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Our two biggest societies and prepping for next term.

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# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CROSS CAMPUS OFFICERS!

## Student President Update


Oliver Sweeney

I have been spending a lot of time this month representing students at a time when UHI is planning and negotiating what its future may look like. The entirety of the college and university sector in Scotland is seeing a lot of pressure, and institutions across the country are having to change.

I have been pushing UHI for a single, consistent vision for student experience across the UHI partnership. The future of UHI needs to be one that reflects the needs of our students right now, but also the needs of students in 10 or 20 years' time. Those future students could be us, our families, our friends or other people in our communities. We have a great opportunity to make sure that UHI works for us, its students, and I will be spending the coming weeks and months fighting hard to make sure our needs and opinions are used to shape the UHI of the future.

## Vice President Education Update


Andi Garrity

I have been heavily involved in UHI Executive Office, Highland Theological College, & Scottish Association of Marine Sciences' Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review. Massive thankies to all the students helped support and give feedback to the review team! We're now waiting to get our key outcomes in December.

## TRANSFORMATION

Help UHI improve student timetables!
How does your timetable work for you? Tell us what works well and what could be better.
Different timetabling systems are used across UHI's partner campuses, learning and research centres. We're exploring how to improve timetabling, and your experiences and ideas will help shape that work.
Share your views in our short survey – it only takes a few minutes.
**Take the student timetabling survey**

# LOCAL UPDATES: ARGYLL

## Update from Timothy



Timothy has been busy working away making sure that the student voice is heard and taken seriously at UHI Argyll, from hosting SVR recruitment drop ins (that have seen the recruitment of 6 SVRs!), to taking concerns over Turnitin using students work for AI training. Timothy has been ensuring that your views are seen by UHI and taken seriously. He has also been working quite closely with Merlin, the SAMS depute, to develop a list of businesses in the Oban area to help students save some pennies with their everyday expenses. He also continues to bring feedback regarding Brightspace to the university.

## Meet the Principal

There will be a chance for students to meet Nathan, the new principal of UHI Argyll, in February. This will be available to students on the Oban campus, with the ability for students from other campuses, or online, to dial in via Microsoft Teams. More information on this will be circulated soon as well as a form to submit questions to the principal and Timothy.

## A quick hello!

I'm Scarlett Fox, the new Engagement Coordinator for HISA working with UHI Argyll, and helping Timothy with his work. No doubt you will see me in some online classes begging you to sign up to be an SVR or hosting online events! If you have any questions regarding HISA, then you are always free to send me a Teams message or email me. I look forward to working with you in this role!

# LOCAL UPDATES: SAMS

## An Update from Merlin & Annie



Second-year SAMS student and SVR Chris Albers recently showed an exhibition entitled 'Trapped' which explored issues around sound pollution in protected marine ecosystems. It was on display at the Ocean Explorer Centre in October. Check out the HISA website for an interview, where we discussed inspiration, practicalities, and art as activism.

Many of you have been taking the opportunity to take a break and hang out with the brilliant Therapets, Archie and Basil, when they have joined us this term. If you haven't come to scootch the pooch, or (understandably) want to again, we are happy to say that there is still time this side of the holidays! Lyndsay is bringing the two of them to visit again at lunchtime on **Thursday 3rd December.**

This isn't the only thing we have on to help you to de-stress in the run up to the exam period. Many of you joined us for what is now something of an annual tradition of decorating the SAMS Christmas Tree. The tree, with all its beautiful baubles made by you folks, and those that came before (sorry – that came out a tad dramatic, huh?), will stay up until the end of term, so if sitting with tinsel helps, then please enjoy! We were also genuinely honoured to facilitate an international student experiencing their first-ever mince pie.

Running alongside this, we have a **positivity project!** We are inviting all of you – staff and students – to add a positive affirmation. Let us know something that brings you joy (keep it suitable for a university setting please) and read about what sparks happiness in others.






Following feedback from our awesome SVRs, we have popped a few board games in Cafe Camus. It is just a couple for now, but we hope to add more! Have a game with friends and unwind for a bit. Don't worry, we have not and never will bring Monopoly into the situation, due to its tendency to start wars.

On the topic of SVRs, there is still time to sign up! We are especially keen to hear from you if you are in the latter half of your undergraduate degree or if you are a research student. We cannot improve your experience if we don't know what it is! The sorts of things that your brilliant SVRs have had an impact on already this year (other than board games) are:

- Use of AI (in various contexts)
- Upcoming events
- Support for clubs and societies
- Catering options

If you want to get involved, just head to the Student Voice Reps page on our website.
Mostly, at this point, we just want to say a massive 'good luck' with your upcoming exams and assessments and wish you the very best for the holidays. We'll see you again in the new year, for more fun, campaigns, and shenanigans. We have loads in the pipeline already, most of which is top secret...

...but what I will say is...

You said; we did. The annual Valentine's Ceilidh is a go!

Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy new year to come!







# LOCAL UPDATES: INVERNESS

## HISA Inverness Student By-Election!

Voting opens on the 1st of December and ends on the 3rd of December. Vote to have your say on who will represent you at UHI Inverness and the Scottish School of Forestry!

The two roles at HISA Inverness cover various internal democratic areas, alongside supporting the student community experience on campus.

The Inverness Depute President (Representation) role involves ...

- Sitting on the Board of Management for UHI Inverness
- Leading HISA Inverness engagement with Student Voice Reps
- Bringing student feedback to the UHI Inverness Senior Management team!

The Inverness Depute President (Community) role involves ...

- Engaging with and supporting HISA clubs and societies
- Leading HISA's work on equality, diversity and inclusion at UHI Inverness
- Hosting events and activities to cultivate student community on campus!

Voting opens at 10:00 am on Tuesday the 1st of December. Voting closes at 12:00 pm on Thursday the 3rd of December. Visit the polling both, in the second-floor atrium, to vote or visit our webpage: **Elections**.

Don't miss out and make sure to have your say!

## How good is your learning? Look out for TQER!

UHI Inverness is undergoing a major process called Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review over February and March 2027. This review is about exploring how the quality of learning at UHI Inverness and how students are involved in shaping it. There'll be opportunities to give your views in the coming weeks, and Student Voice Representatives will be involved, so keep an eye out for that!

# LOCAL UPDATES: UHI HOUSE

## An update on HISA at UHI House!

Calling all students at UHI House! If you are looking for support, ways to get involved with clubs and societies or are looking to contact the HISA Advice Service about funding, housing and more, pop along to our new office location! Visit the left-hand corridor, off the mezzanine, for all things HISA.

On behalf of the HISA team, we'd like to welcome Emily, the Engagement Coordinator at HISA Inverness! Emily has been working as the Local Coordinator at HISA Inverness, and now her new role includes providing HISA access for students at UHI House and the Scottish School of Forestry. In relation to this, Emily and the wider HISA team are working through the current student suggestions and feedback about the student cubby and the kitchen: keep that feedback coming! There will be a survey on the way soon about the downstairs cafe at UHI House.  We hope to be able to provide some updates soon.

To clubs and societies, now! The Islamic Society, run by students at UHI House, hosted an open Creativity & Art Evening, on Monday the 23rd of November. Welcoming students, staff and Inverness community members alike to an evening of sketching, painting and crafting. The society members provided a variety of freshly prepared snacks and refreshments, including homemade mango milk. To find out more about the society's upcoming events, visit the HISA website, and the UHI Inverness Islamic Society social media pages.

# LOCAL UPDATES: HTC

## HTC residential in Perth

HISA was glad to support the Highland Theological College's residential in Perth in October, and our Vice-President (Education) enjoyed meeting students and hearing their views about UHI and their studies. We look forward to supporting HTC students in future gatherings. And if you are visiting any campus around UHI, pop into the HISA office to say hello!

## Theological and Philosophical Society

Students at HTC and Inverness have created a **UHI Theological and Philosophical Society**, one of our newest societies. It is open to any and all UHI students! They aim to bring students together to enjoy social events, hear from guest speakers, and to explore theology, philosophy, and different perspectives. In their own words, they are creating "a welcoming space for students to explore, discuss and debate a wide range of theological and philosophical questions across different worldviews, cultures and intellectual traditions." If you are interested in joining, or want to find out more, you can follow the link above, or email the TPS Vice President, Kate Hadley-Boyd, at 25012043@uhi.ac.uk.

## SVRs have their say

Student Voice Reps from HTC – and other students at the college – have played a big part in talking about the student experience in UHI's recent Tertiary Quality Enhancement Review, a major process every college and university undergoes in a seven-year cycle. We've got a wonderful team of SVRs at HTC this year, and we are grateful for all their input so far. Please keep in touch with your SVR and tell them your views about your learning and the wider student experience. And if you don't have an SVR, then why not volunteer?

# LOCAL UPDATES: PERTH

## First SVR Meetings a Huge Success!

The first SVR meetings were a great success, hitting almost 40 attendees at the in-person session and 10 in the online one. We were also joined by several members of UHI Perth staff, including: the UHI Perth Depute Principal, the Director of Student Experience, the UHI Student Engagement Coordinator, the Health and Safety Manager and the External Campus Transformation Consultant.

Due to the high attendance at our first meeting, we will be holding the December meeting in the Goodlyburn Theatre! We expect to have plenty of room for everyone who would like to attend.

Some of the actions we have taken from our SVRs' feedback:

- The Estates team has provided signage to inform dog owners that dogs must be on a leash when walking around campus.
- The Estates team is continuing to work on fixing the heater, system, and ventilation in the college.

## Campus Transformation Discussion with SVRs

The UHI Perth External Campus Transformation Consultant provided an update on the campus transformation. Here are the key headlines:

The Goal: A plan to make campus buildings fit for purpose and sustainable (fixing issues like damp and excessive heat).

Funding Status: The Scottish Funding Council funded an outline business case. The full case goes to them in December 2026. They expect to hear if the project is funded by the end of January 2027.

Finally, once funding is confirmed, a formal student consultation will begin. The Perth Campus Transformation Consultant is keen to engage with students and SVRs.

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The next SVR meetings will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday 8 December at 12:30 (Goodlyburn Theatre)
- Friday 11 December at 12:30

# Feedback Form

HISA always appreciates your feedback! We have created **a feedback form** that is open all year to provide your thoughts.

# Pool Table Success!

The pool table is proving to be a huge success, with an average of roughly 10 games played per week!

# Upcoming Events & Updates

Reclaim the Night Sign-Making
On the 1st of December, we are collaborating with the library team for their Reclaim the Night Sign-Making Workshop! HISA will provide all the materials to make the signs. The following day, workshop attendees will join the library team in the march.

Childhood Practice Students Bake Sale
On Wednesday 25th of November NC and HNC Childhood Practice Students will be holding an event that includes a Bake Sale, Danceathon, and Karaoke. This will take place in the Webster building.

RASAC Stall
On Thursday 26th November, we'll will be hosting a RASAC stall.

December Events
We've got a busy December lined up, with Therapets visiting twice in one week and the FNTE Students Ceilidh to look forward to!

# LOCAL UPDATES: MORAY



## Feeling hungry? Missing the refectory? Vending machine stole your money? Tell us your experiences!

Unsurprisingly, food is the big issue at UHI Moray lately! We know how strongly students feel about the closure of the refectory at the main Moray Street campus and how dissatisfied you all are about the vending machines. We are deeply disappointed with the situation and are working hard to change this:

- **We are gathering student views** – your feedback on the catering situation as well as your reports of vending machine faults. Click the link or scan the QR code!
- We are looking into how other colleges at UHI provide catering – including free breakfasts and cheap soup!

Our next Student Voice Rep meeting on 30th November will be looking at the feedback so far, and we will work closely with college management on how they can improve the situation.

The lack of campus cafe provisions has also come to the attention of students elsewhere at UHI, and our semester one All-Student Meeting agreed that HISA should campaign for the re-opening of the refectory at the Moray Street campus.

## Student Feedback – Food & Catering

We've been gathering student feedback across the UHI campuses on the availability and quality of hot and cold food options. We've documented concerns with the vending machines, including food getting stuck, lack of fresh and nutritious options, prices, accessibility, payments being taken without products being dispensed, the contact email provided not working, students being charged to phone the helpline for support with this and the other wider ripple effects this has had on the student experience.

We'll be bringing this feedback forward at our next SVR meeting on Monday 30th November 1-2pm held at the UHI Moray Beechtree Restaurant (with lunch/soup provided) to discuss the concerns raised and explore opportunities for improvement.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to share their experiences!

# A little introduction



Hello everyone, I'm Justine and I'll be supporting Corben as Local Coordinator at UHI Moray over November and December. Alongside this role, I'm also studying Physical Activity and Health here on campus. I have a varied background across research, data, health and well-being with a BSc Hons in Psychology, experience teaching yoga and movement, and a previous career in the police.

I'm really looking forward to getting to know you all and helping make sure that student voices, experiences and feedback are heard and represented. Looking forward to working with you all - Justine 😊

# Join the UHI Moray board

One great opportunity available at the moment is for UHI Moray students to **join the college board.** Alongside the Moray Depute President, there is one space for a student to volunteer to join the college's governing body.

So if you're interested in governance, curious about how the college makes decisions, or want to gain valuable and distinct experiences, **get in touch!**

# LOCAL UPDATES: ORKNEY

## Orkney updates!

We are currently on-boarding the new elected officer, Alastair Mateer! If you're needing to contact HISA Orkney in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact Harley Green who is the Engagement Coordinator for Shetland and Orkney and can be emailed at **harley.green@uhi.ac.uk** or through **hisa.orkney@uhi.ac.uk**

Do keep an eye out on socials as we hope to have some events planned!

## SVR meetings

Thank you to those SVRs who attended our November SVR meeting; the issues raised during the meeting were raised with Orkney's SMT team and they are looking into it. We are still interested to hear from you all about student spaces on campus. Any feedback, both positive and negative, is welcome as we look to see if any improvements could be made. Our December meeting is on the 30th of November and apologies if that is confusing! It's from 12:30 to 1:30 and will be hybrid. The room that has been booked is G210.

If you are unable to attend, please do let us know.

# LOCAL UPDATES: SHETLAND

## Events lined up!

We would like to welcome you to attend our annual winter fair on Wednesday the 2nd of December from 10-2pm in the Lerwick campus, Briggistanes canteen. A great opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done and find some free goodies from the HISA stand!

Rumours have it that the peerie Vikings are getting ready for the Up Helly Aa 2027 season and, once again, will somehow get lost in Lerwick, Scalloway and Mareel. We imagine they will start getting lost around campus from January time so do keep an eye out for when HISA "spots a Peerie Viking on the loose". Return the Viking for a gift voucher of your choosing.




## SVR update

Thank you to those SVRs who have attended our November meeting and for the feedback. We will be holding our December SVR meeting on Wednesday the 9th of December from 12:30 to 1:30 either in person A3 Lerwick campus or online. We are hoping to have Stephen Leask (Chair of the Board) attend and have a discussion around the future campus project. If you're unable to attend or if any student would like to raise any concerns/comments around the project, please don't hesitate to email **hisa.shetland@uhi.ac.uk**

## SVR update

After discussions with the senior management team at UHI Shetland, HISA Shetland now has a branch in Scalloway! We are located on the ground floor in the peerie office in Port Arthur House. Please note that for the time being we won't have a set schedule for when we will be around in Scalloway as we will also be continuing to have a HISA office in the Lerwick campus (D11). If you're ever needing to contact HISA Shetland and the office and no one is there, please email **hisa.shetland@uhi.ac.uk** and someone will reply to you as soon as possible.

# LOCAL UPDATES: NWH

## Free Hot Chocolate for All Students!

Need a cosy winter pick-me-up? Join us for our ANNUAL hot chocolate event taking place on Tuesday 8th December at the following campuses:

- Thurso
- Alness
- Dornoch
- Fort William
- Stornoway
- Portree
- & Broadford

So, take a break from your books, catch up with friends, and enjoy a complimentary cup of rich, steaming cocoa topped with fluffy marshmallows on us! (Plus maybe a mince pie or two)




## Try Your Luck at Christmas Bingo




Following the amazing turn-out at our Welcome Week Bingos, a festive Christmas-themed bingo returns on Wednesday 16th December, 1:00pm - 2:00pm via Teams. Grab your lunch and log on for a fun end-of-term session with students across all campuses.

To register and grab your spot – email **hisa.nwh@uhi.ac.uk** via your student email address. We will share with you the event invite, so all you need to do is show up on time!

# Questions for Students & Celebrating Wins

Got a favourite winter treat, study break idea, or feedback for your local campus? Drop by your local HISA office and share your thoughts with us! Not on campus? Get in touch with your local NWH HISA team at **hisa.nwh@uhi.ac.uk**.

# December SVR Meetings

Next month's Student Voice Representative meetings are being hosted via Teams on the 1st and 3rd December,1:00pm - 2:00pm.

It's never too late to sign-up to be an SVR! So, if you want to be involved, let us know your mates' thoughts on your course, or just want to build up some extra skills – **sign up here** today!



# STUDENT DEMOCRACY

## New Positional Policies!

The following positional policies were passed at the **Semester One All Student Meeting** on Tuesday 3 November:

- 'Turn Off Turnitin'
- 'Breaking Bus Barriers to Education'
- 'Bring Back the Moray Street Campus Refectory'
- 'Physical UHI Student ID Cards For All'

Positional policies set out the public positions of the Students' Association and our lobbying goals on issues affecting students.

You can find out more about these four positional policies **here.**

Interested in submitting a positional policy motion for the Semester Two All Student Meeting? You can find out more **here!**

## Elections!

**We are running a by-election** following the resignation of our Inverness Depute President. This full-time post has been split into two part-time positions for the remainder of the year – Inverness Depute President (Community) and Inverness Depute President (Representation). Nominations closed on Thursday 26 November and voting will take place online from Tuesday 1 to Thursday 3 December.

Our 2027 Student Elections to elect our Student Officer team for 2027-28 will open for nominations in the second semester. Watch out for more information about this soon and get thinking about who you'd like to represent you next year.

# EQUALITY AND LIBERATION

## Transgender Awareness Week

Transgender Awareness Week is an important opportunity to recognise and celebrate our trans students and community members, and to reaffirm that everyone deserves to feel safe, respected and supported. In rural and island communities, where access to specialist support and inclusive spaces can be more limited, visibility, understanding and connection is even more essential. This year, HISA marked the week by sharing history-making milestones in trans rights and recognition from the past year – achievements made despite growing hostility and tensions. HISA staff member and previous HTC student officer, Susan Loughlin, also authored an article reflecting on her experience supporting her trans son. Susan shared invaluable resources for students who are parents of transgender children, reminding us that our children are not a debate, but people who deserve love, understanding and the freedom to become who they are.

## Trans Remembrance Day

The 20th of November marked Trans Remembrance Day, when we honoured the 350+ trans individuals who have lost their lives this last year through a video tribute and by inviting students to attend vigils across Scotland. We recognise and support the ongoing resilience of our trans community.

To learn more about these important campaigns visit **Transgender Awareness Week**

## 16 Days of Activism to End Gender-Based Violence

From 25 November to 10 December (Human Rights Day), the international campaign to end gender-based violence through action and activism takes place worldwide. Following a 2026 survey, the UN Women UK reports that the prevalence of sexual harassment has actually increased since 2021: 93% of women aged 18–24 having experienced sexual harassment in a public space and only 19% of women reporting it.

If you have experienced gender-based violence and would like support or would like to report it, please remember that UHI has an anonymous disclosure tool and resources to help you. You can access them here: **UHI GBV Disclosure Tool**

You can access HISA's campaign work and resources at **16 Days/Gender-Based Violence**

UHI will be marking this year's campaign with a Street Phase Event at UHI House on Wednesday 2 December, between 12.00 pm and 2.00 pm.

Come along and visit information stalls hosted by organisations including Police Scotland, Safe, Strong & Free, Victim Support Scotland, and other local partners. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the important work they do, the support services they provide, and how they help individuals affected by gender-based violence. Whether you are looking for information, support, or simply want to learn more, everyone is welcome.

# SPORTS CLUBS, SOCIETIES & NETWORKS

## Term 2 HISA Grant!

As you'd probably guess from that subtitle, the next round of the HISA Grant will open in Term 2! If you are on the committee of one of our brilliant clubs or societies then you can put in an application for funding support for your group's activities. Think help with travel costs, equipment, training, or a special event. Keep an eye on your university inbox for more information as it is released, and if you want to get ahead of the game then head over to our **website** to find out more!

## New fishing club in Fort William!

We have a brilliant new club on the West Coast: Fort Bill Fishin'!
These folk are based in Fort William, and welcome members of all skill levels (they are even happy to teach the ropes to newcomers to the sport). Membership is £10 per year, and you can find out more on their **webpage!**

## PGR Society

About the UHI PGR Society:
The UHI PGR Society has a strong foundation, having been established around three years ago by previous PGR Society Representatives - Adele, Jo, Rebecca and Mhairi. We are a university-wide society, supported by the HISA structure. We aim to bring postgraduate research students from across UHI together, helping to create a welcoming, collaborative and supportive community.

Our aims are:

- Support and enhance the experience of postgraduate researchers (PhD, MRes) by fostering a collaborative and engaging environment.
- Provide a platform for students to network, share research insights and discuss challenges in a supportive setting.
- Organise events, both academic and social, which enrich the PGR student experience and community.

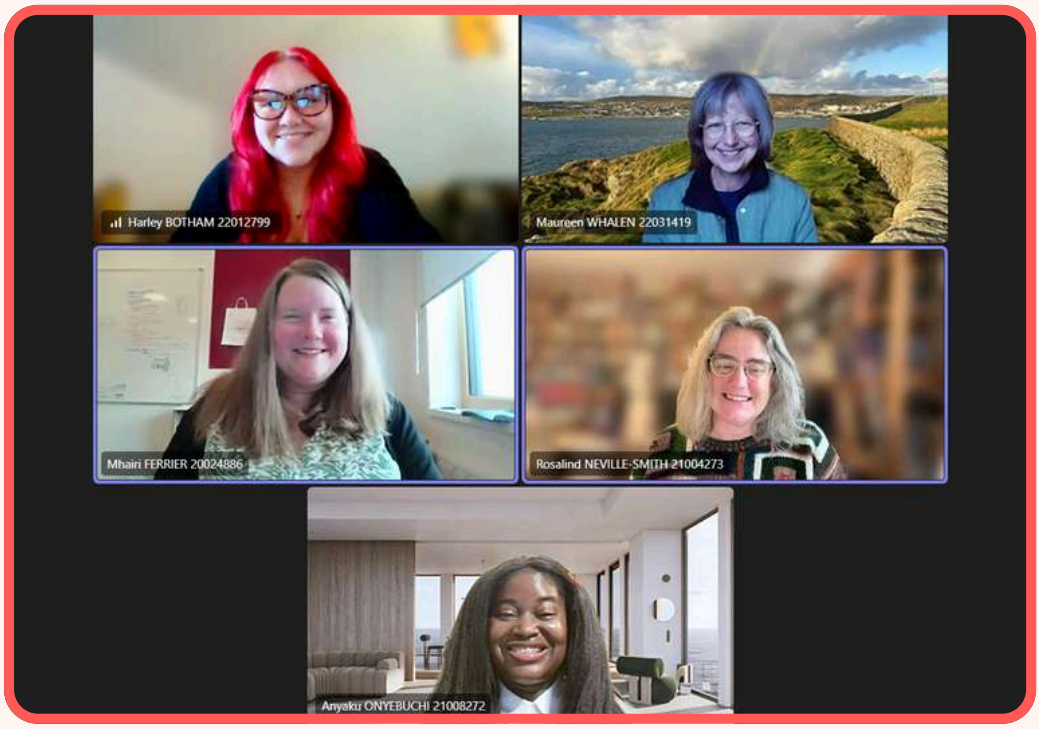
The current PGR Society Committee meets regularly to discuss upcoming events, share ideas and consider how best to support our members and give them that real sense of community.

# PGR Society

What's coming up?
We have a few things planned to bring our PGR community together over the coming months:
Virtual PGR Workspaces: We are continuing our regular online coworking sessions, held on the first Monday and third Friday of each month. These informal sessions provide an opportunity to work alongside fellow researchers, share a little motivation and enjoy some virtual company. Our next session is Monday 30th November. We will send reminders out to our members to keep them up to date!
End-of-semester festive get-together: On Thursday 17th December, from 4–6 pm, we're hoping to host a relaxed online get-together to celebrate the end of semester. Think hot chocolate, Christmas crafts, colouring and a bit of festive cheer! Perhaps a little brrrrrrew to warm us up!

Get involved!
We are always keen to hear from PGR students across UHI and would love to hear your ideas for future events and activities. Whether you have an idea for an academic session, a social event or something that would help you to feel more connected to other researchers, we'd love to hear from you. We would love to see the society develop, so please do get in touch if there is something you'd like us to organise!

If you're not already part of the PGR Society Teams channel, please get in touch with the society committee and we can help you get connected:
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# Online Society Spotlight!



We reached out to two of our many awesome societies for a bit of an update on what has been going on for them this term. Here's what they had to say for themselves:

UHI Dungeons & Dragons Society: Adventures, Friendship, and Fundraising!

The UHI Dungeons & Dragons Society is a UHI-wide, student-led society bringing together students from across all UHI campuses and study locations through a shared love of Dungeons & Dragons, tabletop gaming, board games and more!

Whether you're a seasoned adventurer or have never picked up a set of dice before, everyone is welcome! Our Discord server is the heart of the society, providing a space to organise and play games, make new friends, chat, and connect with fellow students from across the Highlands and beyond. You don't need any prior experience to get involved; just bring your imagination and a willingness to have fun!

We're currently looking ahead to the next National Students Gaming and Roleplay Championships (NSGRC), taking place in Stirling in April 2027! Having attended this year's championships, we're incredibly excited to see what the next event has in store and to continue representing UHI's tabletop gaming community.

In the meantime, our NSGRC team has launched a fundraiser to help support our upcoming participation. As part of this, our NSGRC Captain will be taking on a spooky streaming challenge sometime this November to raise funds for the team; art commissions have also been opened to help fundraise! The Tiltify link is below.

Whether you're interested in joining a campaign, meeting fellow tabletop enthusiasts, or simply finding a welcoming community of fellow students, we'd love to have you along. Come and roll some dice with us!

Discord Link: **https://discord.com/invite/V6uZPNwAte**
Tiltify Fundraiser: **https://tilt.fyi/MLoSTkEU1l**
HISA webpage: **https://hisa.uhi.ac.uk/groups/society/6207/**

# GAELIC WORD OF THE MONTH

With the launch of our new Gaelic Language Plan, we're looking to incorporate more Gaelic into our content and day-to-day work. We want to be more accessible for UHI students whose first language is Gaelic and encourage non-Gaelic speakers to try learning it!

At HISA we're also trying to learn more about Gaelic ourselves; each month, in the newsletter, we'll cover a new word of the month and give you some links to resources for further learning.

This month's word is:

**"brot" meaning "soup"**

Use this Gaelic dictionary to learn other words and how to pronounce them! **https://learngaelic.net/dictionary/** Learn more here! **https://speakgaelic.scot/**

# SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT!

Did you know we have a new Gaelic society? Join Gàidhlig Còmhla (Gaelic Together)- a society for anyone interested in learning and practising Scottish Gaelic, no matter your level! Join us for fun events, conversation, and lots more! **Gàidhlig Còmhla (Gaelic Together)**

Gàidhlig Còmhla

# SABHAL MÒR OSTAIG SHORT COURSES

Are you keen to take the next step in your Gaelic learning journey?
Check out these **short courses** at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig!

# UHI GAELIC TOOLKIT

Check out even more Gaelic resources and learning from UHI **here!**

# STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

## Get Involved at HISA!

One of the best ways to make the most of your time as a UHI student is to get involved in HISA! We have lots of different opportunities from voluntary roles to paid internships and elected office, which all help you grow your skills and confidence, meet new people and improve the student experience at UHI.

So why not check out these possibilities? If you're already doing one of them, you could think about another - this year or next year!
We add new opportunities from time to time, so do keep coming back to this page and follow our socials for updates. **https://hisa.uhi.ac.uk/about/getinvolved/**

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So if you're interested in governance, curious about how the college makes decisions, or want to gain valuable and distinct experiences, **get in touch!**

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