

Welcome to the Student Members' Meeting

1st December 2025



WHO ARE WE?



We're your Guild - here to help all students LOVE Exeter.

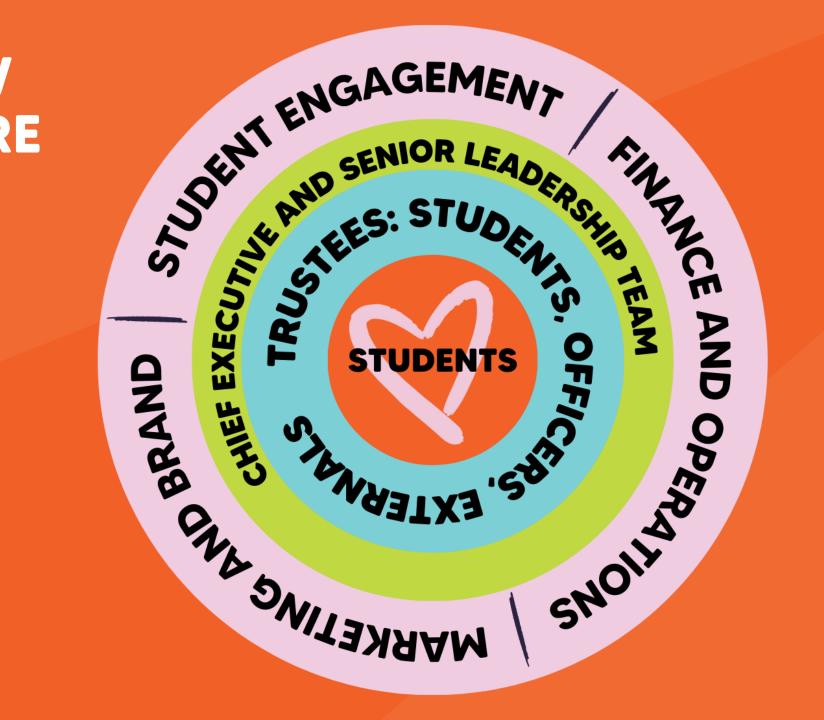
We're an independent non-profit membershipled charity – and you're automatically a member.

Day to day, we're the home of societies, events, representation, campaigning and advice – the best bits of student life.

Our team of staff, students, and elected Student Officers works to ensure students can take every opportunity, meet great people, feel represented, and make the best memories during their time at Exeter!



HOW WE'RE RUN











Guild Impact 2024-2025



WE SUPPORTED

1,53%

INDIVIDUAL STUDENT CASES
ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES INCLUDING
ACADEMIC, HOUSING AND FINANCE

9,051

ATTENDEES AT



12,517
SOCIETY MEMBERS



149 STUDENT CHANGEMAKERS







FEED YOUR FLAT EVENT

Intro to the Student Members' Meeting

Agenda for the meeting...

- 1. Guild Impact 2024-2025
- 2. Intro to the Student Members' Meeting
- 3. Ratify last year's Student Members' Meeting minutes
- 4. Your new model for Representation is here!
- 5. Formal presentations of the Exeter Students' Guild Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2025
- 6. Affiliations for approval
- 7. Q&A for Trustees open questions to the Trustees by the Student Members
- 8. Meeting closes 7.15pm followed by food and drinks



How to vote...

Who can vote? Members of the Guild who are students at the University of Exeter, and in person today.

What are we voting for? Today we'll proceed with two different votes:

- 1. Ratification of last year's minutes
- 2. Approval of our Affiliations

We'll vote with a show of hands, you can choose to:

- 1. In favour of approving
- 2. Against approving
- 3. Abstain



Ratification of last year's Student Members' Meeting minutes...



What did we look at last year?

- 1. Approved the minutes from the previous meeting
- 2. Impact Report 2023-24 Guild Officer Trustees presented the Impact report
- 3. University of Exeter Students' Guild Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024
 - Guild Officer Trustee presented the Audited Accounts for the year ended 31 July 2024
- 4. For approval 2023-24 affiliations for approval
 - 1. Affiliations were approved
- 5. Q&A for Trustees
 - 1. Trustees were asked a number of questions



Ratification of last year's Student Members' Meeting minutes...



Does the meeting ratify the minutes from last years' meeting?



Student Representation Review







Localised representation

Enabling and empowering students in a community first model

More diverse, flexible & paid opportunities

Removing barriers and offering more

Being truly student led

The importance of ownership in representation





Student involvement so far...

Previously...

- 1,973 survey respondents
- Visited 30 students' unions across 7 countries
- 25 students involved in 2-day representation hackathon
- Several representation pilots engaging hundreds of students
- Guild Accountability Board briefings and workshops
- Student-majority Trustee Board ongoing oversight and decision-making

This term...

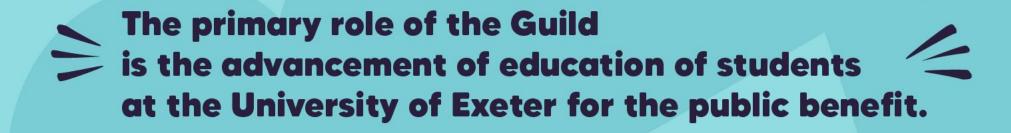
- Officer drop-ins, community and thematic workshops, campus pop-ups, polls
- 372 initial consultation form responses and nearly 1,000 post-it notes comments
- Over 1,000 emoji responses and comments on proposed models
- Student Media and Guild Accountability Board briefings

What's Changing

- Moving to 2 Full-Time Officers
- Re-investing resource to fund more innovative, flexible approaches to representation based on student feedback and needs;
- 30+ new Paid Part-Time Leadership Roles
- Budgets for departments and communities to facilitate localised student voice mechanisms



SUMMARY OF THE YEAR:

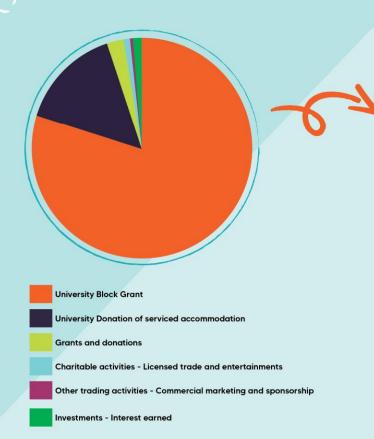


This is achieved through:

- promoting the interests and welfare of students at the University of Exeter during their course of study and representing, supporting and advising students.
- being the recognised representative channel between students and the University of Exeter and other relevant external bodies; and
- providing social, cultural, sporting and recreational activities and forums for discussions and debate for the personal development of its students.



GUILD INCOME 2/1/2



Guild Income		Total
University Block Grant		2,778,271
University Donation of serviced accommodation		523,554
Other Grants and Donations		84,463
Charitable activities - Licensed trade and entertainments	S	33,110
Other trading activities - Commercial marketing and spo	nsorship	14,969
Investments - Interest earned		44,684
Total income		3,479,051





GUILD EXPENDITURE 22-10-1



	Payroll Related costs	Other costs	
Finance and Operations	Finance, People and Operations	Software licences, audit fees, Insurance, cleaning, leasing, training and personal development of staff	768,545
Marketing and Brand	Marketing, Insight, Campus engagement, and Arts	Digital costs, licence fees for student platforms, branding costs, student media, music membership, music tuition, events, give it a go, welcome week and Guild Awards	841,190
Student Engagement	Sabbatical Officers, Voice, Advice, Widening Participation, Activities	Academic representation, student communities, democratic student elections, student campaigns, wellbeing initiatives, societies, volunteering	1,135,926
Non Directorate	CEO and Governance	Governance costs, life assurance	173,143
Serviced accommodation (fully funded by Uni)			523,554
Total Expenditure			3,442,358





SOCIETY INCOME / EXPENDITURE

The Guild acts as a 'banker' for societies so society income and expenditure do not form part of the Guild's Financial Statements.

It's their money, to be spent by them, on their members.

In order to ensure members get the benefit of their membership, we are supporting societies to clear down their balances in year and utilise funds.

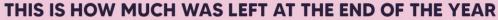
WHAT WE HAD FROM THE YEAR BEFORE (2024/25)

Balance brought forward 597,250

THIS IS THE INCOME/EXPENDITURE FROM THE YEAR 2024/25

Society income 1,445,045

Society expenditure 1,422,645



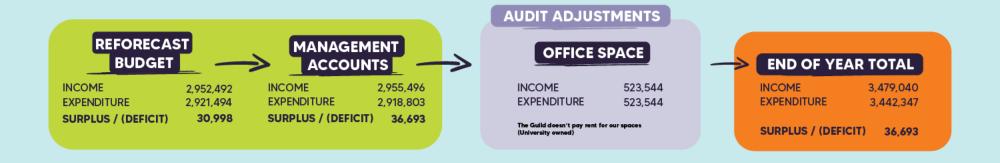
Closing balance 619,650





FINAL ACCOUNTS 2/17-->

The table shows how the **Annual Budget for 2024/2025** compares to the **Management Accounts**. After the **Audit**, an adjustment is made to account for the donation of office space.



Reserves	Total		
Funds - Brought forward	1,563,492	Unrestricted/Free Funds	1,427,629
Current year surplus / (deficit)	36,693	Revaluation reserve	172,556
Total funds	1,600,185		1,600,185



AFFILIATIONS FOR APPROVAL

NUS UK membership contribution - £30,700 NUS Charity membership contribution - £9,200



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Open Question Time On Affiliations

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Trustee Question Time



Thank you!

















