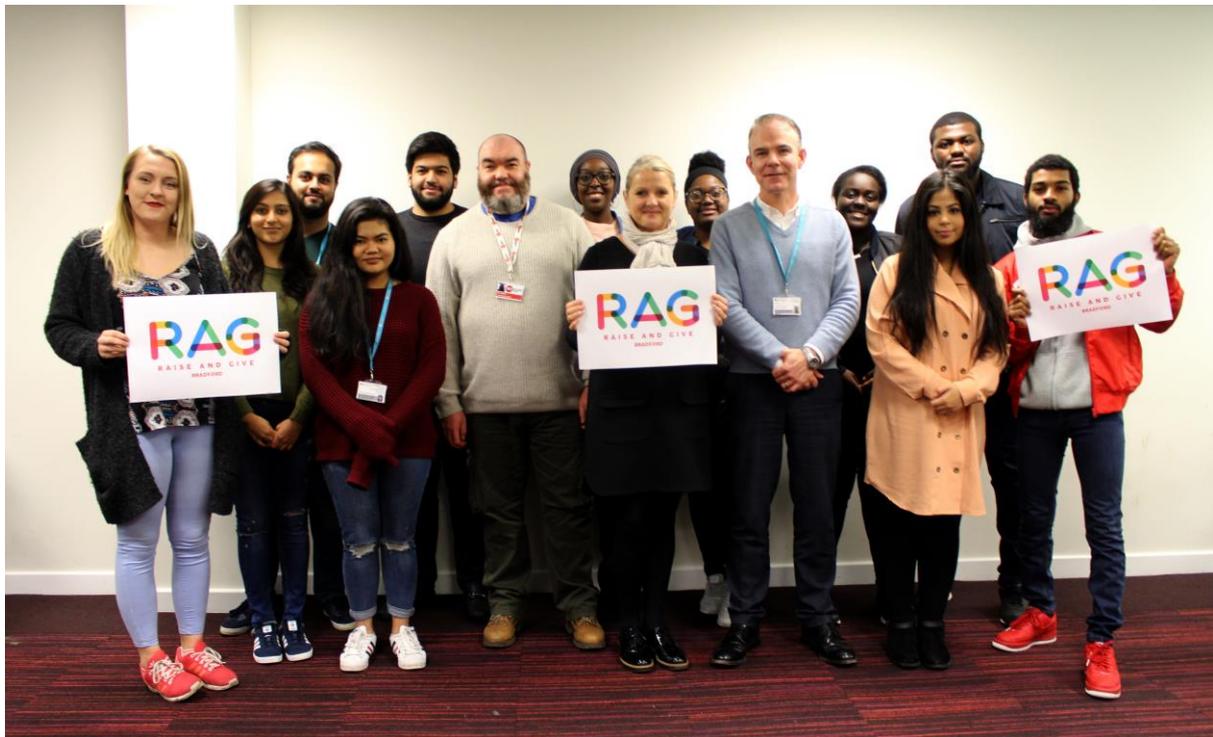
## PRESS RELEASE

# UNIVERSITY OF BRADFORD STUDENTS' UNION ANNOUNCES CHARITIES FOR THIS YEAR'S RAISE AND GIVE WEEK

6<sup>th</sup> January 2017

The University of Bradford Union of Students (UBU) has confirmed the four charities it will be raising money for at this year's Raise and Give (RAG Week).

The four charities – confirmed by the student-led RAG committee – include one international, one national and two local charities. Money raised for RAG will be split equally between the four charities.



RAG Week is an event run by most Students' Unions across the country and see a range of events and ideas organised to help raise money for chosen charities. The UBU RAG Week runs from Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 but with several events taking place in the run up to it.

Events organised for this academic year's RAG Week include a Fifa tournament, a football tournament, bag packing, hip-hop karaoke and a club night alongside Jailbreak, where students have to get as far away from Bradford as possible – and back again – for free.

Raise and Give Week is organised by the Community and Welfare Office Subira Ismail.

"It's an absolute pleasure to be able to work with such amazing charities. This year we've gone with the theme of trying to help charities from different areas to reach as many disadvantaged people as



possible. This year we hope to raise as much money as possible whilst being as fun and adventurous as possible, so stay tuned.”

The four charities that have been announced are:

- SKT Welfare (International)

“We’re really happy to be working with the Student Union and looking forward to all great activities this year for RAG.”

- AGE UK (National)

Head of Commercial Operations, Suzanne Lovell said “We’re delighted to have been chosen by the University of Bradford to be one of their charity partners. This is an excellent partnership for us and the funds raised by the university will go towards funding local projects, helping older people to be part of the community and make the most of the local services available to them.

HR Manager Stephanie Smith said "At Age UK Bradford and District we are very proud to have an existing team of over 340 volunteers who support our services in the local community. We are always keen to work with new volunteers and are looking forward to the opportunities that can be explored through this exciting new partnership with the University of Bradford.”

- Centrepoint (Bradford)

‘We are delighted that the University of Bradford RAG committee has chosen to support Centrepoint for the 2016/17 academic year. We have a large service in Bradford, helping homeless young people, so are especially pleased about this partnership. We very much look forward to working with you.

- Bradford Plastic Surgery and Burns Research Unit (PSBRU) (Bradford)

"The Centre for Skin Sciences and its Plastic Surgery & Burns Unit are delighted to be one of this year's UoB RAG charities. We thank the Union of Students for this most thoughtful inclusion in their planned fundraising program. As a UoB academic who typically interacts with students during their L&T activities, it is now wonderful to partner with these key members of Team Bradford on this important initiative. Their laudable commitment will provide much needed support for our ongoing wound-healing research program"

More events will be announced soon but you can find out more information online at [bradfordunisu.co.uk/rag-week](http://bradfordunisu.co.uk/rag-week) and you can also donate via [justgiving.com/ubu](http://justgiving.com/ubu)

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**For further information please contact Subira Ismail, Community and Welfare Officer, at [community-welfare-officer@bradford.ac.uk](mailto:community-welfare-officer@bradford.ac.uk) or on 01274 23 3300**

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### **About the University of Bradford Union of Students**

The University of Bradford Union of Students (UBU) represents all the students at the University of Bradford and delivers initiatives, campaigns, events and opportunities across a range of sports, societies, media areas and volunteering opportunities and areas of student voice, campaigning and advice.

You can find out more about the UBU online at [bradfordunisu.co.uk](http://bradfordunisu.co.uk) and across a variety of social networks.

### **About SKT Welfare**

Founded in 2008, SKT Welfare a UK- Registered charity dedicated to the delivery of humanitarian aid and solutions regardless of race, political affiliation, gender or belief. Its aim is to help relieve the suffering of the world's poorest communities - Since its inception, the charity has accomplished several projects in the UK, Pakistan, India, Morocco, Somalia and more recently, Palestine. However, since 2011 and the onset of the crisis in Syria, SKT Welfare has re-oriented most of its efforts addressing the humanitarian fallout from this conflict, and has become instrumental in delivering aid to Syrians in need, both inside Syria and within refugee camps in neighbouring countries. The charity has evolved and adapted itself successfully to what is an extremely difficult conflict zone to function within, operationally and logistically.

<https://sktwelfare.org/about-us/>

### **About Age UK**

We help put money in people's pockets by identifying millions of pounds of benefits they're entitled to, campaign for better pensions by calling for government action to tackle pensioner poverty - We work to join up health and social care services so that older people are enabled and supported to stay independent and well for as long as possible - we offer a telephone befriending service to tackle loneliness and isolation, and carry out research into brain health to learn more about how we age and how we might tackle conditions like dementia - and much much more.

<http://www.ageuk.org.uk/about-us/what-we-do/>

### **About Centrepoint (Bradford Area)**

Homeless young people, aged 16-25, stay with Centrepoint for up to two years, but we keep supporting them for another six months to make sure they can live independently. We provide accommodation, health support and life skills to get them back into education, training and employment

<https://centrepoint.org.uk/what-we-do/>

### **About Bradford Plastic Surgery and Burns Research Unit (PSBRU)**



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We can never forget the 56 people we lost on the day and 258 others who were injured. But the least we can do is to continue our efforts towards improving the delivery of healthcare to any patient with similar or related injuries - The benefits of the Unit's work thus spread well beyond Bradford. The advances it makes in medical knowledge and clinical technique are available for use by clinicians everywhere, and nearly all of the Unit's Research Fellows have gone on to practise as consultant surgeons, improving lives both in the UK and around the world.

<http://www.brad.ac.uk/research/rkt-centres/plastic-surgery-burns-research-unit/>