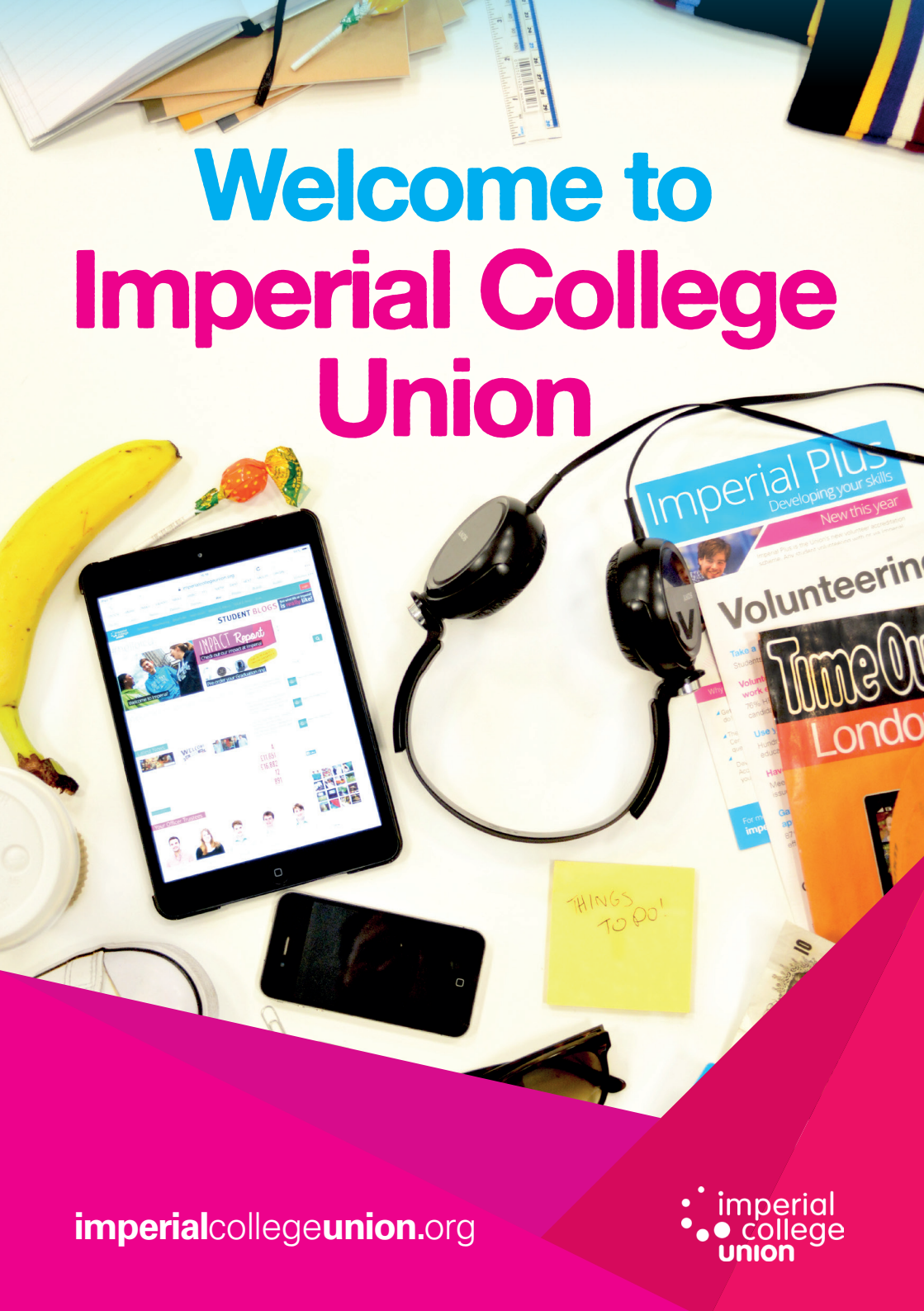


# Welcome to Imperial College Union



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Get ahead with the Welcome section of our website. We have lots of information that will help you prepare for your start at Imperial including event listings, top-tips and more!

**[imperialcollegeunion.org/welcome](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/welcome)**

All information correct at the time of going to print (September 2014)



**We are Imperial College Union - and so are you.**

Every student at Imperial is automatically a member of Imperial College Union, one of the most vibrant and diverse students' unions in the UK!

**We are here to make sure your time at the College is the best it can be.**

Your Officer Trustees take a year out of their studies to lead the Union alongside over 2,300 other elected students. Our election turnouts are the highest in England and Wales - we are proud to be a democratic organisation.

From our Academic Representation Network to our 300+ Clubs, Societies & Projects, we are working hard to amplify the student voice and create a welcoming student community.

**Welcome to Imperial College Union, your students' union!**



**Welcome to Imperial College Union**





## Tom Wheeler

President

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@icu\_Pres 

Welcome to Imperial! Whether you're a first-year Undergraduate or final-year Postgraduate; it is the job of 50+ full-time staff, as well as hundreds of casual student employees at the Union to make your life great. As Imperial College Union President, it's my job to work in the team of Officer Trustees to make sure that's exactly what we are doing for you, our members.

Working closely with the Union has provided me with some of the most enjoyable moments of my time at Imperial, and as President, I am here to make sure that your experience at Imperial is as valuable as possible. Whether it's a problem in your department, personal welfare or whether you just want a chance to chill out, let us know.

We're here to represent you to your department and at every level of the College and even to the Government. So make sure you check our

Blogs, as well as the emails we'll be sending out in the coming weeks to see what we've been up to.

I'm looking forward to meeting as many students as I can, so if you want to get in touch, drop me an email, tweet me or if you see me around campus, come say hello.

Tom

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**As an Undergraduate student, you are also part of one of our Constituent Unions. Each Constituent Union looks after students of its particular Faculty. Find out more about them on page 28.**



## Abi de Bruin

Deputy President (Clubs & Societies)

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Hi I'm Abi the Deputy President (Clubs & Societies). I look after all of the 300+ Clubs, Societies & Projects that Imperial College Union has to offer – a pretty broad role considering we have everything from A Capella to Yoga and more for (almost) all the alphabet in-between.

All our Clubs, Societies & Projects will be showcased at the Freshers' Fair at our South Kensington campus on Tuesday 7 October where they will have stands with flyers and freebies accompanied by some exciting demonstrations. Clubs, Societies & Projects are one of the biggest factors in helping you enjoy your time at Imperial.

Our Give It A Go scheme (GIAG) should help you find the club for you by letting you try out a huge range of our activities before you become a member. Our groups put on a load of events, trips and taster sessions so get involved and join in.

Clubs, Societies & Projects are an integral part of your student experience, at a university like

Imperial studying can easily take over your life if you let it. It is so important that you take some time off, and the skills you gain from taking part in activities such as teamwork, planning and organisation are hugely valuable to employers.

University is one of the only times you will have so many opportunities to try new things, meet so many new people and have so much fun! I can definitely say the Union's Clubs, Societies & Projects have been a huge factor in enjoying my time here so far and would urge everyone to take part in as much as they can.

If you have any questions or even just want to say hello, feel free to email me, drop into the office or find me around on campus.

Abi

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Abi de Bruin'.



## Pascal Loose

Deputy President (Education)  
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 @ic\_u\_DPE 


Hi everyone, I'm Pascal and I am your Deputy President (Education), for short DPE, for this year. I'm working together with the Union to amplify the student voice and to ensure you guys have the best academic experience during your time at Imperial.

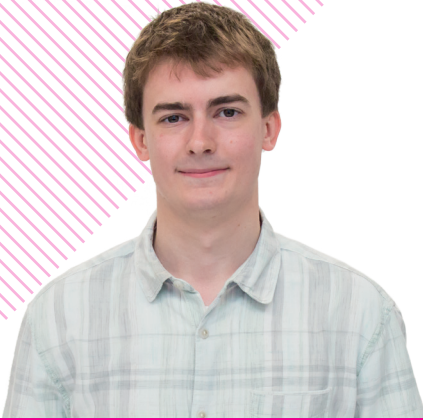
Coming to university is an equally exciting and intimidating experience. You might have many questions regarding the student experience at Imperial or the workload of your course. We have set up the Mums and Dads scheme, which is an excellent way to speak to older students.

If you feel like you want to get more involved then you should run for year representative. We have a large network of 500 academic representatives and as a year rep you will gain invaluable skills, influence your courses and get to know all your classmates and many of the staff members.

If you have any questions, concerns, ideas or want to grab a coffee, come over to the Union building and say hi! I hope you guys have an amazing time here at Imperial and I'm looking forward to welcoming you!

Pascal

 **We are amplifying the student voice, representing your views to College every day, making your academic life at Imperial the best it can be.**



## Chris Kaye

Deputy President (Welfare)  
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 @icu\_DPW 


Hello and welcome! I'm Chris and I'm your Deputy President (Welfare). This means I want to ensure you are supported during your time at Imperial. This is now my 5th year at Imperial so I know a thing or two about what life here is like and so I'm confident you will have a superb time here.

The Union provides a wide array of social activities to help you settle in. There are many services provided by College and the Union to support you during your time here, such as your Personal Tutor, the Counselling Service, and the Union Advice Centre.

Another aspect of my role is to facilitate campaigns on issues affecting Imperial students. The definition of what affects Imperial students is pretty broad – it can be an issue on your course, on campus, or even in the wider world. Come and have a chat about it and we'll try to get it going!

Have a fantastic start to your time here and remember to look after yourself. If you ever need pointing in the right direction, or just a friendly chat, I'm only an email or door-knock away.

Chris

 **We are building a student community that is welcoming and diverse.**





## Alex Savell

Deputy President (Finance & Services)

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Hi I'm Alex, your Deputy President (Finance & Services) for this year. I started at Imperial in 2006 with my undergraduate degree and have stayed here all the way through – doing both an MRes and a PhD; so I know the College and the Union pretty well by now.

My job this year primarily involves the finances of all the Clubs, Societies and Projects we have to offer as well as overseeing how our licensed venues are run and the entertainment we put on there. I'm particularly interested in getting more live music and events at our South Kensington club venue, Metric.

One of my favourite things about Imperial is the variety of Clubs, Societies and Projects I have been able to be involved in such as Riding and Polo and Sci-Fi, there's really something out there for everyone so I urge you to make the

most of it. Part of my job is to be your student voice, so please come and find me if you have thoughts, ideas or concerns.

Good luck with all your degrees and activities,

Alex



**We want you to be proud of Imperial College Union, one of the most active Students' Unions in the UK.**



# Life as a Undergraduate at the College

So, you've enrolled online, got your place in halls or shared accommodation, and you're all set to start at Imperial - now what? Starting university is fun and exciting - it's a new experience and we're sure you can't wait to get started! Do you know what you're in for?

**Here's what you can expect during the first...**

## Day

Everything kicks off on Saturday 4 October - this is officially the start of term and usually the day when everyone moves into halls on campus. There will be Hall Wardens, Hall Seniors and student volunteers from the College and the Union on hand help you settle in (look out for our [#helloicu crew!](#)). You'll also meet other new students who you'll be sharing rooms, flats or corridors with! Your Wardens and Seniors are there for you all year and can help you whilst living in halls.

If you're living in external accommodation, you can still get help and advice from the College. The Student Accommodation service can provide lists of approved landlords and information, and the Union's Advice Centre can help resolve any problems or issues. You can get in touch with the Student Accommodation service at the Student Hub, and the Advice Centre through the Union.

## Student Hub

Tel: 020 7594 9444

Email: [accommodation@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:accommodation@imperial.ac.uk)

## Advice Centre

Tel: 020 7594 8067

Email: [advice@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:advice@imperial.ac.uk)

## Week

The first week of term, i.e. Welcome Week, will be full of introductions from your Department and Faculty, the College at large and from us

as well. Each course induction varies and it'll be tailored to your course and department. We run loads of events to help you meet other new students, settle into life at the College, and get you off to a flying start. You should have a Welcome Week leaflet with this handbook, showing all the events going on, and you can also find the details online at [imperialcollegeunion.org/whats-on...](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/whats-on...)

Welcome Week is also a good chance to get yourself ready for your first few lectures and lab sessions, explore your campus, and the local area. Make sure you get yourself stocked with stationery from the Union Shop - they've got loads of new term offers on all the essentials! Your Department will have an induction timetable for you, so make sure to be around for those events to start your degree on the right foot.

## Month

After your first week, you'll be straight into your studies. Hopefully, you're all set for a great start to the rest of your degree here at Imperial.

During this first month, you'll be able to stand as and/or elect your Year Representative (Year Rep) in our Your Rep & Council Elections. Year Reps are voluntary student roles that work within the Union's Academic Representation Network. The Rep Network is there to ensure that the academic experience for students at Imperial is second to none. You can find out more about the Academic Representation Network on page 18.

The range of events available to you won't stop after Welcome Week...

- ▲ Hall Wardens and Seniors organise events throughout the year;
- ▲ Clubs or Societies you've joined will have events and trips to be part of;

- ▲ your Constituent Union run a range of events and activities;
- ▲ your Faculty and Department will also have events planned.

Make sure your diary is up-to-date with everything going on! All in all, you can expect to be quite busy during your first month, but a good busy.

## Term

By the end of your first term, you should have a pretty good idea of what's expected from you in terms of workload, how your course will evolve and how your Department works.

You should also know where some key locations are - the library, lecture halls or labs and the Union of course - and how to get there like the back of your hand! If you don't, you can find a campus map in the Imperial Mobile app to keep you going in the right direction.

Hopefully, you will have had some time by now to explore London. The College sits right in the middle of Albertopolis, London's quarter for science, technology, culture and arts. The Natural History Museum, Science Museum and V&A are all free entry, and as a student, you can get discounts on their ticketed exhibitions.

You can also get student discount on a range of attractions and events in London; there are also great students discounts for shopping as well! London has a lot to offer so get out and explore.

Finally, you should be on the way to cementing firm friendships with people on your course, who you live with, who you've met through the Union or all of the above. This really is the start of what will hopefully be a great time in your life, and we hope that we can help you make the most of it.



## Are you an International student?

It can be a little daunting when coming from abroad to study in the UK, but living in London is a great experience. Explore, stay safe and ask for help if you need it - the Union and the College are here to help!

There are a number of Cultural societies that can help you stay connected with home and help ease you into life in London. Visit the A to Z on the Union website and pick the 'Cultural' category to find the society for you.

If you have any queries once you've started at the College, contact the International Office (call 020 7594 8040, email [international@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:international@imperial.ac.uk) or visit [imperial.ac.uk/international](http://imperial.ac.uk/international)) or the Students' Union Advice Service (call 020 7594 8067 or email [advice@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:advice@imperial.ac.uk)).



**The Student Hub on level 3 of the Sherfield building on the South Kensington campus will be open on Saturday 4 October from 09:00 to 17:00 for any queries you may have. The Union bars will also be open from 12:00 for food and refreshments, and our Undergraduate Mingle is on from 19:00 – get to know your new hall mates and meet other Freshers!**

# CYCLING IN LONDON? IT'S FREE! LEARNING TO CYCLE SAFELY IS TOO

Introducing free cycle training for students



If you've already got a bike (if not, it costs so little to hire one), get clued up on how you can cycle in London more safely and more smartly – for nothing. Visit [www.rbkc.gov.uk/cycletraining](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/cycletraining) and book our free, one-to-one training.



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KENSINGTON  
AND CHELSEA



# Imperial College Union - what we have to offer

Imperial College Union runs over 300 Clubs, Societies & Projects, the largest number of any Students' Union in the UK, so whatever you want to do here you're almost certain to find it! Our members tell us that being part of a Club, Society or Project is one of the best things about being at Imperial. You can get involved whether you are a beginner, expert or just interested in trying something new.

As a member of a Club, Society or Project, you have access to a range of facilities at the Union including newly refurbished media suites for TV & radio, and our snooker room, Union Gym for training and classes and even a Science Fiction Library!

Our Clubs, Societies & Projects also get involved in Give It A Go, a scheme that lets you try something new. Last year, 71 of our Clubs,

Societies & Projects and over 3,000 students took the opportunity to try new activities such as Synchronised Swimming, Cinema projecting, Meditation and Greek dancing. Look out for more information online at [imperialcollegeunion.org/giag](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/giag) about our Give It A Go activities when it runs in October and January.

The Student Activities Centre (SAC) is also available to all students and is your port of call for club services and enquiries. There are also networked computers and printing facilities available for Club Officers, as well as post boxes for all of our groups. The SAC is on floor 2M of the Union Building.

Our Clubs, Societies & Projects offer a great way to meet people with similar interests, or find a new one to take your fancy! They're

also a great way to try things out at a low cost, gain new experiences and skills or develop old ones. See a full list of all our activities at [imperialcollegeunion.org/a-to-z](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/a-to-z) and read more about Activities in our Activities Handbook.

## Volunteering

Volunteers are at the core of everything the Union does. From our Academic Representation Network to our Club, Society & Project Officers, over 2,500 volunteer positions are filled by elected students. There are a number of opportunities to volunteer with and through the Union via Community Connections, our volunteer brokerage scheme, and Imperial Hub, a national volunteering organisation based at the Union. We recognise the hours our volunteers put in through Imperial Plus, our volunteer accreditation scheme.



## Community Connections

Community Connections connects Imperial students to the community in which they study and live through volunteering opportunities.

Make a difference to an issue you care about; ignite a passion you didn't know you had; develop new skills; meet new people or find out what it would be like to work in charity, social enterprise or local community organisation by volunteering with them. Whatever you study or the year you are in, if you have a couple of days to spare each month or just a few hours, if you want to volunteer

by yourself or participate in a mass volunteer event - there's a volunteering opportunity to suit everyone's interests and timetables.

Visit Community Connections online at [imperialcollegeunion.org/volunteering](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/volunteering) where you will be able to:

- ▲ Register for our Community Connections fortnightly newsletter, bringing the latest volunteering opportunities straight to your inbox
- ▲ Search the hundreds of volunteer opportunities available to Imperial students, filtering your search dependent on your interests
- ▲ Sign up for a Mass Volunteering activity individually or as a group, where you'll take part in a fun and rewarding volunteering activity where you'll see the difference your efforts make immediately.
- ▲ Alternatively, visit us at the Community Connections Volunteering Fair on 14 October 2014 in the Great Hall on the South Kensington Campus.

The time spent volunteering through Community Connections can be counted towards the Imperial Plus Volunteer Certificate or Volunteer Accreditation.

Make the most of your time at Imperial and get to know the community you study and live in!

# Imperial Plus

Developing your skills

## Imperial Plus

Imperial Plus is a Union programme that acknowledges and celebrates the volunteering students undertake either with the Union, with College or through Community Connections volunteering activities.

The Union has over 3,000 volunteers who play a huge part in running the Union, making the services we provide amongst the best in the country. We acknowledge our volunteers' efforts, success and achievements through Imperial Plus and at our Union Awards each year.

By registering for the Volunteer Certificate or Volunteer Accreditation, Imperial Plus encourages volunteers to reflect on the skills they gain through volunteering, providing them with a downloadable record of their volunteer experience, demonstrating how they have applied the key skills sought after by graduate employers.

The Volunteer Accreditation, externally accredited by awarding body ASDAN, provides

free training opportunities for volunteers to develop skills that will assist them in their role whilst enhancing their employability. Completing the Volunteer Certificate will acknowledge volunteering for 25, 50 or 75 hours in each academic year. Logging volunteering hours will take no more than 10 minutes each week.

The Volunteer Accreditation requires 100 hours to be logged, attendance at four Introduction to... skill based workshops and producing a short reflective assignment based on the learning outcomes of each workshop.

For anyone with a key volunteer role with or via the Union in the subsequent academic year, they are eligible to apply for the Volunteer Qualification, an ILM Level 5 Award in the Management of Volunteers.

Register for Imperial Plus online at [imperialcollegeunion.org/imperialplus](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/imperialplus).

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29 Students have completed the Volunteer Accreditation.

98

98 Students have completed the Volunteer Certificate.



Over 14,000 hours of volunteering have already been recorded for Imperial Plus.



## Imperial Hub

As a student at Imperial, you have the power and potential to shape a better world. Imperial Hub can support you to gain the skills and experiences that will allow you make a difference with your time here.

University is the perfect time to meet new people, step out of your comfort zone and gain new skills. Each year Imperial Hub organises a range of conferences and talks, volunteering opportunities and training programmes to help you learn more about some of the greatest challenges the world is facing, make a difference to peoples' lives, and start up your own social businesses. From volunteering in

local schools to teaching Coding, Engineering, Sports, Maths or Science to organising a conference on International Development, to helping College to reduce its environmental impact: there are so many ways for you to gain new experiences and do something good.

Last year over 1300 students came together to make a difference. How will you make your mark? Find us at Freshers' Fair or sign up to our newsletter for more: [www.imperialhub.org](http://www.imperialhub.org)

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[hello@imperialhub.org](mailto:hello@imperialhub.org)



## Campaigns

Imperial College Union runs a number of campaigns all year round. Some are one-off campaigns and others are continuous i.e. they run year-to-year. We are the voice for students at Imperial, and all of our campaigns are student-led. This ensures that we are addressing issues that directly affect you and that you are at the heart of any recommendations and decisions made as a result. Some of our continuous campaigns we run are:

**Rep Week:** we hold two Rep Weeks a year to celebrate the great changes that have taken place with the help of your Academic Representation Network, as well as get suggestions from you as to what more could be improved at the College. Anything suggested by you is followed up by our Academic Reps. You can talk to them in person on campus during our Rep Weeks or send your suggestion online via email, Facebook or Twitter (keep an eye out for [#loveyourrep](https://twitter.com/loveyourrep)).

**Stress Less:** this campaign provides opportunities for students to relax and refocus during last year's exam period. There were a host of free events for students to attend, which included Yoga on the Queen's Lawn, Box Fit in Ethos, free massages in the Library and even a giant bouncy castle!

The Union has even campaigned for student discounts with certain businesses in and around South Kensington, details of which can be found on our website at [imperialcollegeunion.org/discounts](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/discounts).

The best way to see the outcomes of your suggestions and our campaigning is to visit the You Said, We Did page on the Union website. It tells you what feedback you gave to us and what you wanted to change, and shows you what we did to make it happen. Go to [imperialcollegeunion.org/feedback](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/feedback) to see what we've done so far.

## Academic Representation Network



### Representation

Over 500 students come together in our Academic Representation Network, making sure you're represented and heard at every level in the College. Our Academic Representatives work closely with the College to make your education is the best it can be. The Academic Representation Network spans all Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses and research groups, and collect invaluable feedback from students about all aspects of their academic experience, which is then fed back to College staff. This helps us to initiate changes and guarantee quality is maintained.

New courses, changes to technology, teaching methods and student expectations will always mean courses and research opportunities need to adapt over time. Listening to feedback from students and acting on this information ensures Imperial's courses are the best they can be. Changes brought about by the Academic Representation Network in 2013/14 include the refurbishment of lecture theatres, the removal of coursework and reforms to marking schemes.

All students at Imperial, whether undergraduate or postgraduate, full-time or part-time, international or home have at least one Academic Representative to speak on their

behalf. If you have any teaching, resource or assessment concerns e-mail your Academic Representative with your concern. Reps will be able to assist with any matter relating to your academic experience and your feedback will remain anonymous. You can find your Academic Rep using the A to Z facility on the Union's website by selecting your course or research group [imperialcollegeunion.org/representatives..](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/representatives..)

Academic Reps for each course or research group will be elected in October. No experience is required, and becoming an Academic Rep is an excellent way to develop your teamworking and campaigning skills, and participate in College's world-leading academic community. Look out for information nearer the time.

If you have any other questions regarding the Academic Representation Network or would like more information about becoming an Academic Rep, please contact [representation@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:representation@imperial.ac.uk).

### Who represents me?

#### MY DEPARTMENTAL REP

Rachel Hounslow

DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVE

#### MY FACULTY REP

James Murphy

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS OFFICER

#### MY SABBATICAL

Pascal Loose

DEPUTY PRESIDENT (EDUCATION)

This is an example of what you would see if you were in Chemistry.

# The Advice Centre

## Advice

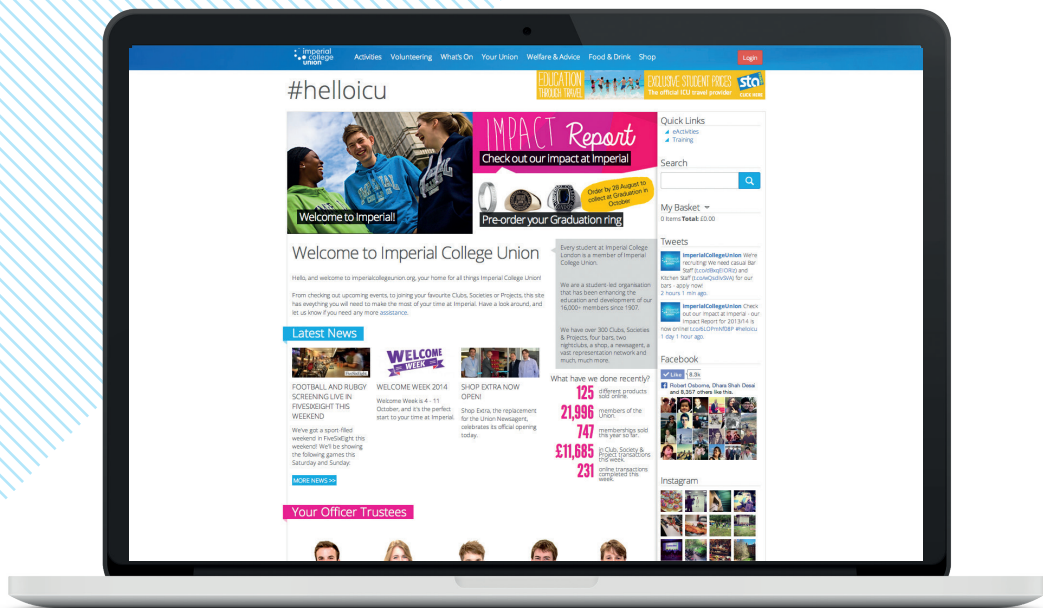
If you experience difficulties with any aspect of your College life, be it your studies, accommodation, wellbeing, finances - anything that might affect you as a student - then we are here to help. Our Advice Centre is your free service for confidential, impartial, independent advice and information.

We offer free confidential and impartial advice on a number of welfare issues including:

- ▲ **Academic Issues:** Appeals and complaints within your department or generally in the College. We can provide an advocate to ensure that processes are carried out in a fair manner.
- ▲ **Accommodation:** Tenancy Deposit Scheme, court claims, repairs, unfair terms within contracts, tenancy agreement checking service and general advice on your housing rights.
- ▲ **Money Advice:** Writing to credit companies to negotiate payment plans, negotiating with College over nonpayment of tuition or accommodation fees, rent, help with looking for extra funding.

- ▲ **Employment Rights:** Break entitlement, minimum wage, National Insurance Numbers, bullying and harassment at work.
- ▲ **Consumer Rights:** Taking products back, internet buying, distance selling and general statutory rights on purchases in any area.
- ▲ **Legal Help:** Advice with any legal situations that students find themselves in such as court summons or any other legal matter.
- ▲ **Health:** Personal safety, sexual health, alcohol and drug issues.

Get in touch with the Advice Centre by phone on 020 7594 8067, email [advice@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:advice@imperial.ac.uk) or leave a message at the Union Reception on floor 2M. You can also find useful advice and information in our Very Helpful Handbook.



## Website

The Union website, [imperialcollegeunion.org](http://imperialcollegeunion.org), is where you'll find all things Imperial College Union. The first thing to do is log in to the site using the big red button at the top, you use your normal College username and password. In fact, do it now!

On our website you can do anything from joining a Club, Society or Project to finding out what events are going on around campus, seeing what your Officer Trustees have been doing, to getting involved with the latest campaigns and volunteering opportunities.

Community Connections and all of the great volunteering opportunities we offer can be found on the Volunteering tab. You can also find out more about our Imperial Plus scheme and how to register your volunteer hours.

Once you have elected your Academic Representatives, you'll be able to quickly find out who they are and contact them. The 'My Academic Reps' box on the right hand-side of every page will show you names and email addresses should you need to contact them.

The website is also the place to find out about all of the Union's facilities including our bars and nightclubs. Our online Shop let's you buy tickets for events, join our Clubs, Societies & Projects or even get branded Imperial clothing!

We update the site often with the latest news stories and information so it's worthwhile checking back regularly.

# Food, Drink, Events & Entertainment

## Food & Drink

We run a number of bars on our South Kensington campus and one bar on our Charing Cross campus. They do everything from lunchtime food service, to big nights out as part of big events like our Summer Ball.

## Events and entertainment

There are a number of regular events in our venues during term time. These include Indigo, our monthly indie music night, CSP Wednesday, featuring sport and music, Roquefort, our cheesy rock night, and iPop, our cheesy pop night! We'll also have stand-up comedy in the Union Bar every month, and regular quizzes across all of our venues. Check out [imperialcollegeunion.org/whats-on](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/whats-on) to see all the regular and one-off events in our venues..

## Our Promises

Imperial College Union is a not-for-profit charity; every penny we make goes back into our services and venues. Our aim is to offer you

great value for money on all of our products, provide excellent customer service in all of our outlets and venues, and deliver a range of events to cater for the diverse student community at Imperial. These are our promises to you.

Imperial College Union will always:

- ▲ ensure you are treated with respect and provided with the best possible service.
- ▲ ensure the safety of our customers at all times.
- ▲ defend equal opportunities and promote a welcoming and diverse student community for all.
- ▲ seek feedback from our customers and respond promptly.

Visit [imperialcollegeunion.org/ourpromises](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/ourpromises) to see all the shops and bars promises.



# FiveSixEight.

## THE UNION BAR

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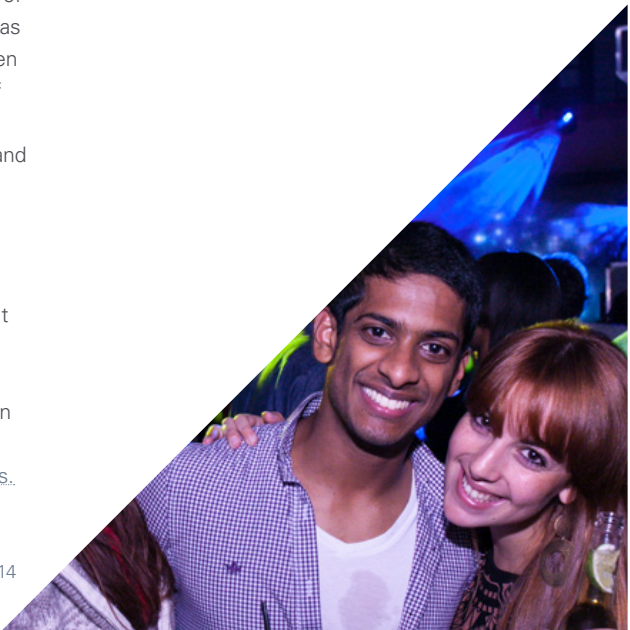
### FiveSixEight

FiveSixEight is the perfect place to head for lunch between lectures or for a lively drink with a group of friends in the evening. Our food service is available Monday – Sunday at lunchtimes and evenings, serving up a range of burgers, pizzas, salads and main meals such as hand-battered fish and chips, burritos and even chicken fajitas! You can also get small sides if you're looking for a bite to eat and platters to share with friends. With a mixture of indoor and outdoor seating, we show all major sporting events on the big screens.

### The Union Bar

The Union Bar is a great place for a chilled out drink with friends. It is a traditionally themed pub that is renowned on campus for its selection of real ales and guest beers. You can also vote for guest ales to be stocked in the Union Bar at [imperialcollegeunion.org/realales](http://imperialcollegeunion.org/realales).

FiveSixEight and the Union Bar are located on the ground floor of the Union Building to the left as you come in through the main entrance from the quad, on the South Kensington campus.





## Metric

Metric is home to the Union's best music and social events, from club nights and live bands to social nights. It has played host to big name acts alongside a range of up and coming artists and on-campus talent. The venue features a superb sound system, a big screen to show major sporting events, state of the art lighting and every-day great value drinks prices and deals.

During Welcome Week you will get to see events such as Comedy Night and our very own IC Big Band. The Freshers' Ball on the Friday of Welcome Week is held across all of our Union Building bars with Metric hosting the headlining acts and DJs.

Regular events include iPop for all your cheesy classics, Roquefort our new rock night and our regular Wednesday night CSP Wednesdays with a different decade of music each week!

Clubs, Societies & Projects also host regular nights at Metric with a wide range of events such as Imperial's Got Talent, showcases and even Wikipedia races.

Metric is located on the ground floor of the Union Building to the right as you come in through the main entrance from the quad.





## Reynolds Bar

Hidden from view behind Charing Cross Hospital, the Reynolds Bar is a gem in the heart of the Charing Cross campus. Reynolds is open weekday evenings from 18:00 till 23:00 with late opening on Wednesdays and Fridays, and has a huge variety of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks available.

Wednesday is Sports Night where all of the Medics' sports teams and supporters celebrate or commiserate the day's results, and Fridays play host to our legendary Bops, where over 450 students (often in fancy dress) dance the night away. Sports, films and television shows are also shown throughout the week, so you need not miss your favourite programmes to have a good night out.

Reynolds will be having two weeks of events at the start of term. Make sure you pop down once Welcome Week is over to carry on the fun and don't forget to visit the rest of the year as well!

The Reynolds Bar is Situated in Charing Cross hospital off Dunstan's road on the ground floor of the Reynolds building. The closest tube stations are Hammersmith and Barons Court.





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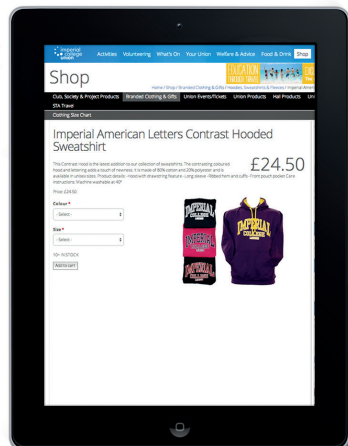
## Shop and Shop Extra

The Union runs two shops, which can both be found on the main walkway near the Senior Common Room. Both outlets stock a wide variety of goods at competitive prices, and because they're controlled by the Union, every penny you spend will be reinvested into services, societies and staff that will directly benefit you over the coming years.

The Union Shop is the place to get all your stationery and study products as well as a great range of Imperial College London merchandise and memorabilia.

Shop Extra is our newsagent situated opposite the Union Shop and sells confectionery, drinks, tobacco, newspapers and magazines, everyday essentials such as toiletries and batteries, and gift and cards.

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There are a number of Faculties at Imperial College London and each Faculty has a Union that sits under Imperial College Union. Each Constituent Union looks after students of its particular Faculty. Our Constituent Unions for undergraduates are:



**City & Guilds College Union (CGCU):** representing undergraduate students in the Faculty of Engineering, except those in the Department of Materials and the Department of Earth Science & Engineering.



**Royal College of Science Union (RCSU):** representing undergraduate students in the Faculty of Natural Science.



**Imperial College School of Medicine Students' Union (ICSMSU):** representing undergraduate students in the Faculty of Medicine.



**Royal School of Mines Union (RSMU):** representing undergraduate students in the Department of Materials and the Department of Earth Science & Engineering.



**Timothy Munday**

CGCU President  
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Welcome all you new engineers and congratulations on finally getting here. I'm sure it's been a lot of hard work. You have got four of the most exciting years of your life ahead of you and you'll undoubtedly make a lot of great friends and memories. Don't be fooled though, those four years are going to pass unbelievably quickly, so get involved straight away!

That's where the CGCU come in. We've got a lot of events planned so that you can meet people from other departments, have a great night out and learn about our time honoured traditions. The first of which is the Welcome Dinner, but also look forward to C&G Week next term and other events.



Each of your departments also has its own society who will put on their own great events and activities throughout the year. We also have some societies for engineering interests, so make sure you check these out at Freshers' Fair. There really is a lot to do beyond studying so make some time to do it.

Finally, if you ever have any academic or welfare issues, we have dedicated officers to deal with those problems. You can find out more on our website, Facebook or come meet us in the office, Room 340 City and Guilds Building.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all; you've got an exciting year ahead.



Dariush Hassanzadeh-Baboli

ICSMSU President  
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icsmsu.com

Hey there! My name is Dariush and I'm currently taking a year out after my fifth year of Medicine to be President of Imperial College School of Medicine Students' Union.

So what do I do? In a nutshell, I have a full-time job to ensure the undergraduate Medical and Bio-Medical students are properly represented and looked after.

I'm helped by 16 talented student officers who, between all of us, make sure you have the best time ever at Imperial. We cater for absolutely anything from academic and welfare needs to hosting a jam-packed social calendar and everything in between.



At ICSMSU, we are very lucky to have our own Clubs & Societies, including BioMed Soc and GradMed Soc. Even if you're not a Faculty of Medicine student, you are definitely welcome to any of our Clubs & Societies and events. We're all about inclusivity and fun!

My office is located on the ground floor of the SAF building, so come by if you have a question or just want to have a chat – my door is always open.



Serena Yuen

RCSU President  
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Hi everyone! I'm Serena, a third year physicist, and welcome to the RCSU! All natural scientists are represented by the RCSU, and we'll be bringing you even more this year than ever before.

We'll be mixing the old with the new by keeping our traditional events, such as seasonal balls and exciting careers events, while introducing a wonderful new mix activities ranging from interdepartmental competitions to comedy trips. None of this could be possible without our dedicated committee, including officers whose main focus is your welfare and academic wellbeing.

This year is full of things for you to get involved in, such as our student written science magazine. Feeling competitive? Look out for our annual Science Challenge, a science communication competition open to all students at Imperial (even if you're not a scientist!). We've got a fantastic line-up of judges and prizes this year just for you!

We've also upgraded our website, [rcsu.org.uk](http://rcsu.org.uk), making it easier for you stay up to date with what's going on. Or, if you'd prefer to visit in person then the RCSU office is at the start of the Sherfield Walkway, along the corridor to the left of Santander - feel free to come by if you have a question or just want a chat.

University is what you make of it, so make sure you take full advantage of what's on offer. In the meantime, have an unforgettable first year and good luck to you all!



Ben Warnick

RSMU President  
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union.ic.ac.uk/rsm

Welcome! Congratulations on your results and on joining the Royal School of Mines, making you the envy of all Imperial.

We've got tons of events planned over the first couple of weeks to give you a proper welcome and hope that you'll take full advantage of all that's on offer. These range from the RSMU Olympics to the famed Freshers' Dinner. They are truly unmissable!

This year we plan to build on the fantastic traditions and events that make us such a historic union. As such, this year we want to bring you bigger and better events alongside creating a better system for feedback so you can let us know how we can carry on improving.

Alongside our pastoral & academic support and social events we also have DepSocs and Sports teams for you to join. DepSocs are great for getting to know everyone on your course and not only put on interesting academic events, but also have a great social scene.



The culmination of our sporting calendar has got to be the Bottle Match; the second oldest Varsity Match in the world against our most hated foe, Camborne School of Mines, which you will hear more about when you arrive. This year, the Bottle Match will be held in London and is a weekend of sport and singing (or shouting in some cases). Whether or not you are a sportsman, this is not to be missed (our spectators rarely need encouragement).

Even if you haven't tried some of these sports before, get stuck in; all the sports clubs are very welcoming to beginners and are great for letting off steam.

Overall we hope that you'll find the RSM to be the most friendly, supportive and enjoyable part of your university experience.

See you soon!



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### ONE-OFF PROJECTS

We run regular one-off events on our South Kensington campus and your role is to 'open the doors' to Imperial for young people. You don't need any previous volunteering experience and this is a great way to find out more about IntoUniversity before making any longer-term commitments.

### LONGER-TERM PROJECTS

These projects require a minimum of 1 or 2 academic terms. Mentoring and academic support are a great way for you to support a young person over a longer period of time.

### TRAINING

You will need to attend an induction session for some of the projects. These take place on the campus and further details can be obtained from the Outreach Office.

[intouniversity@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:intouniversity@imperial.ac.uk)

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*- Belinda Lo, 2nd Year in Faculty of Natural Sciences, IntoUniversity Mentoring*



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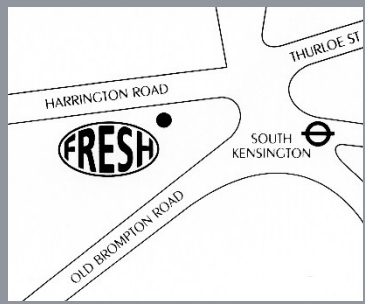
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