

YOUR GUIDE TO

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STAFFORDSHIRE UNIVERSITY  
**STUDENTS' UNION**  
DIGITAL INSTITUTE LONDON

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**BE PART OF IT**



THE STUDENTS'

***union***

[www.staffsunion.com](http://www.staffsunion.com)

# SO, WHAT IS A STUDENTS' UNION?

We're here for every student at Staffordshire University and proudly represent your academic interests from the moment you enrol on your course until the day you become a #ProudToBeStaffs Graduate.

## HOW DOES THE UNION WORK?

We help you make the most of your time at Staffs. Providing advice and support and helping you create communities on your campus.

All of this is led by 4 students, like you, elected each year to shape the student experience by speaking and campaigning on your behalf – your Elected Officer Team.

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# MAKE A CHANGE AT STAFFS

Your Students' Union empowers you to improve the quality of your course and make a lasting difference to your University experience. We help you make a #BetterStaffs!

## ACADEMIC REPRESENTATION

They make positive change to your modules and course, helping resolve any issues that might arise and spread the good news when things go right – make sure to speak to them regularly about how you're finding your learning and teaching. You can stand to be a Course Rep at the start of the academic year, giving you the chance to shape your Union and, supported by our Student Voice Team, #LeadTheChange.

## BIG IDEAS AND YOUR #BETTERSTAFFS FORUM

Do you have an idea that can change the game here at Staffs? Whether it's a better way for the University to deliver something, a new way to connect students or an idea to have a positive impact on our community, head to [staffsunion.com](http://staffsunion.com) and submit your idea - we'd love to hear it! From there, we'll work with you to share your thoughts with students to make it happen!

## REPRESENTATIVE NETWORKS

Your Representative Networks are about making sure all students can connect and make their voices heard - regardless of their background or identity. These are student-led opportunities to meet like-minded people, and to enhance your learning experience through sharing thoughts and ideas to create new campaigns. You can digitally connect with networks from any study site, or you can create your very own local network with our Voice Team.

## THE LEADERSHIP RACE

The Leadership Race is the yearly election to choose your Elected Officer Team, Department Representatives and the student leaders for any student groups you may be a part of.

Every student who has opted into the Union can vote for the candidate whose ideas for change they like the best and who they think will fairly represent their experiences. You might read these in their manifesto or speak to them in person. Once you've made your choice you can cast your vote online at [staffsunion.com](http://staffsunion.com). If you think you're the right person who will #LeadTheChange then fantastic!

You'll gain the unique opportunity to develop your skills and connect with students from various backgrounds and perspectives. Speak to the Students' Union if you'd like to Be Part of It.

# MEET YOUR OFFICER TEAM

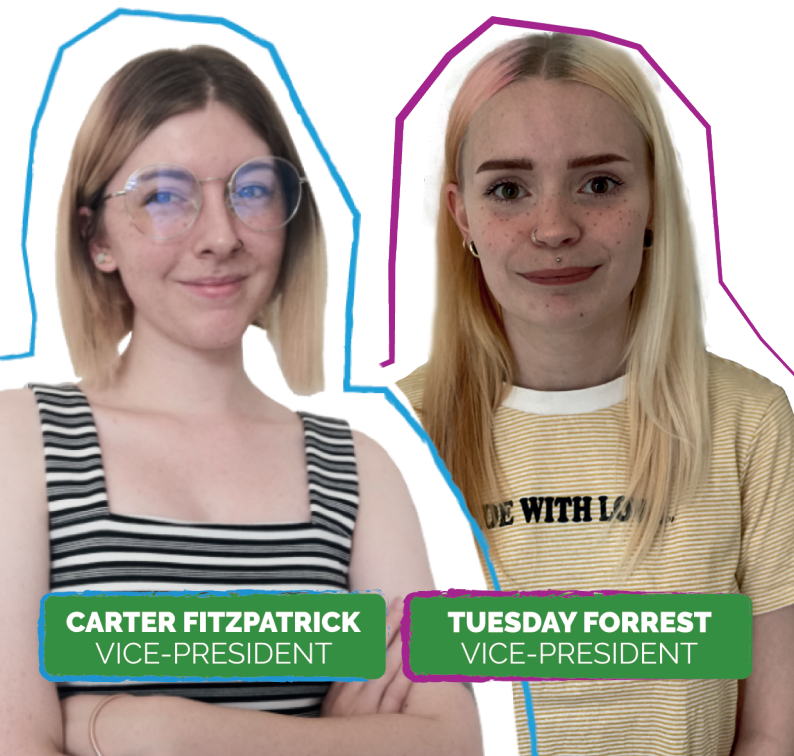


**CONNOR BAYLISS**  
PRESIDENT

**ANTHONY WALLACE**  
VICE-PRESIDENT



Your Officer Team will represent you here at Staffs. As Student Leaders, the Officers have the opportunity to have a positive impact and make important changes on behalf of students at Staffs, so if you have any ideas, problems, or anything you would like to discuss, let any of the team know – they'll always be happy to help!



**CARTER FITZPATRICK**  
VICE-PRESIDENT

**TUESDAY FORREST**  
VICE-PRESIDENT

# ADVICE & SUPPORT

There's a lot to take in during your first few weeks here at Staffs, but if you need any support your Union is here to help!

## STUDENT ADVICE TEAM

Our friendly Student Advice Team will support you to solve the problems that prevent you from studying in a stress-free environment. They provide free, confidential advice around academic issues, money management and housing help tailored to your personal circumstances – and if they can't help you directly, they'll know exactly who can.

You're not alone. They've seen and dealt with it all before so don't hesitate to get in touch by phone or email and set up some time to talk.

With their help, you can get back to focussing on the most important thing – your degree!

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[staffsunion.com/advice](http://staffsunion.com/advice) | [www.greenpad.co.uk](http://www.greenpad.co.uk)

## GREENPAD - YOUR UNION LETTING SERVICE

In Stoke we operate a local letting agency who can support you by checking any housing contracts, and give you advice on what to look for when finding a property.



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# COMMUNITY

We've got plenty of opportunities for you to Give it a Go and try something new. From access to a national volunteering database, to fundraising for causes close to your heart! Be Part of It at [staffsunion.com/london](http://staffsunion.com/london)

## STUDENT GROUPS

Setting up a club or society and building your own community couldn't be easier. We're here to support you if you want to run an event online or in person to help other students meet new people, share their passions and interests or try something completely new – simply get in touch!

## VOLUNTEERING & FUNDRAISING

As a student, volunteering is a great way to keep you busy, try something new, and give a nice little boost to your CV. No matter what you're looking for, we can help to find the perfect voluntary experience for you.

Got an idea of an activity that you think would be great for you and other students? Speak to the Students' Union and watch it come to life! Looking to fundraise for that special cause? Want to get involved in national campaigns? With the support of our Student Engagement team you can join our CoppaFeel student group, sign up to our Movember campaigns or start something completely new.

## GIVE IT A GO

Want to get involved with something new, but not sure where to start? You can get involved in the local area and 'Give it a Go' with the seasonal calendars from HERE East. As a Union, we can also support you to arrange trips and explore anything from Themes Parks and museums to new cities.



Please contact us if you would like any further information:  
[studentengagement@staffs.ac.uk](mailto:studentengagement@staffs.ac.uk) \ 01782 294687



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