

# WELCOME TO THE STUDENTS' UNION

**A guide to your Students' Union  
at the University of Worcester.**

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# **WHO ARE WE**

The Students' Union (SU) is an organisation led by elected students for the benefit of students. As a student at the University of Worcester, you are automatically a member of the SU. That means you get a big say in who represents you and how we're run.

Getting involved with the SU is a great way to make your time at university the best it can be. If you're looking to make new friends, join a club or society, get involved with fundraising, or enhance your employability skills, the SU is the place to come.

# HELLO.

**WE CAN'T WAIT TO MEET YOU!**



# **REPRESENTING YOU**

We have three Full Time Officers, each with different responsibilities, who make sure your voice is heard within the University and who help you make the most out of your time at Worcester.



**LIAM LEES - STUDENTS' UNION PRESIDENT**

Liam is the lead representative of Worcester Students' Union and it's his job to champion the rights, welfare, and diversity of all our students. Throughout his time in office, Liam will be working to ensure our students are empowered, and will campaign and speak up for the issues that really matter to you.

Rag takes the lead on educational quality issues for the SU and ensures your interests are represented. Rag will spend his time in office working with Course Reps and School Reps to feedback to lecturers and the University to make sure you get the best possible experience on your course.



**RAGNAR MULARCZYK - VICE PRESIDENT EDUCATION**



**NEVE RICKETTS - VICE PRESIDENT STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

Neve is responsible for sports, societies, #TeamWorc ACTION, and fundraising at the SU. She is here to support you in the extra-curricular aspects of your university experience. Over the next year, Neve aims to get as many of you as possible involved with the Students' Union and the great opportunities we have here.

Find out more about your Full Time officers at [www.worcsu.com/yourstudentleadership](http://www.worcsu.com/yourstudentleadership).



## NETWORKS

Our Student Networks are student-led groups who exist to connect underrepresented areas of the student population, build communities, enhance diversity on campus, highlight current issues and empower like-minded students to act collectively to bring about change and make a difference.

Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) Students' Network

Commuter Students' Network

Disabled Students' Network

LGBTQ+ Students' Network

International Students' Network

Mature Students' Network

Postgraduate Students' Network

Sustainability Network

Widening Participation Network

Women's Network

## IDEAS FORUM

Our Ideas Forum gives you the opportunity to make suggestions for positive change at the SU and University. It's a direct and effective way for you to get your voice heard and help improve the student experience at Worcester.

Visit [www.worcsu.com/ideasforum](http://www.worcsu.com/ideasforum) to submit your ideas, and vote and comment on the ideas of other students.

# **ACADEMIC REPRESENTATION**

Your views are represented by Course Reps, School Reps, and the VP Education. All of our Reps are students who volunteer their time to represent your views, meaning you get the best possible experience on your course. Make sure you provide your Reps with feedback throughout the year. Let them know what's been great and what improvements could be made on your course.

Every course in every year group has a dedicated Course Rep who is trained and supported by the SU. Course Reps are here to represent you on your course and make sure your opinions are heard. They attend regular forums to give your feedback directly to the University. We'll be recruiting Course Reps at various points throughout the year, so make sure you keep an eye out for your chance to represent your fellow students.

Visit [www.worcsu.com/yourvoice/rep](http://www.worcsu.com/yourvoice/rep) to find out more.





## **SOCIETIES**



Being a member of one of our societies is a great way for you to make new friends, unleash hidden talents, find a new passion, or indulge in what you already love. Being part of a society gives you the opportunity to learn new skills, compete, go on trips, win awards, and take on leadership roles.

Societies can also help enhance the learning experience on your course. You can join an academic society to gain skills and take part in activities on top of your day-to-day lectures.





## SPORTS



Sport plays a big role in the student experience, whether you're playing competitively or just for fun. We have over 30 sports clubs, with more than 40 teams competing nationally in BUCS. The clubs are run by student-led committees and are open for all Worcester students to join. All clubs are supported by the SU to grow, develop, and be inclusive for all. And the sporting year finishes with one of the highlights of the SU calendar, our highly competitive annual Varsity against the University of Gloucestershire.

Visit [www.worcsu.com/sports\\_activities](http://www.worcsu.com/sports_activities) to find out more about all of our Societies and Sports Clubs.



## **#TeamWorc ACTION**

Through #TeamWorc ACTION you can get involved with a wide range of volunteering opportunities at the University and in your local community. Volunteering helps you stand out from the crowd with real experiences that build your confidence and develop your skills. You can volunteer to do almost anything and give as much time as you want. We have a range of opportunities from one-off events, setting up your own project, or volunteering with over 90 local charities and community groups. Volunteering hours can be recorded on your degree, meaning you can showcase your achievements when applying for jobs.

You can find out more at [\*\*www.worcsu.com/volunteer\*\*](http://www.worcsu.com/volunteer).

## **RAISE AND GIVE (RAG)**

If you're passionate about helping good causes, getting involved with RAG is a great way to make a difference during your time at Worcester. Our student-led RAG Committee will support you in fundraising for the charity of your choice, as well as hosting a range of activities for you to get involved with, like our annual RAG Week. Last year we raised over £30,000 and this year we want to raise even more!

To get involved or book a 15 minute fundraising support session, visit [\*\*www.worcsu.com/volunteer/RAG\*\*](http://www.worcsu.com/volunteer/RAG).



## **HELP & ADVICE**

Student life is full of exciting opportunities and experiences, but when things aren't going so well, our Help & Advice service is here to support you. We offer free, independent, and confidential advice to all students at Worcester and its partner institutions.

Our advisor can help you with a range of issues, including academic problems, misconduct, appeals, housing, student conduct, complaints, and disciplinaries. We can also further support or signpost for finance and wellbeing.

Booking an appointment with our advisor is really easy. You can either visit the Welcome Desk, **call 01905 543 210**, email **studentsunion@worc.ac.uk**, or visit **[www.worcsu.com/helpandadvice](http://www.worcsu.com/helpandadvice)**

## **CAMPAIGNS**

Throughout the year our elected Officers, along with various student groups, run campaigns and events to raise awareness of particular issues, and highlight all the support available to you. These cover a whole load of topics relevant to you, from housing to mental health to academic procedures.

If you want to find out more about what your Officers want to achieve this year, visit **[www.worcsu.com/campaigns](http://www.worcsu.com/campaigns)**. Or just pop into the SU and speak to them – they'd love to meet you!

The background of the entire page is a vibrant, low-key photograph of a party. In the upper portion, a teal-colored banner contains the title and first paragraph. Below this, another teal banner contains the second paragraph. The bottom half of the page shows a crowd of people dancing and socializing in a dimly lit room with colorful stage lighting. In the bottom right corner, a laptop screen displays a digital audio workstation (DAW) interface, showing various tracks and waveforms.

## **THE HANGAR**

The Hangar is the place to come on campus to relax and unwind. There's always something going on, from student-run events to Disco Bungalow to fundraisers. And let's not forget the always popular Karaoke and Quiz Nights. We also have everything you could ever want from your campus bar – VKs, cocktails, and slush puppies!

The Hangar is also available for you to book for your own events. Just email [thehangar@worc.ac.uk](mailto:thehangar@worc.ac.uk) or come in and see our Bar and Events team.

Covid-19 means things may be a little different this year, but The Hangar will still be open for business throughout the academic year. We're committed to giving you as many great events as we do every year in a safe environment. Make sure you follow us on Facebook and Instagram at the [@TheHangarSU](#) or visit our pages on the SU website for all the latest updates on what's going on.



## **WELCOME DESK**

If you have any queries about the SU and what we do, Welcome Desk is here to help. The Welcome Desk Assistants are all current students at the University, so they've got all the insider knowledge on everything that's going on. You can get in touch with the team by visiting the Welcome Desk in the SU building or emailing them at **[studentsunion@worc.ac.uk](mailto:studentsunion@worc.ac.uk)**.



## **TOTUM**

Make sure you download the TOTUM app as soon as you can. The app will give you some amazing deals and discounts at a whole load of national and local businesses. And you can also purchase a TOTUM membership to get even more exclusive offers.



# **WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR THIS SEMESTER**

## **SEMESTER ONE:**

Welcome Week  
Club and Society 'Give it a Go' sessions  
RAG Week  
Halloween Karaoke  
Christmas Karaoke

## **SEMESTER TWO:**

Refreshers Week  
Leadership Elections  
St Patrick's Day Party  
Varsity  
Dissy Day  
Big Worc Survey  
Celebration Week

## **GENERAL CONTACT INFORMATION**

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