NEW-SU
the referendum
Introducing the University of Cambridge Students Union, or more informally known as, Cambridge SU.

Cambridge SU, a brand new students’ union, comes from a simple suggestion; what does better postgraduate representation look like? From this grew ideas and plans to not only improve postgraduate representation but the experience for all students at Cambridge University. It has taken a lot of time and work to get here, but we hope you’ll be as excited as we are we present what the future of student representation could, and hopefully will, look like.
We foresee New-SU as a groundbreaking organisation that leads the way in representation for all students, both undergraduates and postgraduates. New-SU will replace two current students’ unions, and be a single union for all students. In combining our expertise, we will ensure that all students, regardless of level of study, are represented, supported and have their voice heard across the University of Cambridge.

In addition to this, we will continue to champion and elevate the voices of those with protected characteristics who are not always heard across the university. No matter your level of study, background or the marginalisation you may experience, New-SU will be a union that fights for you.
In our new structures we are further proposing two additional members of staff that will be focussing exclusively on welfare and activities; we know these are two areas that are really important to students. The creation of a new single students’ union will give us the opportunity to offer these provisions to you!
structures
SABBATICAL OFFICERS

UNDERGRAD PRESIDENT
POSTGRAD PRESIDENT
DISABLED STUDENTS’ OFFICER
WOMEN’S OFFICER

UNDERGRAD ACCESS, EDUCATION & PARTICIPATION OFFICER
POSTGRAD ACCESS, EDUCATION & PARTICIPATION OFFICER
WELFARE & COMMUNITY OFFICER
BME OFFICER
The Executive is a group of elected students that work alongside the eight elected sabbatical officers in ensuring the union work for and is relevant to Cambridge students.

They shall be responsible for:

- Campaigns that promote and protect the interests of the Members
- The implementation of Policy set by the Student Council
- The distribution of budget and funds to campaigns

There are a total of 22 representatives on the Executive committee, and with this new make up we have ensured that the representation of undergraduates and postgraduates is balanced. Where a campaign has two representatives on the Executive committee, one of these must be undergraduate and one postgraduate.
structures
EXEC

SABBATICAL OFFICERS
- President PG
- President UG
- Access, Education & Participation Officer PG
- Access, Education & Participation Officer UG
- BME Officer
- Disabled Students’ Officer
- Welfare & Community Officer
- Women’s Officer

CAMPAIGN REPRESENTATIVES
- BME Campaign
- Class Act Campaign x2
- Disabled Students’ Campaign
- Ethical Affairs Campaign x2
- International Students’ Campaign x2
- LGBT+ Campaign x2
- Women’s Campaign

PORTFOLIO ROLES
- Part-Time Students’ Officer
- Mature Students’ Officer
- Families Officer

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WHAT’S NEW?

• Closer links with Sabbatical Team
• Better staff and financial support
• Undergrad and Postgrad structural co-leadership
structures

Academic Forum is run throughout the year. It’s a space for Academic Reps to meet one another, to bring up issues that are of concern to the students they represent, to share best practice, and to discuss the wider issues surrounding education in Cambridge. Half of the meeting is currently given over to issues the reps themselves want to raise and then the other half centres around a discussion on a particular topic, such as Study Skills or Libraries. As Faculty Reps do not sit on SU Council, this is the primary contact they have with the Student Union and the forum is encouraged to write policy for Council to be proposed by the School Reps who do sit on Council.

College Forum is run throughout the year, hosted by a different college each time. It’s a space for JCR and MCR Presidents and Vice-Presidents/External Officers to come together to discuss issues that are of concern to the students of their colleges, share examples of best practice, and to discuss wider issues in the collegiate university.

WHAT’S NEW?

- Organised and scheduled with needs of both Undergrad and Postgrad students in mind
- Possibility for Undergrad and Postgrad specific forums