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Introduction to ENSA



Who we are and what we do for students

We are Edinburgh Napier Students' Association - ENSA for short - and we are your official students' union. Our mission is simple: to help you make the absolute most of your time at university.

As a registered charity, everything we do is driven by a commitment to represent and support you. Any profit we make from our events is reinvested directly back into improving your student experience.

This booklet is designed to give you a quick summary of all our services. For more details on everything we have to offer you, be sure to visit our website at www.napierstudents.com!

We want your time at Edinburgh Napier University to be unforgettable. Don't just go to class - get involved in everything student life has to offer and create lasting memories, friendships and experiences!



Our Spaces



Where to find ENSA and our social spaces

ENSA's Main Office

Our main office is at B34 Merchiston Campus. This is where you can find your elected Student Co-Presidents, along with the rest of our staff team, who support our Reps, volunteers, sports clubs and societies.

Advice Team

We have advice offices at Merchiston (B34), Craiglockhart (1/48) and Sighthill (1.C.30). See page 5 for details.

Our Campus Social Spaces

We have a couple of locations on-campus that we use for activities: The **Upper Apex Cafe** (upstairs at the Espresso Lab) at Merchiston and the **ENSA Hangout** (0.D.09) at Sighthill. Students are welcome to use these spaces between classes. You'll find some board games and a "wee free library."



Potterrow, Teviot and The Pleasance

We have a partnership with Edinburgh Uni Students' Association (EUSA), which allows you to use the union facilities at Potterrow and Teviot (Bristo Square), plus The Pleasance. You can attend EUSA's events, access student prices, and even hire their venues!



The Three Sisters

The Three Sisters (Cowgate) is our sponsor bar, offering Edinburgh Napier students deals on food and drink, daily events, and free venue hire.



Advice Service



Independent, impartial, confidential and free

ENSA offers free advice to Edinburgh Napier students on a range of academic and welfare 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 on your course, with University staff, or anything else relating to your degree. The service is also completely confidential, and the team will not share any information without your consent.

WE CAN HELP YOU 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

In-person, phone, and MS Teams appointments are available.

The Student Co-Presidents

Your elected full-time officers for session 26/27

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 jobs.

Elections for these posts are held annually in the Spring. All Edinburgh Napier students are entitled to both vote and run for office in the Student Elections.



Emeka Orji



President Societies & Community 26/27

Hello everyone, I am an MSc Business Management student at The Business School and the newly elected ENSA President.

Leadership, for me, is a call to serve rather than a title or position. Through my time as a Programme Rep for MSc Business Management, and as a member of the Student Council, I have contributed to addressing student issues and improving the experience of students on my programme.

These roles gave me first-hand experience of leadership, representation, and the importance of listening to students and acting on what matters most.

In this new academic year, I aim to build on these foundations and strengthen support, inclusion, and student voice across the board.

MY KEY AIMS FOR THE YEAR:

- Advocate for affordable student housing through campaigns that raise awareness of the guarantor scheme, renting rights, and safety.
- Strengthen the global student voice through alumni workshops and seminars that offer mentorship, career guidance, and support.
- Improve collaboration across societies and communities through events and social media campaigns.
- Training sessions on academic integrity and responsible AI use within the context of University policies and module guidelines.

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Austen Brunton

Co-President Sport & Wellbeing 26/27



Having completed four years at Edinburgh Napier studying Music, I am proud to be serving a second term as Co-President for Sport & Wellbeing after being re-elected.

Sport has played a huge role in my time here. I spent four years with the Men's Hockey Club, giving me first-hand experience of the opportunities and challenges faced by student sports clubs today.

During my first year in office, sports memberships increased by 14%, alongside improvements in both participation and performance in British Universities & Colleges Sport (BUCS) competitions.

I have also worked to strengthen relationships between our clubs, the University, alumni, and external partners, to create new opportunities for students.

MY KEY AIMS FOR THE YEAR:

- Support implementation of the University's Sport Strategy.
- Improve access to facilities and opportunities for all students.
- Develop and support student leaders, volunteers, and sports committees.
- Help sports clubs grow through increased visibility, sponsorship, and partnerships.
- Strengthen wellbeing initiatives and build on the success of campaigns such as Movember.
- Continue to promote mental and physical wellbeing.

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Co-President Education & Employability 26/27



Hello, I'm Blessing and I'm serving as Co-President Education & Employability. I hold a Masters in International Business Management, and bring experience as a Programme Representative, International Student Ambassador, Student Council Member, and Uniforce Awardee.

As a Programme Representative, I worked to support students both academically and personally, and I also took part in the University's Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review, which was a success. I'm ready to hit the ground running for you this year.

My research has shown that a strong link between education and employability is a proven model for securing graduate settlements, and I'm working to bring that model to life here at Edinburgh Napier.

MY KEY AIMS FOR THE YEAR:

- Closing the gap between education and employability, so every degree at Edinburgh Napier translates into a real, tangible opportunity.
- Build a more connected Napier, ensuring that all students feel included, regardless of campus or course.
- Support the student experience beyond the classroom.
- Stand firmly in your corner, representing you with everything I've got, so that every voice is heard and every concern gets a response.



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Principal's Welcome

Prof. 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.

Our student communities are vibrant and diverse, offering a great opportunity to make friends, socialise, have fun and develop new skills. Most of our clubs and societies welcome complete beginners who want to try something new, but you can also represent the University in national sports leagues and competitions too.

Check out napierstudents.com 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 or societies@napierstudents.com for info on how to get started.



How to join a sports club or society

Browse the A-Z directories of everything we offer on our website. You'll find group descriptions, membership prices, contact details and social media links.

Get in touch with the club/society you are keen on via their email or social media link. Introduce yourself, and find out about meeting times. Many offer free taster sessions at the start of term. These let you meet the students who run the groups and try their activities before committing to a membership.

Some of the clubs may have trial sessions for their competitive squads. These are usually held in September.

Typical memberships last for a full academic year, from September to June. However, many 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 the membership(s) for your chosen clubs or societies. You can join as many as you like! Don't forget to include the "ENSA Sports Affiliation Fee" or "ENSA Societies Affiliation Fee" too.



**Check out the
A-Z directory
of societies
at Napier.**



**Check out the
A-Z directory
of sports clubs
at Napier.**



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 class size, usually two or three students to be Reps.

These Reps gather feedback from their classmates, 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 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 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 that create positive change for students.

Student Council is open to all students. It is also the place to lobby the University for change by speaking directly to senior leadership staff, like the Principal.

Those who attend at least three Student Council meetings over the academic year will receive official recognition from ENSA and Edinburgh Napier University on their transcript. Great for impressing future employers!

If you would like to have your voice heard, help make change happen, lobby University leadership, and gain skills and experience, then come along to the first Council meeting in October! All Edinburgh Napier students are welcome to attend.



Events and Activities



From fun to formal, your calendar is 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.



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

Our various sports clubs and societies host their own fantastic fundraisers, showcase events and socials throughout the term too! All of these events are listed on our website at napierstudents.com via Native, our ticketing platform.

We'll also keep you up to date with everything that is happening on our social media channels, so be sure to follow @napierstudents!





Key event dates through the term

5-13 Sept	● Welcome Week
14-30 Sept	● Safe & Settled Campaign
17 Sept	● Blood Donations Drive
TBC October	● International Festival
19-31 Oct	● Spooky Season
10-11 Nov	● Napier Student Film Festival
19 Nov - 11 Dec	● Festive Events
16-24 Jan	● January Welcome Week
February	● Feel Fab Feb
1-4 Mar	● Student Elections
TBC March	● Varsity (Napier v QMU)
TBC March	● ENSA Societies Ball
2 April	● ENSA Sports Ball
TBC May	● Excellence Awards Ceremony
19 Jun	● Edinburgh Pride



SPACES FOR EVENTS

Our partnerships with EUSA at Potterrow and The Three Sisters give Napier students access to events at these venues, plus options to hire rooms for socials.

Find out more on page 4!





Campaigns



Your voice. Your cause. Your impact.

ENSA leads 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 throughout February.

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, sustainability, and the lack of affordable housing for students. You can find more about NUS at 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, donating items to our campus Swap Shops, or liking and sharing our posts on social media to help raise awareness of issues!

Want to suggest a campaign, raise an issue and get involved? Join our Student Council (see page 15) or email ensa@napier.ac.uk.





**Take what you need and
donate what you can at
ENSA's Swap Shops!**

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and 1/48 Craiglockhart.



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