

Welcome to



NOTTINGHAM TRENT STUDENTS' UNION

Introduction

Nottingham Trent Students Union (NTSU) is an independent organisation that aims to represent all students currently attending Nottingham Trent University, and accommodate their needs during their time at Trent.

Our Mission

To involve, represent, develop and entertain Nottingham Trent students and to enhance their university experience.

Our Vision

In fulfilling our mission we will be a leading students' union in areas that matter to our members.

Our Values

- Democratic
- Representative
- Inclusive
- Transparent

In order to achieve our mission, we will do our utmost to:

- Be a Confident Voice for our Members
- Create Personal Development Opportunities
- Build a Safe, Inclusive Student Community
- Deliver High Quality Services
- Be a Well Governed Organisation

We are a highly multi-faceted organisation offering a broad ranges of services, opportunities and representation to all NTU students. Our operations are broken down into the following categories:

- Your Say
- Your Opportunities
- Your Support & Advice
- Your Events
- Your Spaces
- NTU Sport

Your Say

Student Council

At the core of the Students' Union are our Student Council, which comprises Executive Officers, Campus Liaison Officers and Student Officers.

We have six full-time sabbatical Executive Officers:

- President
- VP Activities
- VP Community
- VP Education
- VP Services
- VP Sport

We have Three Campus Liaison Officers:

- City Liaison
- Clifton Liaison
- Brackenhurst Liaison

These are part-time non-sabbatical roles held by current students who relay campus-specific issues to the full-time officers.

We also have eight Student Officers who each have a specific representation portfolio:

- BME Students' Officer
- Disabled Students' Officer
- Gender Equality Officer
- International Students' Officer
- LGBT Students' Officer
- Mature Students' Officer
- Parent Students' Officer
- Postgraduate Students' Officer

Again, these are part-time non-sabbatical roles held by current students who relay group-specific issues to the full-time officers. Student Officers also chair assemblies relating to the representation group.

All of the above roles are filled in our annual elections during the spring term. All NTU students are eligible to nominate themselves to stand for election and all NTU students are eligible to vote. Nominations open early in term two and voting takes place mid-March.

Course & School Reps

Course and School Reps act as a bridge between their coursemates and the Exec. Course Reps bring course-related issues to the attention of the Exec and relevant university staff with the aim of effecting change at a higher level. School Reps do the same on a school-wide level, representing their year of their School. Students in either of these roles are eligible for our Leadership Award.

Hall Reps

Hall Reps act as a bridge between their fellow residents and the Exec. Hall Reps bring residence-related issues to the attention of the Exec, relevant university staff and their accommodation providers, with the aim of affecting change at a higher level. They also have the opportunity to organise and run events and activities within their hall and across all residences, helping create a community atmosphere. Students in these roles are eligible for our Leadership Award.

Big Ideas

NTSU runs a Big Ideas scheme to facilitate student-driven change. Students can use our web portal to submit ideas for changes they would like to see happen with regard to the Union, University or Nottingham itself. Big Ideas can also be proposed by Assemblies and submitted for discussion at Student Council meetings. NTSU aims to put into practice any Big Ideas which gain enough student support.

Union Meetings

These happen once per term in our city building and are where Union policy is changed and Big Ideas are passed. We also stream them live on our website.

Outstanding Teaching Awards

Students can acknowledge the excellent performance of teaching staff by nominating them for an Outstanding Teaching Award. There are individual awards for academics and support staff in each school as well as overall awards for the school of the year and department of the year. Nominations open in term three and a presentation evening is held in May.

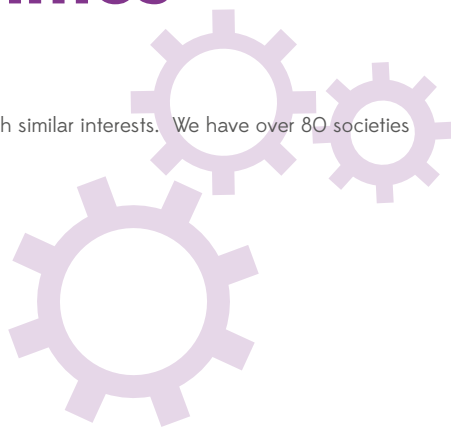


Your Opportunities

Societies

Societies are a great way for students to meet people with similar interests. We have over 80 societies which are split into eight categories:

- Academic
- Artistic
- Common Interest
- Cultural
- Faith
- Philanthropic
- Political
- Trent Media



Students who join with societies report that the activities they organise and engage with help with their personal development, improve confidence and transferable skills such as team working and communication and also give them real-world experience which they can use on their CVs and in job interviews.

Volunteering

NTSU works with local, national and international organisations to provide volunteering opportunities for students. Our volunteering program helps to boost students' employability, wellbeing and social circle as well as build a stronger local community and provide help to those in need.

RaG

RaG (which stands for raising and giving) is NTSU's fundraising group. RaG provides a range of fun activities for students which help boost their employability and social circle while creating life changing experiences and memories such as walking along the Great Wall of China. We raise money for a variety of charities. Recent partners include Childreach International and Nottingham Guide Dogs Mobility Team.

Leadership Award

In order to recognise the personal development and transferable skills students acquire through engaging with our opportunities program, we run a Leadership Award. This award enables students to document their personal development and responsibilities they undertake through their experiences as committee members, representatives, volunteers or student staff. The award is based on real-life experience and reflective learning and can be included on students' HEAR transcripts to help them in the job market after graduating.

Your Support & Advice

NTSU's Information & Advice Service provides independent, free and confidential advice, information and representation to all students at Nottingham Trent University. We aim to prevent problems occurring by running information campaigns and also offer students support and advice on the following subjects:

- Academic regulations – Notification of Exceptional Circumstances (NEC), Request for Reconsideration, Academic Appeals, Academic Irregularity (SAIPs), Complaints, Student Code of Behaviour (SCOB)
- Accommodation - finding accommodation, assessing standards of a property, reclaiming deposits and settling disputes
- Personal safety and housing security
- Finances & budgeting
- Health and wellbeing

Additionally the Information and Advice Service does liaise with various University departments and external agencies and refer students to them where appropriate and with the Students consent.

Students can book appointments to consult with advisors who can provide support and advice to help them with their case. Drop in appointments are also available, as the Information & Advice Services aims to see all students as soon as possible. The service is available to students on all campuses.

Information & Advice Service is open Monday to Friday throughout the year.



Your Events

Students' Unions are famous for the social events they deliver and NTSU is no exception. We contribute to one of the largest Welcome Weeks in the UK as well as provide a comprehensive entertainments program during term-time on all three campuses. Our regular Saturday Club night, **Climax**, is ever popular with students, as is its Clifton counterpart, **Double Vision** which runs every Friday. Brackenhurst also enjoys a busy programme of events, from weekly club nights to one-off themed event nights, film nights and the annual **Brackenhurst Summer Ball**.

We also run affiliated nights with external venues in the city in order to provide a safe space for students.

It's not all club nights though - we run comedy nights, pub quizzes and acoustic music evenings as well as the occasional large live gig and are a venue for the annual one-day live music extravaganza that is Dot to Dot.

We also run **weekend breaks** and **day trips** throughout term-time to give students an opportunity to experience national tourist attractions at a reduced rate. These prove to be popular with international students who wish to experience the country while they are here studying.

Our biggest event of the year is the **Graduation Ball** which has been successfully held at the Capital FM Arena for the last few years. Featuring chart-topping acts, this ever-popular event carries on into the early hours with an after-party in our city building. Despite being called the Graduation Ball, all NTU students are welcome to attend, not just graduating students.

We run a box office at our city site where students can buy event tickets or collect pre-paid tickets which have been bought online.



Your Spaces

NTSU has a physical space on each campus, offering food beverages and social space, providing a focal point for students to meet and get involved.

All of our retail and catering outlets employ NTU students, enabling us to provide an income stream and personal development opportunities for over 250 students annually. All our employment is flexible to their studies and other academic commitments. Student staff are eligible for our Leadership Award.

City Campus

Our recently opened building at the City site offers social and leisure space to students including the following venues:

The Lounge: our coffee shop on the ground floor. Open all year round (including weekends) selling fresh Costa coffee as well as wraps and snacks etc.

The Landing: Our bar on the ground floor, offering great value drinks and hot food in a student focussed atmosphere.

The Level: Our main venue space downstairs which is used as a nightclub and live music venue in the evenings and hosts a range of functions such as society events, conferences and awards presentations throughout the year.

The Loft: Nottingham's best kept secret. An intimate bar venue tucked away upstairs. Available for private bookings

SU Shop: Our retail space stocking food, drink, clothing, stationery, magazines and newspapers.

Our city venue also has a variety of bookable spaces such as training rooms, meeting rooms and social spaces which can be reserved by student groups and external organisations for specific functions via our website.



Clifton Campus

Our operations at Clifton are based in the Benenson building and DH Lawrence House, which are located next to one another.

Our **campus shop** and **reception** can be found on the ground floor of DH Lawrence House and are open all year round. We have a private room for advisor appointments and a consultation room which offers an on-campus barbers during term-time.

Our main bar and diner, **The Point**, is located in the ground floor of the Benenson building, serving hot food through the day and drinks day and night. The bar has a second room which can increase the capacity for club nights and other events, as well as a terrace which is extremely popular in summer.

At the front of Benenson, you will find our popular **coffee shop** serving fresh Costa coffee, wraps and snacks etc. Open all year round (reduced hours out of term-time).

Brackenhurst Campus

Our home at Brackenhurst houses **The Orangery** and **Brack Bar**, next to the Main Hall. **The Orangery** is a modern and vibrant but relaxed cafe offering a good range of food and drink including fresh Costa coffee. The **Brack Bar** offers a welcoming traditional atmosphere and space for events and social activities of all kinds.

We also have a small but convenient **campus shop** located in the Main Hall, which stocks essentials such as meal deals, drinks, snacks, stamps and batteries.



NTU Sport

Though sporting activity at NTU is primarily ran through the university Sports & Lifestyle department, the impressive sports facilities at our city site are located within the SU building.

The Students' Union organises the annual varsity series vs the University of Nottingham which takes place at a variety of venues around the city.



Find out more...

This booklet offers a brief overview of our operations. We hope it will prove to be a useful reference and enable you to signpost students to our services over the course of the year.

Students who regularly engage with the Students' Union report that they feel they make the most of their time at university, have a richer experience and a higher level of satisfaction because of this engagement.

We are doing great things for NTU students. Help us engage with more of them.

For more information on what Nottingham Trent Students' Union has to offer, find us on the web:

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Awards & accolades:

NUS HE Students' Union of the Year 2015

NUS Officer Team of the Year 2014

Top 10 SU in the UK as ranked by 2014 NSS score

Best Bar None Gold Award

Third best Students' Union in the UK as ranked by 2014 Whatuni Student Choice Awards

Ranked 13th Students' Union in the UK in 2014 THE Student Experience Survey

NUS Green Impact Excellence Award 2014



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