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WELCOME WEEK EVENTS GUIDE

6-14 SEPT 2025



« OVER 40 EVENTS! »

The official Welcome Week events for
Edinburgh Napier University students

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Welcome Week 2025

Edinburgh Napier Welcome Week is organised by ENSA [your students' union] and it is packed full of awesome activities for all new and returning students.

It's not just for first years!

It is a great chance to explore the city, settle in to Uni life, make new friends and have a whole lot of fun! There's a wide range of events, with something for everyone, so read on to find out what we have in store over the 9 days!

Follow us on Social Media

Follow Edinburgh Napier Students' Association [ENSA] on Instagram, Facebook and Tik Tok to stay informed about Welcome Week and beyond:

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

You'll also get regular updates throughout the year about events, sports, societies, campaigns, advice and other student news.



Booking Tickets

Tickets for all of the Edinburgh Napier Welcome Week events are available at napierstudents.com/welcome. We will also post updates on the weather dependent events here.

Please note that for the age-restricted events you will need to show proof of age [passport or driving licence] on the door of the venue.

Visit the link or scan the QR Code to book your tickets now!



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TICKETS,
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Be wary of any social media

or Whatsapp chat groups selling "Edinburgh Napier Freshers" wristbands or tickets. We do not use the term "Freshers" for our events. All of the official events will be listed on our website at:

napierstudents.com/welcome

EVENT TYPE KEY



= non-alcohol event



= over 18s only, bring proof of age



= great for international students



= recommended/key event

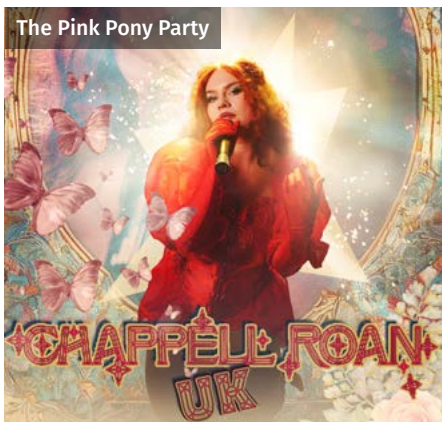


= weather dependent event

Quiz Night



The Pink Pony Party



SATURDAY 6 SEPT

1ST YEARS' SPEED FRIENDING

5pm-6pm @ The Three Sisters (upstairs), 139 Cowgate, EH1 1JS.

Speed friending is an "icebreaker" social event where you get the opportunity to introduce yourself to different people while a timer goes down. Similar to "speed dating", only with the goal to find new pals rather than someone to date.

Free event - ticket required.

Open to all.

NAPIER QUIZ NIGHT

6pm-8pm @ The Three Sisters (Live Room), 139 Cowgate, EH1 1JS.

Come with your flat/classmates, club or society, or alone to join a team! Expect fun questions and awesome prizes as you test your knowledge on all things Napier and beyond.

Free event - ticket required.

Open to all.

THE PINK PONY PARTY

10pm-3am @ Hangar 5, Potterrow, Bristo Square, EH8 9AL.

Get ready to skrrt into a pop icon spectacular! Join us for an unforgettable Chappell Roan Tribute Night - expect a fierce evening of empowerment, epic vocals, and non-stop bops that'll keep you dancing 'til the stars come out.

Tickets £8. Open to all.

ID required to purchase alcohol.

SUNDAY 7 SEPT

SIP & STROLL: EDINBURGH COFFEE TRAIL

Starts 2pm. Meet at Knoops, 106 George St, EH2 3HT.

We're kicking things off at Knoops with a warm cup in hand, then heading on a guided wander through the city centre's iconic sights while stopping at 2 other popular cafes. Duration around 2 hours.

This walk is free, but you will need to pay for whatever drinks/snacks you choose to buy along the way.

**Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.**



RESIDENCES SOCIAL

**7pm-9pm @ Bainfield Accommodation
Common Room, Bainfield Drive, EH11 1AR.**

If you're staying at any Napier residences, this event is for you! We will start the social with some fun and speedy intros before we play boardgames and eat free pizza. If you want, you can bring your own drinks too.

Come with your flatmates or alone, this event is perfect for making new friends!

**Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.**



Residences Social



Hangar 5 at Potterrow



WELCOME PARTY

**10pm-3am @ Hangar 5, Potterrow,
Bristo Square, EH8 9AL.**

Celebrate Welcome Week with our throwback club night, packed with all the bangers from the 2000's. Think Rihanna, Timbaland, Avril, and plenty of neon. No judgement, just vibes.

It's the ultimate throwback to your childhood soundtrack - let's make your night unforgettable!

All Napier students are welcome. Guests are allowed if tickets are purchased together by a Napier student.

**Tickets £3 early bird, £6 second release,
£9 final release/on the door (subject to
availability). Open to all.
ID required to purchase alcohol.**



MONDAY 8 SEPT

SIGHTHILL SPEED FRIENDING

11am-12pm @ ENSA Hangout [O.D.09], Sighthill Campus, EH11 4BN.

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*Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.*



POSTGRAD SPEED FRIENDING

12pm-1pm @ Room 1/10, Craiglockhart Campus, EH14 1DJ.

See description above.

*Free event - ticket required.
Postgrads and mature students (21+) only.*



PAINT AND PICNIC

2pm-3pm @ Sighthill Campus, EH11 4BN.

Grab your own blanket and snacks, and come along to a relaxing Paint and Picnic event - no experience required! Canvases, paint, and paintbrushes will be provided.

*Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.*



NSFF FILM SCREENINGS

3:30pm-5:30pm @ B2 Lecture Theatre, Merchiston Campus, EH10 5DT.

We'll be screening a selection of standout short films from the 2024 Napier Student Film Festival (NSFF), created by talented student filmmakers from Napier and around the world. Free popcorn provided.

*Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.*



WORLD OF ILLUSIONS

4:45pm @ Camera Obscura, 549 Castlehill, The Royal Mile, EH1 2ND.

Join us for an exciting group visit to Camera Obscura & The World of Illusions, where optical illusions and mind-bending experiences await.

Explore five floors of interactive exhibits, trick mirrors, and hands-on optical fun, with the chance to take in breathtaking panoramic views of Edinburgh.

*£19.95 - ticket required.
Open to all.*



World of Illusions

> MONDAY CONTINUED

SIP & PAINT

7pm-9pm @ The Three Sisters
[Live Room], 139 Cowgate, EH1 1JS.

Get creative while having a drink! Whether you're an aspiring artist or just looking to unwind and meet other students, this event promises a chill evening of fun.

Canvases, paint, and paintbrushes will be provided as long as supplies last, so get your ticket to secure your supplies.

Free event - ticket required.
Over 18s only.

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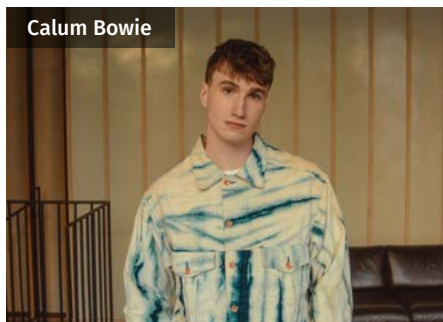
CALUM BOWIE LIVE

8pm-12am @ Hangar 5, Potterrow, Bristo
Square, EH8 9AL.

Fresh off the TRNSMT stage and riding high on his biggest year yet, Calum Bowie's viral tunes, heartfelt lyrics, and voice will have you texting your ex (don't do it).

Expect big bangers, belting sing-alongs, and a night you'll be talking about all year.

Tickets £18. Open to all.
ID required to purchase alcohol.



TUESDAY 9 SEPT

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' PICNIC

12pm-2pm @ Craiglockhart Campus
Lawn, EH14 1DJ.

An afternoon of food, fun, and new faces from around the world! Bring your favourite snack, dish, or dessert to share, and come ready to swap stories, recipes, and laughter.

Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.



MEET THE CHAPLAINS

1pm-2:30pm @ Upper Apex Cafe,
Merchiston Campus, EH10 5DT.

An opportunity for those of all faiths and none to meet with some of Napier's Chaplains and find out more about the Chaplaincy Service. Free Lunch included!

Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.



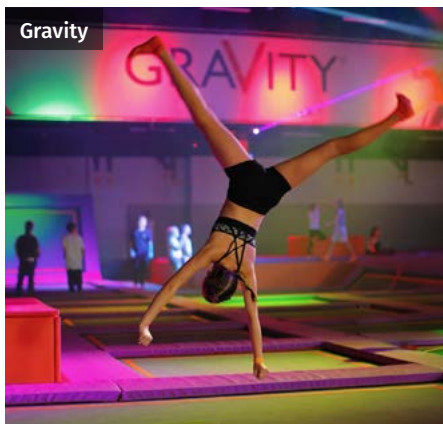
MERCHISTON SPEED FRIENDING

3pm-4pm @ Upper Apex Cafe,
Merchiston Campus, EH10 5DT.

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Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.





> TUESDAY CONTINUED

TRAMPOLINING

4:15pm @ Gravity, Fountain Park, 130 Dundee Street, EH11 1AF.

A 1-hour jump session, where you can bounce, flip, and get some exercise on the wall-to-wall trampolines. It's a great way to take a break from Induction and have some fun with your friends.

Tickets £11.95. Open to all.



SPEED FRIENDING

6pm-7pm @ The Three Sisters (Upstairs), 139 Cowgate, EH1 1JS.

Speed friending is an "icebreaker" social event where you get the opportunity to introduce yourself to different people while a timer goes down. Similar to "speed dating", only with the goal to find new pals rather than someone to date.

**Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.**

PIZZA & BOARDGAMES

7pm-9pm @ The Three Sisters (upstairs), 139 Cowgate, EH11 1JS.

Play your favourite board games while enjoying some free pizza! We will have various board games and card games available.

**Free event - ticket required.
Over 18s only.**

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CEILIDH DANCING

8pm-9:30pm @ Hangar 5, Potterrow, Bristo Square, EH8 9AL.

Step into the lively world of Scottish tradition and join us for workshop filled with spirited music, energetic dancing, and the warmth of genuine Scottish hospitality.

Tickets £6. Open to all.



WEDNESDAY 10 SEPT

WELCOME FEST

1pm-4pm @ Craiglockhart Campus grounds, Colinton Road, EH14 1DJ.

Join us for a fun afternoon on campus featuring carnival games, inflatables, a petting zoo, free candy floss and popcorn, plus more!

Free event. Open to all.



TRAITORS GAME

4pm-6pm @ The Chapel, Craiglockhart Campus, Colinton Road, EH14 1DJ.

Trust no one. Join us for a afternoon of secrets, sabotage, and suspicion at our Traitors-style game experience.

You'll work together, lie through your teeth, and try to root out the traitors hiding among you. No experience needed - just bring your best poker face.

*Free - ticket required.
Open to all.*



AN EVENING AT BOOK LOVERS

Open 6:30pm-8pm @ Book Lovers, 6 Melville Terrace, EH9 1ND.

Drop by for a cosy late-night shopping evening at Book Lovers — the ultimate haven for romance readers! Sip some wine, enjoy tasty nibbles, chat with fellow book lovers and browse the dreamy shelves at your own pace.

*Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.*



Bongo's Bingo



BONGO'S BINGO

7pm-11pm @ Edinburgh Corn Exchange, 11 New Market Road, EH14 1RJ.

We're talking bingo like you've NEVER seen before - confetti showers, rave intervals, dance-offs, crowd karaoke, as well as CASH PRIZES, just in case that student loan isn't quite cutting it.

Throw on something sparkly, and prepare to party like you've already graduated. BINGO. PARTY. MAYHEM.

Tickets £10. Over 18s only.

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ROLLER DISCO

8pm and 8:30pm @ Hangar 5, Potterrow, Bristo Square, EH8 9AL.

Roll your way to the dancefloor. It's time to feel the 00s again (minus the dodgy WiFi). We're talking TRL vibes, NSYNC moves, and Mean Girls grooves - all on wheels. 30 minute session.

Tickets £6. Open to all.

THURSDAY 11 SEPT

WELCOME FAIR

**10am-3pm @ Edinburgh Corn Exchange,
11 New Market Road, EH14 1RJ.**

Don't miss Scotland's biggest student fair. With over 100 stalls, you'll discover exclusive deals and receive loads of freebies while getting a taste of all the amazing things Uni life has to offer. An unmissable event for all students!

This is also a chance to explore Edinburgh Napier's sports clubs and societies, chat to the students that run them and learn about how to get involved.

Free shuttle buses will be running from Bainfield, Slateford and all three campuses.

Quiet/Accessible Hour: 10am-11am.

During this hour there will be limited capacity, staff available to provide support and no music. Pre-book a free ticket online to guarantee entry during this hour.

Free event. Open to all.



Welcome Fair

Napier Pub Crawl



NAPIER PUB CRAWL

**Various times from 5:30pm @ Potterrow,
Bristo Square, EH8 9AL.**

Enjoy a tour of some of the best bars in Edinburgh. Groups leave every 30 minutes. Last group leaves at around 8:30pm. Pre-booking recommended.

Your ticket includes a complimentary pint of beer, cider, or soft drink, a free shot, entry to the after-party at Cabaret Voltaire, and a cap to commemorate this unforgettable night.

£10 early bird / £15.

*£12 for sports/societies members.
Over 18s only.*



ICONS NIGHT

**10pm-3am @ Cabaret Voltaire, Blair
Street, EH1 1QR.**

The ultimate party celebrating pop culture legends and main-character energy. Expect wall-to-wall bangers from ABBA to Gaga and everything iconic in between. Dress as your fave icon or just come looking iconic - prizes for the best look!

*Tickets £6 [or free with a Pub
Crawl ticket]. Over 18s only.*

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FRIDAY 12 SEPT

CULTURE CRAWL

10:30am. Meet at The National Gallery, The Mound, EH2 2EL.

We will be starting at the National Gallery, then exploring the Fruitmarket Gallery and the National Museum, with a stop at Black Medicine for coffee along the way! Perfect for art lovers, history buffs, or anyone curious about Edinburgh's cultural gems. Duration approximately 3 hours.

*Free - ticket required.
Open to all.*



MERCHIFEST

12pm-3pm @ Merchiston Campus, Colinton Road, EH10 5DT

Come along for a fun afternoon on campus. With games, a battle of the bands, a quiz, food, free popcorn and candy floss.

Free - no ticket required. Open to all.



PUPPY YOGA

2pm, 2:45pm and 3:30pm @ Eric Liddell Centre, 15 Morningside Road, EH10 4DP.

Prepare for a 'pawsome' and heart-warming puppy yoga session with Puppy Yoga Scotland! Enjoy 30 minutes of puppy cuddles, yoga poses and relaxation techniques.

£16 - ticket required. Open to all.



SPORTS & SOCIETIES QUIZ NIGHT

7pm-9pm @ Potterrow Box Bar, Bristo Square, EH8 9AL.

Think you've got the brains and the banter? Round up your society or sports club pals, come up with a funny team name, and show us what you've got. Prizes up for grabs!

This event is sponsored by the Edinburgh Napier Alumni Team. Your Quiz hosts are Goose's Quizzes, Scotland's premier quiz company, founded by Edinburgh Napier alumnus Andrew "Goose" Wildgoose.

*Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.*

SATURDAY 13 SEPT

HIGHLAND GAMES

Meet 8:15am @ Merchiston Campus.

Coach returns for around 6pm.

Join us for a day trip to Pitlochry, 70 miles north of Edinburgh. Expect a day filled with traditional Scottish festivities, a huge bagpipe and drums parade, sports competitions like 'tossing the caber', Highland dancing, and traditional food!

This is always a popular event with international students, so book ahead to avoid missing out on this uniquely Scottish experience!

£25 (includes travel + entry).

Ticket required. Open to all.



MURDER MYSTERY SCAVENGER HUNT

Every 15 mins from 11am-1pm. Meet at the bottom of Cockburn Street, EH1 1BL.

Embark on an exciting 3-hour adventure through the historic streets of Old Town Edinburgh in groups of 4-8. Follow the clues and immerse yourselves in a thrilling quest to unravel the mystery and claim the title of Napier's ultimate detectives!

Free event - ticket required.

Open to all.



QUEER CRAWL

11am. Meet outside Potterrow, Bristol Square, EH8 9AL.

Explore Edinburgh's LGBTQ+ spaces on a relaxed morning walk. We'll start at Lighthouse Bookshop, wander through the Meadows, and end with a coffee or lunch at a café.

This event is a welcoming and safe space for students of all identities - come as you are and connect with others in a friendly setting. Duration around 2.5 hours.

Free - ticket required. Open to all.



ARTHUR'S SEAT WALK

2pm. Meet in front of Scottish Parliament, Horse Wynd, EH99 1SP.

Enjoy some fresh air and stunning views. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or just starting out, this walk is suitable for most fitness levels. We'll take it at a comfortable pace and take breaks during steeper inclines. Don't forget to wear comfortable shoes and bring a water bottle! Duration around 2 hours.

Free event - ticket required.

Open to all.



> SATURDAY CONTINUED

POTTERY PAINTING

4pm-6pm @ Doodles, 27-29 Marchmont Crescent, EH9 1HQ.

Join us for a relaxing and fun-filled afternoon where you can unleash your creativity, paint your own pottery and create unique masterpieces.

You'll need to pay for the items you choose to paint. Prices vary depending on the pieces you select, mostly between £10-£30. All materials and guidance will be provided, so just bring your imagination!

Free event - ticket required.

Open to all.



DRAG SIP & PAINT

7:30pm-10pm @ Potterrow Box Bar, Bristo Square, EH8 9AL.

Unleash your inner artist and get ready for a fabulous night of color and creativity!

Join us for an unforgettable evening where art meets entertainment, hosted by the dazzling and hilarious Drag Queen, Lacy Rain!

Whether you're a seasoned painter or just in it for the fun, you'll be provided with everything you need to create your own masterpiece - including a canvas, paints, brushes, and plenty of inspiration.

£3.50 - ticket required.

Open to all.



HACKER T DOG & KATIE THISTLETON

10pm-3am @ Hangar 5, Potterrow, 5/2 Bristo Square, EH8 9AL.

This isn't your average DJ set. CBBC Icon Hacker T Dog teams up with BBC Radio 1's Katie Thistleton for a high-energy throw-back rave that will have you screaming the Blue Peter theme at 1am like your life depends on it.

Tickets £8. Open to all.

ID required to buy alcohol.



SUNDAY 14 SEPT

POSTGRAD & MATURE STUDENTS' BRUNCH

11am @ The Chanter, 30-32 Bread Street, EH3 9AF.

Take a break from the reading lists and join us for a relaxed morning brunch. Tickets free but you'll need to pay for whatever food/drinks you order. Student discounts available, including £3.50 drinks.

*Free event - ticket required.
Over 21s only.*

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MURDER MYSTERY SCAVENGER HUNT

Every 15 mins from 11am-1pm. Meet at the bottom of Cockburn Street, EH1 1BL.

See description on page 11.

*Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.*



POTTERY PAINTING

3pm-5pm @ Doodles, 27-29 Marchmont Crescent, EH9 1HQ.

See description on page 12.

*Free event - ticket required.
Open to all.*



SCOTCH WHISKY TOUR

3:40pm @ Scotch Whisky Experience, 354 Castlehill, EH1 2NE.

You'll be taken on a fascinating journey through the history, craft, and culture of Scotland's most iconic export — from the story of whisky-making to the stunning collection of rare bottles. You'll even learn how to tell the difference between regional flavours and enjoy a dram [or a soft drink if you prefer]. Duration 1 hour.

*£20.30 - ticket required.
Open to all.*



FAYRE PLAY

7pm-8:30pm @ Fayre Play, 14 Picardy Place, EH1 3JT.

Immerse yourself in a world of nine exhilarating funfair games that will transport you back to your fondest childhood memories. This special offer ticket includes 2 rounds of the full set of games and 1 drink [includes cocktails].

*£14.95 - ticket required.
Over 18s only.*

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POTTERROW EVENTS

Events at Potterrow are held in conjunction with our partners at Edinburgh University Students' Association [EUSA].

Napier students can attend any EUSA Welcome Week event - their full programme can be found at:
www.eusa.link/WelcomeWeek2025

Settle In Week



Hot on the heels of Welcome Week comes Settle Week, a series of events themed around helping you to settle in to student life.

MONDAY 15 SEPT

Book and Clothes Swap: 12pm-2pm, Sighthill Foyer

Meet Your Presidents: 12pm-2pm, Sighthill Foyer

TUESDAY 16 SEPT

Book and Clothes Swap: 12pm-2pm, Craiglockhart Foyer

Meet Your Presidents: 12pm-2pm, Craiglockhart Foyer

Surf Trip to Lost Shores: 11am-3:30pm. £35 + optional transport from Merchiston (£8).

Walk with the Wellbeing & Inclusion Team: 3-5pm @ Craiglockhart Campus

WEDNESDAY 17 SEPT

Part-Time Jobs & Volunteering Fair: 1pm-4pm, Craiglockhart Foyer

Yoga & Mindfulness with Tiny Changes: 2:30pm-4:30pm, Craiglockhart Room 1/10

THURSDAY 18 SEPT

Book and Clothes Swap: 12pm-2pm, Merchiston Foyer

Meet Your Presidents: 12pm-2pm, Merchiston Foyer

Advice Drop-In: 2pm-3pm, Craiglockhart Foyer

SPORTS & SOCIETIES TASTER SESSIONS

Interested in joining any sports clubs or societies? Look out for free taster sessions starting in Settle Week. Get more info online:

www.napierstudents.com/tasters





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Edinburgh, EH14 1RJ

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THURS 11 SEPTEMBER

10AM-3PM @ EDINBURGH CORN EXCHANGE

Massive event featuring over 100 stalls with useful info,
sports, societies, games, food, music, student discounts
and freebies galore!



FREE ENTRY

All students welcome!

FREE BUSES

See website for details