



## Hey, how's it going?

We're the Union of Students and we exist to represent you, help you, and provide you with opportunities to make your experience here the best it can be

We're run by students, for students. Literally. Five students help to run the whole organisation on behalf of the student body, they're supported by other students that work part-time on specific areas that we think are important to you.

They've all been in your shoes so know just what you need to make your time here unforgettable!

## Your officer trustees

We're run by students, and you pick who they are – every year we hold at least two elections to vote in students that will lead the Union forward for the next year

Any student can run for one of these positions, either taking a year out of their studies or running in their final year to start after they graduate. It's an amazing once in a lifetime experience but if you don't feel like running for a position; make sure you vote for who you want to represent you

## Need any help?

Our advice team are focused on helping any and every student whilst studying at Derby

We understand that students may encounter some difficulties, and no matter how big or small – we're here to help!

Book an appointment by calling 01332 591507 or through our website [derbyunion.co.uk/advice](http://derbyunion.co.uk/advice). We can help with a range of issues including:

Academic Offences	Academic Appeals
Complaints	Disciplinary
Grievances	Exceptional Extenuating Circumstances
Housing	C-Card (Free condoms, dams and lube)



## Questions and comments

The first port of call if you have any questions about the Union, want to speak to any of the Officers or book an appointment with our advice team is the Information Point at Kedleston Road

Info Point also offers a small range of services to make your life that little bit easier. These include: ring binding, laminating, ticket sales, room booking (for clubs and societies), and is where you can get your Totum (NUS Extra) discount card to save yourself loads of cash throughout the year.

### Not on site?

No problem; contact Info Point on 01332 591507 or email [info@derbyunion.co.uk](mailto:info@derbyunion.co.uk).

The five Officer Trustees that have been elected this year are these good looking people pictured below:



## Discounts and offers

You can buy a Totum card (formerly NUS Extra) from us

Your Totum card gives you access to 100s of national, and local, discounts at highstreet stores as well as online shops.

At only £12 for one year it's a great bargain! You can save even more with a two year (£23) or three year (£32) card.

Just visit our Info Point to buy one, or you can buy online – visit [nus.org.uk](http://nus.org.uk) for more info.





# You tell us what to do

This is your Union and we're run by our students, so you can tell us what you want to happen and we'll try our best to make it so

There's two great ways for you to make change at the University

## The ideas forum

Change starts with one thing – a great idea. If you're one of those people with a great idea then head to our website at [derbyunion.co.uk/ideas](http://derbyunion.co.uk/ideas) and let us know what it is! No idea is too big or too small. If other students like your idea then the Union will strive to make it happen for you.

## Academic representation

We work closely with the University and our officers and reps sit on almost all of the decision making groups in the University.

This means that, through our Academic Rep Scheme, if you want to change your course or something about the University then we can represent you and pass on your views to the people who make the decisions.

You can find the rep for your course, or find out how to become one on our website at [derbyunion.co.uk](http://derbyunion.co.uk).



# Our venues and shops

**Your Union of Students runs three venues and three shops providing you food, drinks, supplies, and some entertainment too!**

We have a shop at each of the Kedleston Road, Britannia Mill and Markeaton Street sites. Selling a range of food, drinks, convenience items, and clothing; we hope you'll have access to everything you need on site in between your lectures.

**Blends** is our Union coffee shop and offers everything from hot and cold drinks to breakfast, snacks, and sandwiches. Plus an amazing selection of cake, muffins and biscuits!

**The Academy** bar provides great food and drinks for that after-lecture breakfast, well-earned lunch or just a nice cold beer to wind down after your studies. Cheers!

**Bridge Street** is our in-town Blends, oddly enough found on Bridge Street – letting you enjoy our hospitality and great coffee even when you're off campus.



# Play for one of our teams

**The Union of Students activities team coordinates all of the competitive sports at the University and supports all of our teams**

Most of our clubs give you the opportunity to play sport competitively as well as socially. The British Universities and Colleges (BUCS) league allows many teams to compete against other institutions to gain points for the University. Last year we were placed amongst the top 40 institutions in the country!

We've got over 40 teams for you to get involved with and you can even set up something new if you think there are enough people interested. You can find a full list of our clubs on the [derbyunion.co.uk](http://derbyunion.co.uk) website.

# Socialise with our societies

**The Union of Students activities team also coordinates all of the social societies at the Union and supports their members**

We have a massive choice of almost 100 societies to get involved with – whether you're into Accounting, Medieval Reenactment, Poetry or eSports we've already got you covered. You can even start a new society for almost any interest.

Being part of a society is a great way to meet like-minded friends and have some downtime from your studies. You can find a full list of our societies on the [derbyunion.co.uk](http://derbyunion.co.uk) website.

