



## REGENERATION IS COMPLETE

Meet the new doctor!

*This year's elections were certainly an eventful one for all involved and after a long two weeks campaigning and then an added extra day of polling, the results were finally announced to reveal your Student Executive for the next academic year.*

**A few words from some of the new faces for 2010:**

*"What I'm looking most is the potential to set the norms and interpretations that shall be followed for years to come."*

**Yousuf Kerr**

*"My role is a brand new position so I can't wait to get stuck in and engage with as many different groups of students as possible. This will allow me to set a high benchmark for all future candidates, just to make things a bit more challenging!"*

**Charandeep Singh**

*"Meeting people, whether it be students or staff and helping them."*

**Graeme Allen**

There's still one place available and it could be you. The role of Vice Chair of Education and Representation is a great opportunity for you to work with the class reps throughout the university and to be a trustee of the Students' Association. Nominations close on the 29th March and elections will be in April.

For more information check out our website or email [awilson@theunion.strath.ac.uk](mailto:awilson@theunion.strath.ac.uk)

### Student Officers 2010/11

The following Officers (pictured right) have been elected in the 2010 Students' Association Elections. They will take up Office from the 1st July 2010 and will remain in post until 30th June 2011.

■ We would like to apologise for the technical issues on the website which slowed the voting process – a full report is currently being produced on the process and will be available soon for you to view and comment on.



**Philip Whyte**  
President



**Gill Currah**  
Vice President  
Activities & Development



**Graeme Allan**  
Vice President  
Education & Representation



**Charandeep Singh**  
Vice President  
Equality & Diversity



**Iain Pullar**  
Vice President  
Services



**Yousuf Kerr**  
Vice President  
Sports, Physical Activities & Wellbeing



**Patrick McGinnis**  
Vice Chair  
(Communities Engagement Forum)



**Hannah Weall**  
Vice Chair  
(Activities Forum)



**Darren Young**  
Vice Chair  
(Equality & Diversity Forum)



**Rob Harris**  
Vice Chair  
(Services Forum)



**Michelle Keating**  
Vice Chair  
Sports, Physical Activities & Wellbeing Forum)



**Neil Campbell**  
Policy & Democracy Officer

Full-time Sabbatical Officers

Part-time Voluntary Officers

COMING SOON



### CLASS REPRESENTATIVE CONGRESS 2010

On March 24th at this year's congress some of the issues being discussed by your class reps include student input into curriculum design, student employability and learning spaces. This event is one of the most important in the Student Union's calendar and will provide the student executive with information that can be used to work with the university to improve your academic experience here at Strathclyde.

### RAG WEEK

Running from Friday 19th – 26th March Rag week is a fun way of supporting a good cause. This year the Raise And Give group are running several events and donation raids to raise money for five different charities which include Alzheimer Scotland, Teenage Cancer

Trust, Invisible Children, Mary's Meals and Winston's Wish.

And for the more daring...

Jailbreak is a charity based event where you use skill and wit to blag FREE transport to the furthest possible destination in just 36 hours! Think YOU can BLAG it? Come along and find out more at our information sessions:

Thursday the 18th March 5pm  
Wednesday 24th March, 5pm  
Debates Chamber, Level 6 Union

## HIGHLIGHTS

### JUMP FOR CHARITY

At 7am on a Saturday morning almost brave 50 Strathclyde students enthusiastically boarded a coach to attend the award winning Charichute weekend. In its second year, Charichute is a charity fundraising event that saw 43 first time jumpers and 2 naked jumpers skydive for charity. Taking place at the Strathallen Skydiving centre in Perthshire the event raised approximately £10,500 for various charities. The event is jointly organised by the Strathclyde Skydiving club and the student charities group RAG. For more information on RAG contact [rag@theunion.strath.ac.uk](mailto:rag@theunion.strath.ac.uk) or for more information on the Skydiving Club contact [strathclydeskydiving@gmail.com](mailto:strathclydeskydiving@gmail.com).

### SUDS DANCE SHOW

On the 11th and 12th of March the University of Strathclyde Dance Society (SUDS) hosted their annual Dance Show – Beat It! in Vertigo of the Union.

SUDS have been recognised nationally for their outstanding performances and eye-catching routines by winning awards for 5 out of 8 categories entered. The sell out show featured these award winning routines along with other jazz, hip hop, contemporary, tap, ballet and break-dance routines all choreographed by the members themselves. For more information on SUDS join them on Facebook or e-mail [strathdance@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:strathdance@hotmail.co.uk)

■ For interviews with SUDS dancers and exclusive backstage

footage go to the Union's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/StrathUnion1](http://www.youtube.com/user/StrathUnion1)

### INTERFAITH DINNER

On Saturday 13th March there was an interfaith dinner organised by SUMSA with the aim of getting people of different faith or beliefs together to enjoy a great social evening with entertainment from 'Lines of Faith', (Jewish and Muslim Hip Hop duo) as well as 'Mecca to Medina'. The Students' Union was proud to host this event with over 80 people in attendance of different belief backgrounds. A representative from the Sikh Society, Christian Union and Muslim Society were all given the opportunity to speak about why they believe what they do. Amy Davis, Deputy President said "I found the event inspiring; I had an enjoyable evening and also came away more informed about other faiths. I was delighted that some students had brought their children to the event

creating a family friendly atmosphere which traditionally the student Union hasn't had. We should be doing more of these events in the Student Union and I would encourage students to put forward ideas of what they would like to see happening in future."



### ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY POLICY

The Student Representative Council (SRC) is the body that sets policy for the Association and holds us, the Executive to account.

This is the last year of SRC so we wanted keep it active and engaging, meetings have been a lot shorter and some great questions have been put to the exec about our roles. At the most recent SRC meeting a great piece of policy was put forward by the Environmental and Ethical Committee to ensure that all of our branded clothing is ethically made which is really exciting and shows how students can make positive change! Next year you can get involved in creating policy for the Union by coming along to the Forums – watch out for them!

*"Over the past few months the members of SUDS have been pushed to their absolute limits. Everything on stage tonight is a result of the hard work and dedication each and every society member has put in over the past two semesters."*

President of SUDS Rhona Ashwood

## The Glasgow Cup

The Sports Union here at Strathclyde will be defending their title as last year's winner of the City of Glasgow Cup. This is one of Scotland's biggest inter-varsity sports events, Glasgow's three universities competing in 14 sports for the City of Glasgow Cup. It includes Badminton; Basketball (m & w); Football (m & w); Hockey (m & w); Netball; Rugby (m), Swimming; Tennis; Trampoline and Volleyball (m & w) and will take place on 17th March at Scotstoun leisure centre. Watch this space for news of how they do this year!

Phil Gallagher,  
Sports President, Sports Union  
University of Strathclyde Students' Association

## Rottenrow Rail Jam

This year the Snow Sports Club (SUSC) organised a Rail Jam right here on campus. 22 tonnes of snow was delivered by two trucks and dumped at the top of Rottenrow Gardens by the large archway. Dedicated members of the club spent their whole morning shovelling snow onto the stairs to make a slope large enough to ski down.

■ For interviews and Rail Jam footage go to the Union's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/StrathUnion1](http://www.youtube.com/user/StrathUnion1)

USE YOUR VOTE X  
VOTE FOR STUDENTS

The general election is fast approaching and the Student Union will be running a campaign to encourage students to vote and will provide information and opportunities to attend panel discussions and debates with members of political parties. Watch out for the "Use your vote" campaign!

**Your Student Executive in a different light...**

**The Exec were asked the question; "If you could have any one super power, what would it be?"**

**It looks like your Executive are always pushed for time! Their answers are above...**

**If you would like to ask the Executive a question for the next issue (anything really!) then email [deputypresident@theunion.strath.ac.uk](mailto:deputypresident@theunion.strath.ac.uk)**



**Gill Currah**  
VP Student Development

*"I would probably want to be able to stop time because there are never enough hours in the day or days in the week to get everything done, but flying would also be awesome."*



**Kelley Temple**  
VP Support and Campaigns

*"To read minds"*



**Darren Young**  
Academic Affairs Officer

*"The ability to freeze time or something like Bernard's Watch, then I could always have that little extra in bed without actually being late for anything"*



**Nazia Iqbal**  
Equal Opportunities Officer

*"I would like to be able to be at different places at the one time so that I can attend lectures, do my role on the executive and go shopping all at the same time."*



**Iain Pullar**  
VP Operational and Commercial Services

*"I would have Bernard's watch, the ability to stop time without growing any older. Mainly because it would allow me to stay in bed for hours but think how much money you could win at the casino."*

**... there's only 3 months left of this year's executive's time in office. So here are some of their highlights of the year so far!**



**Darren Young**  
Academic Affairs Officer

*"I've really enjoyed all the campaigns that we have done this year. One of my favourite events was the Burns supper, just such a great night and it was absolutely packed!"*



**Kelley Temple**  
VP Support and Campaigns

*"Sexual health week - Here's where many of our students signed up to C-card to get free condoms from our service on level 5 of the Union. "DiverseCity" This year's new insert into the Telegraph of news from the Liberation groups!"*



**Gill Currah**  
VP Student Development

*"There have been so many highlights, probably Freshers' Week especially working with the welcome team and the conga from halls to the Union; the atmosphere on campus for the whole week was awesome."*



**Amy Davies**  
Deputy President

*"The Big Student Meeting - I was inspired by the amount of students who turned up to discuss potential Association policy and their passionate speeches. On a lighter note the Ceilidh after the Burns Supper was epic!"*

**STOPPRESS**

**Your Degree.  
Your Teaching.  
Your Decision.**

**Now all the nominations are in for Innovative Teacher and Outstanding Teacher of the year the awards ceremony will take place on March 24th after Student Congress 2010. Thank you to all those who nominated a member of staff who has made a positive difference in your studies here, it is our pleasure to recognise their input into the student experience. Keep a look out for your nominations for next year's awards!**

## Volunteers Of The Month

**The award goes to two members of CACTUS for their dedicated hard work over the last year in organising events for an after school kids club.**

Winners:  
Graeme Farquhar  
& Lynn Shields



## Women's Day Sex Trafficking Awareness Community Event

**Monday 8th March was International Women's Day and members of the Women's Group visited the Glasgow YWCA to meet some women involved, using materials provided by Amnesty International the group read and discussed a short story about Sex Trafficking and discussed ways to move forward in this area and in other areas of gender inequality. To get involved in the women's group e-mail [womensofficer@theunion.strath.ac.uk](mailto:womensofficer@theunion.strath.ac.uk). For community events contact Sarah McKee Community Engagement Coordinator at [SMcKee@theunion.strath.ac.uk](mailto:SMcKee@theunion.strath.ac.uk)**

