

# **Welcome to Bradford College Students' Union**

Information for students





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# Welcome to Bradford College Students' Union

## What is the SU?

We are a charity 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 charity we are independent from the college, however, we work closely with them to ensure that students have the best experience during their time here.

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 8.



## The national student movement

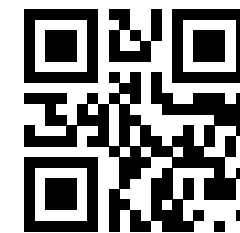
We are affiliated with the National Union of Students (NUS) who are 7 million students strong. This means you can buy a TOTUM card, the national student discount card.

### Our services to you

We offer:

- an independent advice and advocacy service
- various enrichment activities and events
- support and training for Student Reps
- Volunteering opportunities
- Student clubs and societies to take part in

For more information about NUS visit [www.nus.org.uk](http://www.nus.org.uk) or scan the QR code:



**nus**  
national union of students

# Student Voice

## What is the Student Voice?

The 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!

### What your SU does:

- 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!



## How can I get involved?

### 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 (good and bad) 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. Reps play an important role in helping Bradford College to provide the best learning opportunities for its students!

### I want to 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's 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



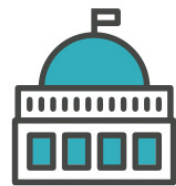
Email us



Visit the SU office



Give feedback to your course rep



Take part in Student Parliaments



Speak to your SU officers



## Take part in Student Parliament!

Student Parliament is a cross-campus Students' Union forum where Student Officers and a number of Course Representatives meet twice a year to:

- Discuss ideas and vote on which should be taken forward by the Students' Union
- Discuss the student experience and how it can be improved
- Hold elected Student Officers to account if necessary

## The dates for Student Parliament for 2023/24 are:

- Wednesday 15 December 2023 1-2pm
- Wednesday 16 March 2024 1-2pm

**Free lunch and refreshments will be available!**

# 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.

## How can I get involved?

### 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, however, 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

For further information including role descriptions and all the most up to date election details visit; [www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk/student-voice](http://www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk/student-voice) or email [StudentVoice@bradfordcollege.ac.uk](mailto:StudentVoice@bradfordcollege.ac.uk)

## 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.

**The next election dates for 2021/22 are:**

**02nd Jan – 25th March 2024 – All**



## Volunteering

Get involved and make a difference! We're always looking for student volunteers to get involved in lots of exciting projects throughout the academic year, from being a mystery shopper and helping to improve a range of services here at the college, to supporting exciting live events such as guest speaker visits and fresher's fairs.

If you want to learn new skills, develop your CV and meet new people then get in contact and become part of a community of SU volunteers!

For further information about volunteering opportunities email [S.Union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk](mailto:S.Union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk)

# Societies

## What is a society?

Societies are student groups who meet to take part in an activity or share an interest. They are led by students with support from the Students' Union. A society can be based around anything; your course, faith, political interests, hobbies or a sport. From anime to cricket and mendhi to climate change, the possibilities are endless!

## Why join a society?

A society is a great way to meet like-minded people, develop friendships or try something new. Societies may also campaign on certain issues or create change on college campuses.

Getting involved in running a society is a great way to develop your skills and enhance your CV ready for when you leave college. You can also get your volunteering recognised via our Bradford College Plus scheme.

## Why set up a society?

Creating and running 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 up and running a society which include:

- Meeting new people with similar interests
- Developing friendships
- Gaining skills highly valued by employers (e.g. communication, teamwork, leadership and decision making)
- Being part of a team and the wider Students' Union team

In addition to the above all SU societies 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

For further details please check out the website;

**[www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk/student-societies](http://www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk/student-societies)** or email **[s.union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk](mailto:s.union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk)**

# Advice and Advocacy

Bradford College's Students' Union has an independent Advice and Advocacy Officer to support all students, HE and FE, with anything that may impact your learning and progression.

## Our Advice and Advocacy Officer can support you with:

- Understanding your rights and responsibilities as a Bradford College student
- Campaigning for change to improve the learner journey for Bradford College students
- Confidence building to prepare you for an interview or placement/ work experience
- Applying for mitigation and extensions
- Making a complaint that can't be addressed through discussion with your tutors or through the Students' Union
- Preparing to attend panel/ appeal meetings for academic misconduct or a disciplinary hearing

For further information about the Students' Union and Advice & Advocacy please visit **[www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk](http://www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk)**

To book a meeting with our Advice and Advocacy officer please email: **[s.union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk](mailto:s.union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk)**





## Student Discounts- Totum

Make the most of your time at Bradford College with a TOTUM membership, opening up access to loads of great **student benefits**.

Depending on the membership type you go for you'll get access to lots of great student discounts and offers, **a legal age ID card and a 12-month digital ISIC card**.

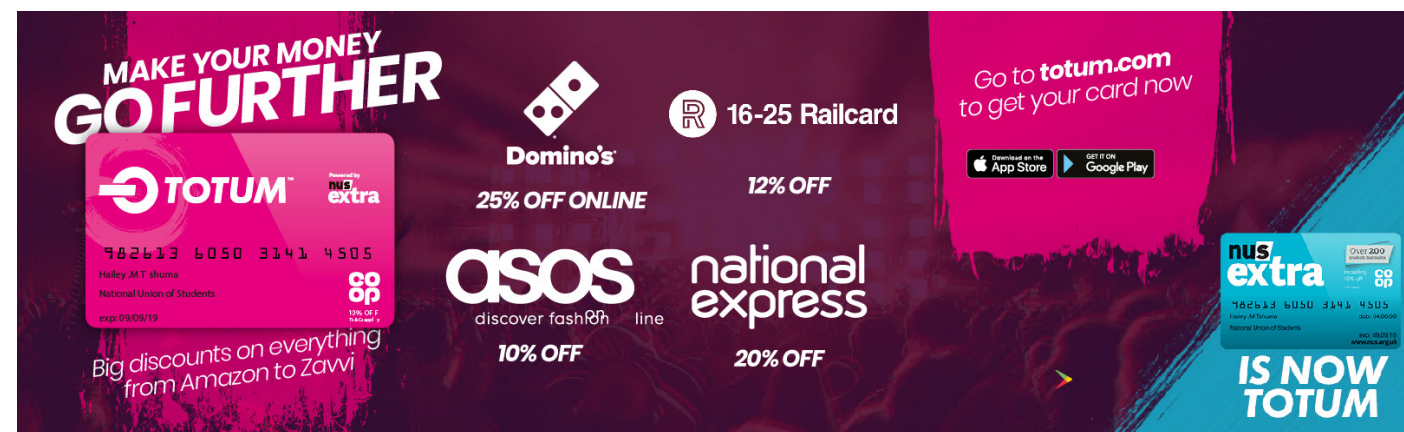
You can **join TOTUM for free**, just by proving you're a Bradford College student, or upgrade your membership to unlock more benefits.

Download the free app today and get access to exclusive discounts, available on Apple App Store and Google Play Store.

For further information about Totum visit the website;

[www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk/discounts](http://www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk/discounts),

if you have any questions email: [s.union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk](mailto:s.union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk)



## Contact Us

For queries about the student voice (course reps and student parliament) and democracy and elections email [studentvoice@bradfordcollege.ac.uk](mailto:studentvoice@bradfordcollege.ac.uk)

For queries about anything else including advice and advocacy, societies, volunteering and Totum email [s.union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk](mailto:s.union@bradfordcollege.ac.uk)

## Stay Up to Date

The best way to stay up to date and find out about the latest opportunities, discounts and events is to check out our website and follow us on social media:

[www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk](http://www.bradfordcollegesu.co.uk)

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