

# YOUR UNION



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## Edinburgh Napier Students' Association

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# Introduction to ENSA

## *Who we are and what we do for students*

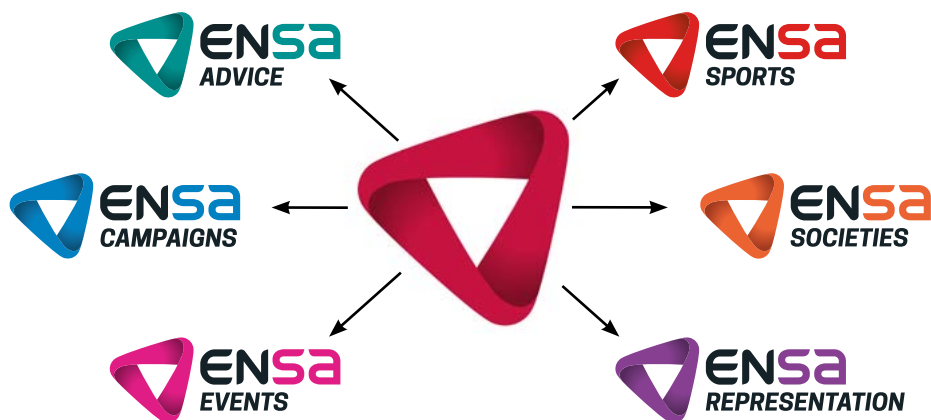
ENSA stands for Edinburgh Napier Students' Association – and we're your students' union. It is our mission to help you to make the most of your time at the University.

We are a registered charity which exists to represent and support you as students. Any profit we make from events goes straight back into helping to improve the student experience.

You can get further information about everything mentioned in this booklet at [www.napierstudents.com](http://www.napierstudents.com).



### SERVICES WE PROVIDE FOR STUDENTS:



# Our Spaces

## *Where to find ENSA and our social spaces*



### ► On Campus

ENSA HQ is located in Room B34 at Merchiston Campus. This is where you can usually find your elected Student Co-Presidents and 2 of our advisers, along with the rest of our staff team, who support our Reps, volunteers, sports clubs and student societies. We also have advice offices at Craiglockhart (1/48) and Sighthill (1.C.30).

Additionally, we have a couple of locations on-campus that we use for activities: The Upper Apex Cafe at Merchiston and the ENSA Hangout (O.D.09) at Sighthill. Students are welcome to use these spaces between classes.

### ► Potterrow and The Pleasance

We have a partnership with Edinburgh University Students' Association (EUSA), which allows Napier students to use their union facilities at Potterrow and The Pleasance. You can attend any of EUSA's events for the same price as Edinburgh Uni students, and even hire their venues!

### ► The Three Sisters

The Three Sisters is our bar sponsor, offering Napier students discounts on food and drink, plus free venue hire for events. They run a Sports & Societies themed night every Wednesday, followed by a club night at Cabaret Voltaire.



### **ENSA Headquarters**

B34 Merchiston Campus,  
10 Colinton Road



### **Potterrow and The Pleasance**

5/2 Bristo Place and  
60 Pleasance



### **The Three Sisters Bar**

139 Cowgate



# Advice Service

*Get impartial, confidential and free advice*

ENSA offers Edinburgh Napier students free advice on a range of education and welfare rights issues. With offices at all 3 campuses, our team of trained, professional advisers can provide you with up-to-date, practical advice, helping you to make informed choices.

ENSA Advice is independent of the University. This means that we can give you the best impartial advice possible when it comes to issues with your course, your tutors or the university administration. The service is also completely confidential, and the team will not share any information without your consent.


## WE CAN HELP WITH:

- » Academic appeals
- » Extenuating circumstances and “Fit to Sit”
- » Academic and non-academic misconduct
- » Fitness to practice
- » Complaints
- » Issues with your course
- » Housing
- » Other welfare matters
- » Money advice (student funding, fees, benefits and budgeting)



**Book yourself an appointment online at**  
**[napierstudents.com/advice](https://napierstudents.com/advice)**

*In-person, telephone and MS Teams appointments are available.*



Co-Presidents 2025/26:  
Chika, Evans and Austen

# The Student Co-Presidents

## *Your elected full-time officers for session 2025/26*

ENSA is led by 3 democratically elected Student Co-Presidents. It is their job to represent the collective interests of all Edinburgh Napier students to key decision-makers at the University and within the wider community.

They are paid and work full-time for ENSA for a term of office lasting 1 year. The students who take on these roles either add a year on after graduation or take a year out of their studies. They are student leaders, working on your behalf to deliver a better university experience, as well as members of ENSA's Board, providing collective governance of the organisation.

### Student Elections



All Edinburgh Napier students who are active on a Programme have the opportunity to stand for election for any of the three Student Co-President posts.

Student Elections for these posts are held annually in the Spring, and all Edinburgh Napier students are entitled and encouraged to vote.

# Evans Eghan

## *President Societies & Community 25/26*

Hello everyone, I'm a proud Masters graduate in Marketing with Festival and Event Management from The Business School. Serving as the ENSA President over the past year has been an incredible journey and being re-elected for a second term is truly an honour.

Leadership, for me, is a tool for service. In my first term, I was privileged to lead initiatives such as the Napier Student Film Festival (NSFF), ENU Global Horizons, and the International Student Support Scheme. I also advocated for ENU to act as a guarantor for international students and co-led student input into the Edinburgh Housing Strategy.

In this new academic year, I aim to build on these foundations and introduce new ideas to foster a more inclusive, supportive, and empowered student community.

### **MY KEY AIMS FOR THE YEAR:**

- Expanding ENSA flagship initiatives
- Implementing the International Student Support Scheme
- Re-launching a community food pantry for students in need
- Introducing a Societies Podcast to boost engagement



### **CONTACT ME**



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# Austen Brunton

## *Co-President Sport & Wellbeing 25/26*

I've been a student at Edinburgh Napier for four years, studying Popular Music, and I'm proud to now serve as your Co-President for Sport & Wellbeing.

Sport has been a key part of my time at Napier. I've spent four years with the Men's Hockey Club, finishing my final year as President. That experience has given me a real understanding of the challenges clubs face and the kind of support student sports clubs need.

This year, my focus is on helping clubs grow, removing barriers to participation, and strengthening the overall student sport experience across the university.

### **MY KEY AIMS FOR THE YEAR:**

- Continue to push for greater investment in facilities for clubs
- Support clubs in building their visibility and reach through social media content and training
- Encourage more cross-club collaboration through events, networking and support
- Help grow beginner participation through sport-focused "Give It a Go" sessions and taster days
- Support clubs in securing kit and sponsorship, with advice and centralised opportunities
- Continue to promote mental and physical wellbeing



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# Chika Marvis

## Co-President Education & Employability 25/26

Hello, I'm happy to be of service for a 2nd term in office. I have a Masters in Environmental Sustainability and experience as a Programme Rep. I have shared in the challenges and struggles that many of you face! Resiliently, we'll keep improving the student experience and development opportunities at the University.

My key achievements last year include launching ENSA Support Stalls across three campuses, and creating the Napier Project Management Challenge, where 30 student finalists completed work-related-learning projects over 8 weeks, leading to employment pathways.

I campaigned for tuition payment plans to be extended from 6 to 10 months, easing financial strain for students. I also collaborated on projects to address learner needs and lead a national initiative on assessment reform.

### MY KEY AIMS FOR THE YEAR:

- Launch Uniforce: a collaborative, Scotland-wide employability initiative to support higher education students
- Launch a peer assisted learning scheme to foster collaborative learning and peer mentoring
- Strengthen the student voice through newly established, paid student roles on each campus



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# Principal's Welcome

## *Professor Sue Rigby welcomes you to the University*

I would like to wish you a very warm welcome to Edinburgh Napier University.

This is the start of your higher education journey and I am delighted that you have chosen to join us. It is wonderful to have you on our campuses so that you can fully experience everything that Edinburgh Napier has to offer.

I hope you settle in well to both the academic and social sides of university life.

Our teams will be happy to help you 'find your feet' and answer any questions you may have about courses, student life, finances, Edinburgh, and anything else you can think of to give you the best possible university experience.

I wish you the very best of luck on your chosen course and hope you have a really enjoyable and interesting time with us. I'll see you around soon.



## Professor Sue Rigby

Edinburgh Napier  
University Principal



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# Sports & Societies



## *Meet new people who share your interests*

Whether you continue to pursue an activity or hobby you've always loved, or want to try something completely new, our sports clubs and societies are a great way to meet like-minded people and enhance your student experience.

Many of our clubs represent the University in national leagues and competitions. It's not all competitive though - most of our clubs and societies welcome complete beginners who just

want to make friends, socialise, have fun and develop new skills.

Be sure to check out our website and see what is out there - we have a huge range of interests already covered. However, if you can't spot any groups that you want to join, you could consider starting up your own! Contact either [sports@napierstudents.com](mailto:sports@napierstudents.com) or [societies@napierstudents.com](mailto:societies@napierstudents.com) for info on how to get started.



[www.napierstudents.com/sports](http://www.napierstudents.com/sports)







## How to join a club or society

You can see a full A-Z list on our website of everything we offer, which includes group descriptions, membership prices, contact details and social media links.

Many of the clubs and societies will offer free taster sessions at the start of term, so you can meet the students who run the groups and give their activities a try before committing to a membership.

Some of the sports clubs may have trial sessions for their competitive squads (usually held in September), so get in touch with them for details.



Typical memberships last for a full academic year, from September to June. However, many of the groups also offer a discounted, single trimester membership.

Once you've decided what you want to join, just pop back on to our website and purchase either an "ENSA Sports Affiliation Fee" or "ENSA Societies Affiliation Fee" along with the membership(s) for your chosen clubs or societies. You can join as many as you like!



[www.napierstudents.com/societies](http://www.napierstudents.com/societies)





# Become a Programme Rep

## *Have a say on your education*

Every year of every programme at Napier needs at least one and, depending on the size of your class, usually two or three students to be Reps.

These Reps gather feedback from their classmates, and raise issues and suggest improvements with the teaching staff on their programme. It's an opportunity to create positive change and improve the student experience for their classmates.

Reps receive online training from ENSA, with opportunities to further develop their skills. Those who who actively attend meetings also receive official transcript recognition from Edinburgh Napier University.

Being a Rep only takes a couple of hours each month. If you're looking for a way to boost your employability by gaining additional experience, put your name forward to your Programme Leader to let them know you're keen!



### ISSUES REPS CAN RAISE:

- ✔ Module content
- ✔ Form and frequency of feedback and assessments
- ✔ Access to learning materials
- ✔ Access to tech support, software and equipment
- ✔ Timetabling issues
- ✘ Personal disputes
- ✘ Welfare problems



# Join your Student Council

*Get involved and make change happen*



Do you want to be a true 'influencer'? A voice for the students at Edinburgh Napier? Do you want to help to improve the student experience for all? If your answer is yes, then your Student Council needs you!

Student Council is the place where students come together to discuss issues, propose solutions and help ENSA to form policies to create positive change for thousands of students at Edinburgh Napier University.

Council members get the opportunity to take part in workshops for skills development. Those who attend at least four meetings will receive official recognition from ENSA and Edinburgh Napier University on their transcript. Great for impressing future employers!

If you would like to make your voice heard and make change happen, come along to the first Council meeting on **22 October** (2-4pm at Craiglockhart 1/06).



# Events and Activities

*From fun to formal, we've got your calendar covered!*

ENSA hosts a wide range of events for Edinburgh Napier students throughout the year, starting with Welcome Week in September.

We run regular on-campus "Give it a Go" activities, awards ceremonies, club nights, cultural celebrations and wellbeing events. Sustainability is at the heart of what we do, so we also organise term-end Donation Drives where you can donate items to new students.

The biggest event of the year is the annual Societies & Sports Awards Ball, celebrating the achievements of our members. All students are welcome, so keep an eye out for tickets in January.

Our various sports clubs and student societies host fantastic fundraisers, showcase events and socials throughout the term too!

All of these events are listed on our website via Native, our ticketing platform, alongside all of our own events plus some hosted by University services.

We'll keep you up to date with everything that is happening online at

[napierstudents.com](https://www.napierstudents.com)

and on our social media channels, so be sure to follow

**@napierstudents!**





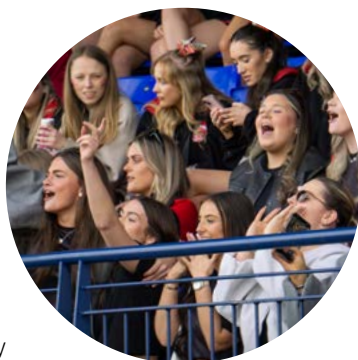
## Key event dates through the term

<b>6-14 September</b>	• Welcome Week
<b>15-19 September</b>	• Settle In Week
<b>October</b>	• Spooky Season
<b>5-7 November</b>	• Napier Student Film Festival
<b>24 Nov - 12 Dec</b>	• Festive Events
<b>19-25 January</b>	• Welcome Back Week
<b>30 January</b>	• UNIFORCE Awards Ceremony
<b>February</b>	• Feel Fab Feb
<b>9-13 March</b>	• Student Elections
<b>16-19 March</b>	• Sustainability Week
<b>TBC March</b>	• Varsity (Napier v QMU)
<b>27 March</b>	• ENSA Societies & Sports Ball
<b>27 May</b>	• ENSA Excellence Awards Ceremony

## SPACES FOR EVENTS

Our partnerships with EUSA at Potterrow and The Three Sisters gives Napier students access to events at these venues with special discounts, plus options for venue hire.

Find out more on page 4!





# Campaigns

*Your voice. Your cause. Your impact.*

ENSA leads student campaigns within the university and local community on issues affecting students. Wellbeing is always a focus, especially during Feel Fab Feb, which sees a whole host of wellbeing events during the month of February.

Our Student Mental Health Agreement outlines our commitment to your mental wellbeing, in conjunction with the University's Wellbeing Team.

We also join national campaigns as part of the National Union of Students (NUS) on issues affecting students across the UK, such as the cost-of-living crisis, and the lack of affordable housing for students.

Napier students voted last March to stay affiliated with NUS UK. You can find more about them at [www.nus.org.uk](http://www.nus.org.uk).

It's only by caring enough to take a stand on issues that we can, together, create change, win improvements and make a difference. Even if it is just by filling in a survey or liking and sharing our posts on social media to help raise awareness of issues!





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