

A photograph of a modern, multi-story building with a facade of windows and vertical stripes in red, yellow, and grey. The building is set against a blue sky with white clouds. In the foreground, there is a grassy field with yellow wildflowers. A large teal wave-shaped graphic is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

BRADFORD COLLEGE STUDENTS' UNION

INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS



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Welcome

We are a union led by students for students with a vision to play a key role in transforming the lives of students through support, representation and opportunities.

Quite simply, we are here to make student life better and we aim to do this through capturing the Student Voice. With the help of elected Student Officers and Student Representatives, we want to hear your ideas, views and opinions on topics that matter to you as a student so that we can help improve college life for everyone.

As a Students' Union we work closely with all departments to ensure that students have the best experience during their time here at Bradford College.

You can influence the work of the Students' Union in lots of ways: to find out how check out the Student Voice section on page 12.

Our services

Advice and Representation

Support and Training for Course Reps

Enrichment Activities

Campaigns

Student Clubs and Societies



National Union of Students

NUS is your national union representing university and college students across the UK. Together we achieve national change for students.

As one of the world's largest student movements, we're fighting to make education free and lifelong. We believe that education should be accessible and enjoyable for all – and our community of students, educators, activists and advocates are determined to make it happen.

NUS has been behind every big win for students, and at the forefront of change on issues affecting people across society – from championing LGBTQ+ rights, pushing to decolonise education and standing up against powerful corporate interests.

As well as fighting, we're here to protect. Students are often the least heard voices and without our movement, their needs would be ignored. When COVID-19 hit, we came together to demand protections

for student renters, push for better internet access and stand up for those experiencing hardship – saving students across the UK a staggering £1 billion.

Together we've been a force for radical change since 1922, and our movement is still going strong. We won't rest until our education system is open to all, champions diversity, and allows every student to thrive.



**For more information
about NUS visit
www.nus.org.uk
or scan the QR code**



Student Voice

Student Voice is about listening to the views and opinions of students (with the help of course reps) to make positive changes to the learning experience of everyone!

It's your education and you have the power to influence College decision making so that you can be satisfied with your course and your learning! With your feedback we can make your student experience outstanding.

Our services

- Oversee the Student Voice process across the college
- Provide a voice for students at all levels
- Coordinate course reps and their training across the college at all levels (FE and HE)
- Educate students on democracy
- Provide opportunities for students to gain new skills and experience
- Work together with Bradford College and our members (you, the students) to help improve the learning experience for everyone!



Become a Course Rep

Course representatives are volunteers who gather feedback from their peers and share this at departmental meetings. This is called the 'Student Voice' and is about gaining honest student feedback in order to improve teaching and learning.

Each year course representatives (also known as course reps or student reps) are elected to represent their fellow students. Course reps play an important role in helping Bradford College to provide the best learning opportunities for its students!

How can I become a course rep?

If you are:

- Keen to learn new skills
- Passionate about making positive changes to your course
- Want to improve the learning experience for everyone

Then we want to hear from you!

You can either speak to your tutor about becoming a course rep, or, you can email; StudentVoice@bradfordcollege.ac.uk for more info.

Being a course rep is a brilliant way to develop and learn new skills. The role is a great addition to CVs, job applications and personal statements! This is a voluntary role and the great news is that you do not need any experience!



Be a Voice for Change

There are lots of ways to feedback and help make positive changes to the learning experience for all students at Bradford College. Be a voice for change and make sure that you have your say!

-  Become a course rep
-  Complete student surveys
-  Submit feedback through the SU website
-  Speak to your SU Officers
-  Visit SU office
-  Give feedback to your course rep
-  Email us StudentVoice@bradfordcollege.ac.uk



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3. Mental Health First Aid staff are so confidence.

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Democracy & Elections

Each year we hold elections to find passionate and motivated students to stand as candidates in the upcoming elections and join our team to help to lead, shape and improve the work of the Students' Union.

Elections take place so that students can elect the Student Officers that they want to represent their views. Student Officers are vital in the running of the Students' Union, from the general day-to-day activities through to shaping the long-term future of the Students' Union.

Become a student officer!

There are four different types of paid student officer roles available and these are:

- President
- Education & Welfare Officer FE
- Education & Welfare Officer HE
- Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer

Each of the student officer roles have their own unique duties and responsibilities.

All student officers work together to:

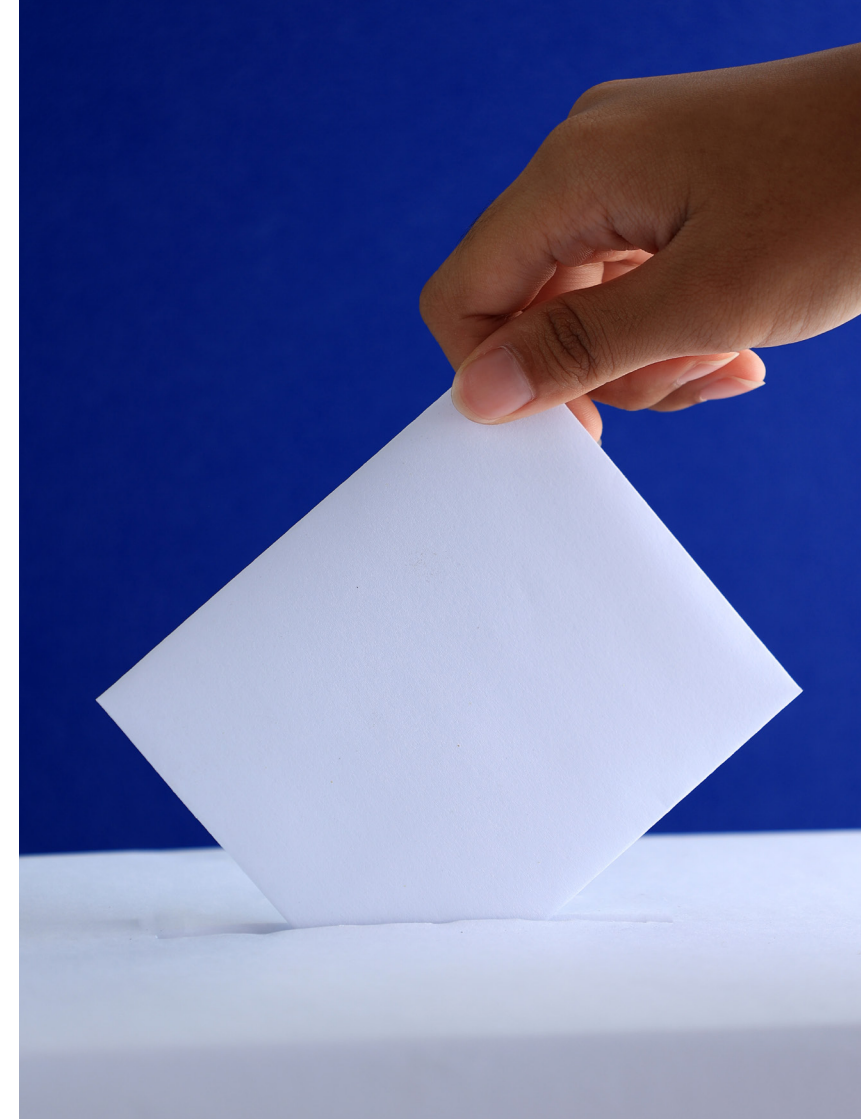
- Help improve the college experience for everyone
- Represent all students and make sure that their voices are heard
- Work with the college to represent the views of students
- Campaign and raise awareness around key issues impacting students
- Organise, run and attend various meetings and committees
- Encourage students to participate in Students' Union activities and events

Vote!

Make sure that you have your say on who becomes your newly elected student officer team by voting in the elections! You'll receive details before the elections with instructions on how to vote so make sure that you check your student email account.

Find more

For further information including nominations, role descriptions and all the most up to date election details visit;
www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk/elections or email **StudentVoice@bradfordcollege.ac.uk**



Volunteering

Get involved and make a difference! We are always looking for student volunteers to get involved in lots of exciting and engaging projects throughout the academic year.

Some of the volunteer opportunities you can get involved in are:

- Being a Course rep
- Student Interview Panels
- Focus groups and Student Meetings
- Event Assistants
- Taking part in Fundraising
- Volunteering in the Community

Moreover, if you want to learn and acquire new skills, develop your CV and meet new people then get in contact and become part of the community of SU volunteers.

To get involved and for further information about volunteering opportunities please email **S.Union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk**



Clubs & Societies

Club or Society?

A club is usually focused on a shared activity or hobby, like sports, gaming, or performing arts. For example, a Football Club or Chess Club.

A society often centres around shared interests, culture, or academic subjects, such as the Psychology Society or Afro-Caribbean Society.

Both bring students together, but clubs are more activity-based, while societies are more community or interest-focused.

Why set up a club?

Creating and running a club or a society can be challenging. However, it can also be very rewarding, great fun and will look great on your CV! There are lots of benefits to setting one up, which include:

- Meeting new people and sharing interests or hobbies
- Developing friendships
- Gaining skills highly valued by employers

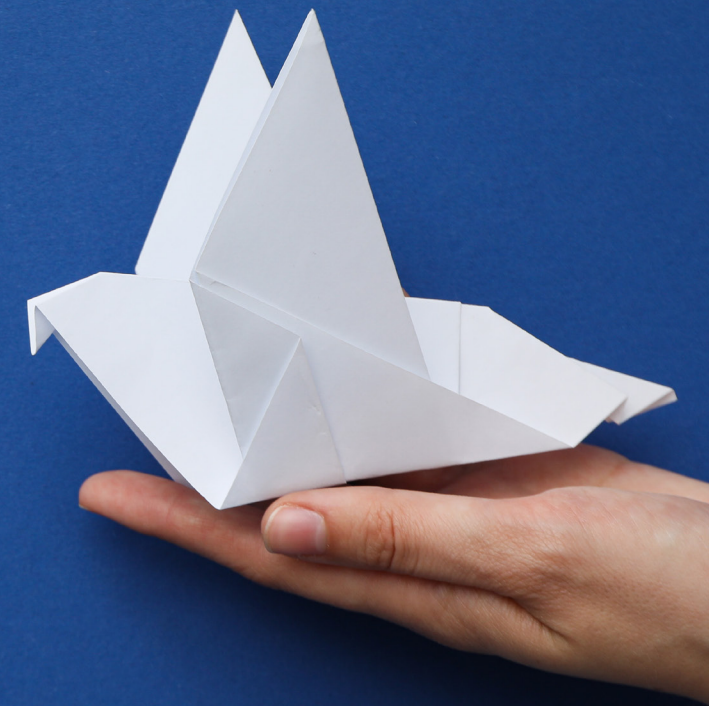
In addition to this all SU clubs get:

- Access to funding and training
- Support from the Students' Union
- Access to college facilities e.g. meeting rooms, sports facilities,
- Online promotion and marketing

To set up a club / society please visit our SU website

www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk/clubs

Fill out and return the club/ society form to **S.Union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk** and a member of staff will be in touch.



Advice & Representation

Bradford College Students' Union is here to support you with any issues, concerns or challenges that may affect your learning, wellbeing or academic progress.

The Students' Union is here to help you make the most of your time at Bradford College. A Students' Union representative can support you with:

- Understanding your rights, responsibilities, and opportunities as a Bradford College student.
- Representing student views and campaigning for positive changes that enhance the student experience.
- Applying for assignment extensions or mitigating circumstances when unexpected situations affect your studies.
- Raising concerns or making a formal complaint when issues cannot be resolved informally.
- Preparing for and attending academic misconduct, disciplinary, appeal or panel meetings.

The Students' Union is independent, confidential, and student-focused, providing advice, guidance, and representation throughout your college journey.

To book a meeting please email: **S.Union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk**



Student Discounts

If you have a College ID card, this may be accepted by many places for a student discount. However, for access to online and/or exclusive discounts you will need to sign up for a student discount platform.

Popular FREE online student discount platforms include **TOTUM Student**, **UNIDAYS** and **Student Beans**. Just prove you're a student* for access to hundreds of discounts on big brands.

TOTUM Student + – Is a paid membership and gives you access to exclusive discounts such as 10% off at Boots**. You'll get a physical card which you can use for in-store discounts as well as perks such as a free TASTE card and 12-month digital International Student Card (ISIC). There is also the option to add a PASS proof of age ID card (if you need it). Prices start from £14.99.

* Students aged 16 years or over only.

** With an advantage card.



Contact Us

For queries about the student voice
(course reps and student meetings)
democracy and elections

E: StudentVoice@bradfordcollege.ac.uk

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For queries about anything else including advice and
guidance, societies, volunteering and student discounts

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