



# IMPACT REPORT

SESSION 2024-2025

**ENSA** - helping you to make the most of your student experience

# ELECTED OFFICERS



## EVANS EGHAN

**ENSA PRESIDENT  
FOR SOCIETIES AND  
COMMUNITY**

I've had an incredible year serving as ENSA President. I founded the Napier Student Film Festival to showcase student creativity in film-making, and launched ENU Global Horizons to celebrate the diversity of our international student community. I initiated the International Student Support Scheme to mobilise resources for international students and collaborated with fellow sabbatical officers to shape the new Edinburgh Housing Strategy.

I led efforts advocating for Edinburgh Napier to act as a guarantor for international students, enhanced the Residence Experience through the President's Flat Visit, and spearheaded advocacy for a new Wi-Fi provider across accommodations.



## RYAN CAIRNS

**ENSA CO-PRESIDENT  
FOR SPORT AND  
WELLBEING**

As my time as Sports President comes to an end, I'm incredibly proud of the progress we've made in growing participation, visibility, and support for sport at Edinburgh Napier. This year, we've united our clubs under a strong Napier identity, creating a real sense of community and belonging. Over 1,200 students are now actively involved in sport, and we've made important strides in pushing for better support and funding for our clubs.

The launch of the Edinburgh Napier Sports Committee has laid the groundwork for long-term strategic development. It's been a privilege to lead this journey, and I'm confident the work done this year will have lasting impact.



## CHIKA MARVIS

**ENSA CO-PRESIDENT  
FOR EDUCATION AND  
EMPLOYABILITY**

In my role I have advanced student representation, support, and skill development at the University. Key achievements include launching ENSA Support Stalls across three campuses to provide resources and foster community. I created the Napier Project Management initiative, where 30 finalists completed sustainability projects over 8 weeks, leading to employment pathways. Tuition payment plans were extended from 6 to 10 months, easing financial strain.

Supported by a £3000 QAA grant, I collaborated on projects to address learner needs and lead a national initiative on assessment reform. I am also facilitating the creation of 5 paid School Officer roles, to foster academic community and representation.

# STATS AT A GLANCE

THE YEAR IN NUMBERS  
(JULY 2024 - APRIL 2025)

29

SPORTS CLUBS

47

STUDENT SOCIETIES

602

PROGRAMME REPS

39

WELCOME EVENTS

110

EVENTS IN TOTAL

588

ADVICE ENQUIRIES



363K

WEBSITE PAGE VIEWS



12.9K

FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS \*



2.3K

X/TWITTER FOLLOWERS \*



5.3K

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS \*

5.6K

STUDENT ELECTIONS VOTES

17.2%

VOTER TURNOUT \*\*

\* Total number of followers as of 16 April 2025

\*\* Based on eligible UK-based students

# SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

**Cup Success:** Men's Football, Men's Rugby and Women's Rugby all made it to the Conference Cup Finals. Men's Football won their game to lift the Cup after a 3-1 win over Aberdeen. Men's Football also did brilliantly to reach the final of the prestigious Queens Park Shield.

**BUCS League Winners:** American Football and Netball had fantastic seasons and won their respective divisions in the British Universities and Colleges Sports (BUCS) leagues. American Football reached the semi finals of the national playoffs for the first time.

**Varsity Cup Winners:** Napier retained the Varsity Cup with a brilliant 8-2 victory over Queen Margaret University. American Football also won their Varsity game against the University of Edinburgh.

**Trophy Success:** Dance picked up an amazing 22 trophies, and Athletics won 3 medals at their 1st Scottish Student Sport (SSS) Championship event. Cheerleading also picked up multiple medals, including two 1st place titles at the Scotcheer Nations Cup. Individual athletes also enjoyed medal success in Swimming, Judo, Karate and Weightlifting.



# FOCUS ON SOCIETIES

This year, ENSA supported the development of a number of brand new societies for 24/25, including Arab Society, Built Environment, Choir, Communist, Creative Arts, Creative Writing, Debate Club, Fiber Arts, Game Development, Investment, Social Sciences, and Ukranian Society.

- Over 20% increase on Societies membership
- Launched the Societies Volunteering Committee
- Islamic Association raised over £13k alongside other Islamic Societies during their charity week in partnership with Islamic Relief
- Nursing Society launched their “Nursing With a Disability Campaign”
- Techno held a successful charity fundraiser to support the fantastic work of local charity, Street Assist
- Drama, Musical Theatre and Orchestral Society all showcased the talents of their members with live shows



# ADVICE SERVICE

ENSA Advice offers a free, independent, impartial and confidential advice and guidance service for all Edinburgh Napier University students in matters related to education and welfare.

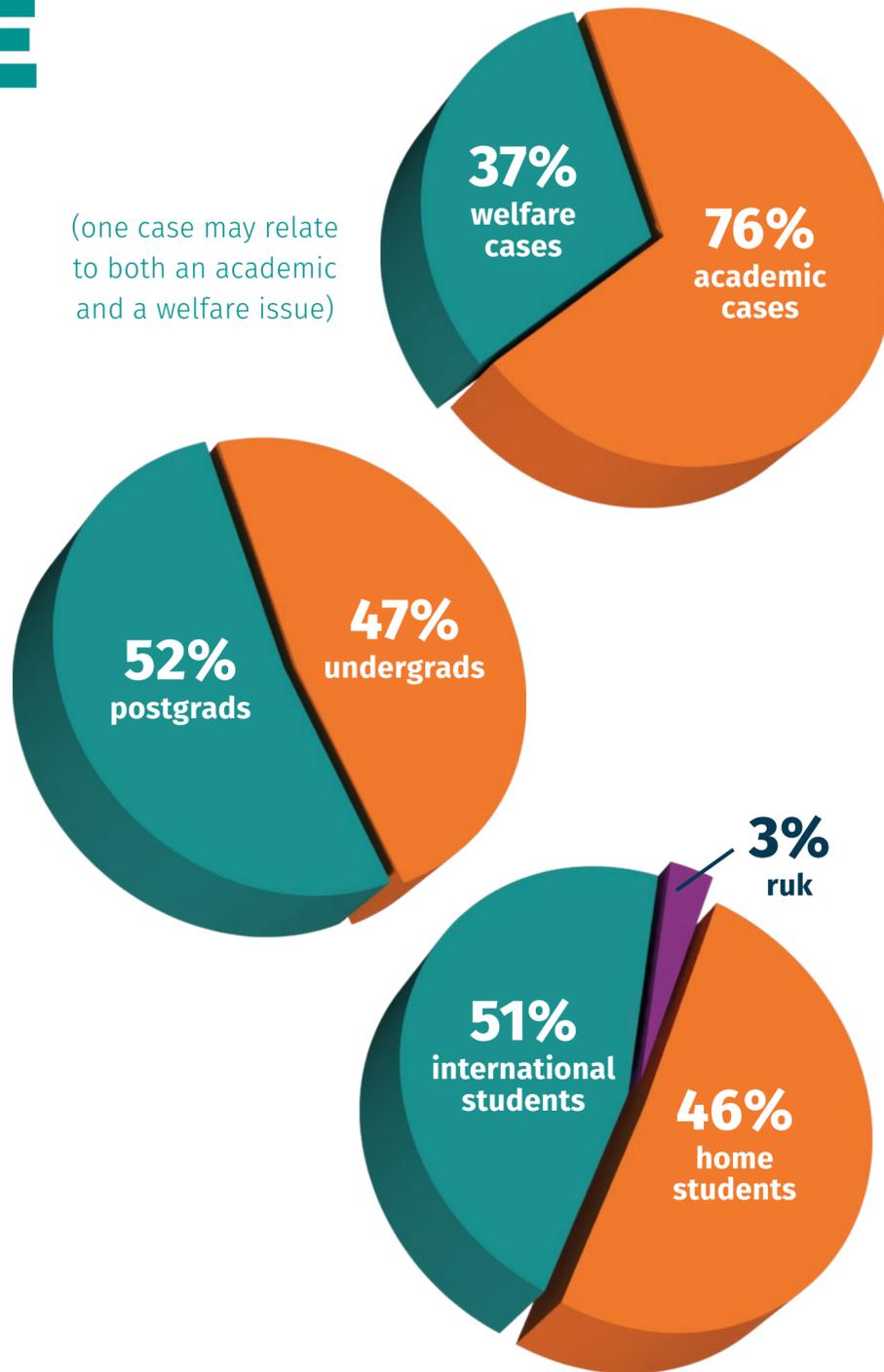
## “ What do students say about ENSA Advice? ”

“The Adviser was superb in providing advice and general support for the meeting.”

“ENSA Advice helps you to breakdown complicated problems and give suggestions to solve students’ problems effortlessly.”

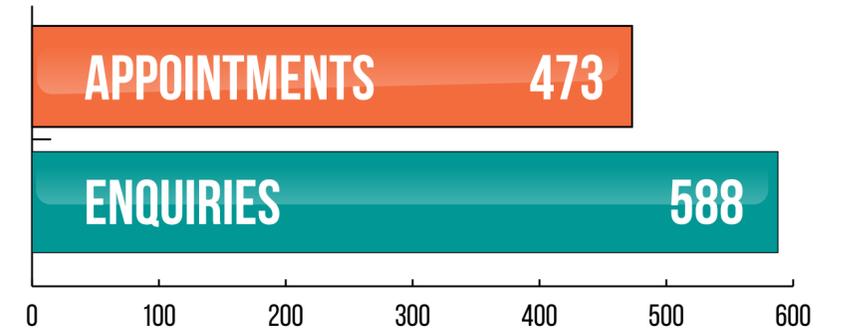
“My ENSA Adviser was really patient, helpful and knowledgeable.”

(one case may relate to both an academic and a welfare issue)



All stats from July 2023 - April 2024

## Number of students using the service



# 100%

of the students supported by ENSA Advice would recommend our service.

## Top three reasons students approached the Advice Team:

- 1 Money Issues
- 2 Academic Misconduct
- 3 Academic Appeals

# EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS

**Welcome Week:** 39 events were held in Welcome Week, with 69% being free, 74% being open to under 18s, and 59% held at non-alcohol venues. A total of 3,300 students attended the events, with an additional 2,400 attendees at the Welcome Fair. The Fair included a total of 140 exhibitors.

**Feel Fab Feb:** This year's Feel Fab Feb programme included 9 x ENSA events, 2 x Wellbeing & Inclusion, 2 x societies, and 1 x collaborative event between ENSA and Wellbeing & Inclusion, with a total attendance of 824 students.

**Varsity:** 10 sports clubs from Napier and QMU competed for the Varsity Cup at ENGAGE and Meggetland. Edinburgh Napier Cheer Squad also performed as half-time entertainment. This was followed by a Winners announcement and After Party at The Three Sisters, which was attended by approximately 250 students. It was a great day for Napier with an 8-2 win to retain the cup!

**Awards Ball:** The 2025 Awards Ball, held at the EICC, saw an increase in expected guests to 579, with a final attendance of 544 students and VIPs. Notable elements included VIP guests from the university and partner institutions, a drinks reception with a bagpiper and free drink, awards ceremony, 2 bands, and an after-party.

**Give It a Go:** 25 "Give It a Go" sessions were held between September and March, with 450 students attending the events across the year. Sessions included aromatherapy, lantern making, tote bag painting, gingerbread decorating, and pumpkin carving.

**Movember:** ENSA's Movember campaign saw clubs and societies unite to raise £9,270 for men's health, supporting causes like mental health, and prostate/testicular cancer awareness. Men's Rugby Club played a leading role, driving both fundraising and awareness.



# EVENTS AND CAMPAIGNS

## “ Events Feedback

“I got to meet new friends, got to know about my Uni, also got to know about Edinburgh and lastly I enjoyed the games and the giveaways.”

“The Welcome Fair and Carnival were really fun events because there was so much to see and do there.”

### Welcome Week Feedback Survey Responses

September 2024



### NEW INITIATIVES IN 2024/25:

Launched in October 2024, our new partnership with EUSA saw a successful trial of six evening events in their bar and club venues, helping us explore fresh opportunities for student engagement ahead of a full programme launch in September 2025.

Napier Costume Day brought Halloween spirit to all three campuses, encouraging students and staff to dress up, have some sweets, and celebrate together through a fun, community-wide event.

Our Festive Season events brought holiday cheer to all three campuses with tree light switch-ons, free hot chocolates, bauble decorating, and other seasonal activities that fostered community and celebration during the winter period.

A new partnership with Tiny Changes started this year, with three trial sessions being held during April. These included creative writing, music therapy, yoga and breathwork workshops.

# REPRESENTATION

## Elections 2025

We had a very successful Election Week in March this year with 9 candidates running for office and a voter turnout of 17.2% (compared with 13.4% in 2024). 5560 votes were cast in total.

Congratulations to the winners! They will take up their role on 1 July 2025.



President (Societies & Community)  
**Evan Eghan**



Co-President (Education & Employability)  
**Chika Marvis**



Co-President (Sport & Wellbeing)  
**Austen Brunton**

## Student Council

Our Student Council was redesigned from the ground up to better reflect the changing face of student representation and deliver more impact. Changing from a traditional, elected, and individual council to a community workshop-style approach, over 140 students attended Student Council across the year.

These students have helped to shape ENSA policy, and aided in making positive changes such as improving promotion and availability of student jobs, lobbying the university to address guarantor challenges for international students, and informing improvements to University Accommodation, Wellbeing & Inclusion and more.

## Rep Forums

This year over 600 students were registered as Programme Reps and they helped to deliver impactful feedback and improvements for the entire student community. We introduced new in-person training, refreshed our online offering, and created the first workshop to develop Rep skills for the role and beyond.

We also continued to host accessible and interactive Rep Forums across all campuses and online that brought together Reps to discuss their experiences and work with ENSA to create the changes to learning and teaching that students want to see.

# GOVERNANCE

As an independent registered charity, ENSA is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of six External Lay Directors, the three Sabbatical Officers and three Student Lay Directors.

## Our Student Lay Directors 2024/25:



### **ANASTASIA ASENGUAH**

*MSc Drug Design and  
Biomedical Science*

Anastasia is a member of the national committee for Student for Global Health, and a member of the London Model World Health Organisation organising committee. She enjoys spending her time coordinating projects and events to get more students interested in global and public health.



### **ASWIN PODIMON**

*BSc (Hons) Computer  
Science*

Aswin is an International Student from India and is in his 2nd year as a Lay Director. He decided to join the board after recognising it as a unique opportunity for growth and personal development coming right out of high school. He has experience as a Student Ambassador at the university.



### **DEEPA BHEEMAN**

*Master of Business  
Administration*

Deepa is an MBA candidate specialising in Strategic Project Management. She has experience in the banking sector at top US firms and has also served on the Education & Student Experience Committee, demonstrating her commitment to enhancing the student experience.

# FINANCE

The majority of our Income comes from Edinburgh Napier University. In 2023/24 we received a total of £616,500 and in this current financial year, 2024/25, our block grant is £641,083.

In addition to the funds received from the University, we generate a modest amount of commercial income through media sales and corporate sponsorships.

Any surplus goes towards our reserves to make us more resilient.

## Expenditure 2023/24

Advice	£101,602	15%
Central *	£215,930	31%
Communications	£62,243	9%
Democracy	£123,559	18%
Welcome Week & Social	£89,961	13%
Governance	£12,134	2%
Sports & Societies	£88,705	13%
Total	£694,134	100%
Surplus	£109,870	

*\*includes office staff, insurance, IT, etc*

# CEO'S SUMMARY OF SESSION 2024/25

This year I joined Edinburgh Napier Students' Association as Chief Executive Officer. I have been made to feel very welcome, and I have been impressed with the ENSA team and our students who have actively participated in our activities this year.

We had an interim plan this year and we have exceeded all our expectations. As I write this, we are formulating our new rolling Student Community Development Plan (which replaces the Strategic Plan) which we hope will enhance and improve the student experience in the future.

Along with a new Chair of the ENSA Board, a new Chair of Court, a new Principal, a revised University leadership team and a fantastic staff team at ENSA, there is a sense of renewal at the University.

This year Student Officers, staff and students have exceeded participation in sports clubs and societies, delivered 110 activities and events throughout the year, improved election turnout from 13.4% in 2024 to 17.2%, increased student reps to 602, increased views to our website and social media and you have doubled nominations to celebrate staff in the University to 600 this year.

Beyond the facts and figures, ENSA staff have improved ways to support and celebrate your activities and make sure we have a strong, meaningful student voice in the University.

My intention is to ensure we are truly making a significant impact at the University with the appropriate resource to do so. I want to build on the relationships that will ensure you get the best student experience. To do this we will enhance our

community spirit that will ensure advocates for Edinburgh Napier University beyond your time here.

I hope this report evidences the positive steps we have already taken, and I hope you will continue to participate and help to make Edinburgh Napier Students' Association the best we can be.



**Tony Foster**  
**ENSA Chief**  
**Executive Officer**