



We marched, but the fight goes on...

On Tuesday 22nd March 4,000 students took part in NUS Scotland's Reclaim Your Voice demo and march to the Scottish Parliament, with Strathclyde standing proudly amongst them. Almost every political party in Scotland has now committed to rule out tuition fees and all of the politicians who attended and spoke outlined how they wish to increase the money into students' pockets.

However, we know the fight is not just about getting politicians to say the right things this side of the election. It's about ensuring that they do the right thing after the election.

That's why on Thursday the 21st of April, USSA and NUS Scotland will be hosting a joint Scottish election question time – so you can face the politicians asking for your vote and questions them on what they plan to do for you!

When we cast our votes, when we lobby our candidates, when we reclaim our voice – We. Will. Win

The event starts at 6.00pm, and is being held in the Court/Senate Suite in the Collins Gallery, Richmond Street.

www.strathstudents.com/RV/ScottishElectionsHustings

Services

Our Wish You Were Here campaign aimed to highlight university facilities across campus; whether those facilities were good, bad and acceptable or not to students.

A really simple but effective campaign asking students to upload images to www.strathstudents.com which produced almost 90 examples of below par facilities ranging from broken toilets & chairs, radiators that were constantly on and internet unavailability.

The Union then collated all these images and made a nice scrapbook (with a bow attached), which was presented to the Deputy Principal during an Estates meeting to highlight the issues.

The key headlines were emphasised to the Estates Committee with aims to resolve the sub-standard areas presented.

Thank you for all your photos and in return here is one of us presenting the scrapbook to the Deputy Principal!



Vice President Services Iain Pullar with Deputy Principal Philip Winn

Activities & Development

SVA+ Workshop

This year we have been offering free workshops as part of our Student Volunteering Awards+ pilot programme that have been open to all student volunteers, they have varied in topic from Fundraising and Marketing to Presentations and CV writing, and have helped student volunteers to get the most out of their volunteering.

Clubs and Societies

This year has been a fantastic one for Clubs and Societies, we have now over 80 different clubs and societies and a membership of 1900 which is more than ever before! Our range of clubs and societies cover interest, political, departmental, cultural and faith so there really is something for everyone and if you can't find one that you fancy make your own!

STAR Awards

The STAR Awards is the pinnacle of the student activities and volunteering calendar, this annual event takes place in the Union on 26th April and is by invite only. It aims to celebrate and thank student volunteers for all the work they do in the Union throughout the year. Those who get involved in the Union by volunteering see a whole host of benefits including gaining key transferable skills to enable them to get their dream job for life after Uni, meet new people and of course have fun doing something they love!

Make sure you nominate the club or society you have been involved with on www.strathstudents.com

Community Engagement

Since the New Year, we have been increasing our work in the wider community particularly with schools in the Glasgow area. Our projects have included working with pupils at St. Paul's High School to encourage further & higher education as a viable route for all students regardless of background – the pupils loved us so much, we'll be going back there soon!



Education & Representation

On the 23rd of March, Class Reps from all over the University met at Student Congress, to discuss and point the way on the big issues facing students. A fantastic variety of themes were covered; from Designing a Curriculum for the 21st Century, Enhancing your Employability, through to how we can link Research into Teaching.

Class Reps seized the chance to question the Principal on what the University's Strategy is, with many Reps questioning and holding Prof Jim MacDonald to account on the migration from Spider to MyPlace, getting internships for HaSS students, and even proposing a business plan to University about a new IT system.

Class Reps also had the opportunity to raise issues that they had trouble getting resolved at the Education Forum, as part of Congress, with many making full use of the opportunity to highlight their difficulties from timetables to inductions for direct entry into 2nd/3rd year students.

Class Reps had the opportunity to contribute to major University Projects, like reshaping the Academic Calendar. At Student Congress Graeme Allan, VPER also announced the Student Representation Policy was approved by University Senate, securing for the first time what being a Class Rep means, and what responsibilities the university has to ensure that issues raised are acted on.



Equality & Diversity

The Association launched the 'I Am a Strathclyde Student' campaign to establish a sense of community on campus. Over 70% of students agree that these types of campaigns increase feelings of community spirit & involvement.

Your Student's Association is one of the first in Scotland to campaign and lobby the University to adopt a campus-wide Maternity Policy. This campaign was born out of our increased engagement with mature students and we found out that different faculties provide conflicting advice to students who fall pregnant or whose partners fall pregnant. Recognising that this was an issue close to the hearts of many students, we are now campaigning for you!