



THE BIG PLAN

2023-26



BRIGHTON
STUDENTS' UNION

INTRO

Over the last year, we've been busy collecting and analysing a huge amount of feedback from students to identify our priorities of work for over the next 3 years.

We have received valuable insights from students across all campuses and schools, through surveys, discussion groups, NSS feedback, Course Representatives, volunteers, those attending events and student staff.

We've also spoken to our staff and University staff to see how our priorities align, and how we can better work together to MAKE STUDENT LIFE BETTER at Brighton.

The insights have given us a clear direction of travel as we

move out of the pandemic and into another challenging landscape of cost of living and increased pressure on seeking value for money.

We will continue to constantly seek and listen to students' voices to make sure that we continue on the right paths, and help address the issues that are impacting them most.

Thank you to the thousands of students and staff who helped us with our research – your feedback will help shape life at Brighton over the next three years.

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UNION PRESIDENT

LAURA GREENWOOD-PEARSONS
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



BIG CONCERNS FOR BRIGHTON STUDENTS

We asked students what they are most concerned about – these issues came out top;

- Dealing with coursework and exam stress
- Mental wellbeing
- Accommodation costs
- Graduating from University
- Employability

WHAT STUDENTS WANT US TO FOCUS ON

- Improving the quality of education
- Improving the academic experience
- Helping with the cost of living
- Wellbeing and welfare

What would improve your life at Brighton? **Tell us your ideas via our socials**

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AMPLIFY THE STUDENT VOICE

Student voices are the most powerful tool in creating positive change and celebrating success. The single voice is as important as the collective, and we need as many as possible.

We will:

- improve the representative structures to receive louder and clearer student voices from across the University
- ensure students feel that their voices are valued and acted upon
- improve the feedback to all levels of the University

DEFEND ACADEMIC QUALITY

Students are paying significant money for their education, and we will work hard to ensure that they receive value for money and the highest quality of education possible.

We will:

- continue to lobby for clearer and more student-centred academic regulations
- ensure key University policies are consistently delivered
- ensure support is in place for students moving campuses

PROMOTE POSITIVE WELLBEING

Students are facing significant issues that challenge positive wellbeing. Individual students will also have unique challenges, and we will be by their side to support, advise and guide them.

We will:

- champion positive mental wellbeing and support throughout the Union and University
- provide proactive and reactive accommodation support
- ensure BSU and University support services are meeting the current needs of our students

BUILD BELONGING & COMMUNITY

There is a clear correlation between students that feel like they belong at University, and those that achieve their potential. We will bring students together to create strong connections and communities.

We will:

- provide safe, inclusive spaces and activities to bring people together and help create connections
- champion equity for all students throughout the Union and University
- provide opportunities for students to build their social and cultural capital

BOOST EMPLOYABILITY

We recognise that students choose University for many different reasons, and have different desired outcomes. We will help our students to realise and achieve their own potential.

We will:

- create more employment and volunteering opportunities for students across our organisation
- increase awareness and articulation of skills learnt participating in BSU activities
- lobby the University to increase employability opportunities and experiences for students

NEED OUR HELP?

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**MAKING STUDENT
LIFE BETTER**

REALLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Alongside representing students individually and as a whole, we run and facilitate many activities for students to participate in. Students who are involved in our activities are statistically more likely to progress and finish with a better degree. Students always tell us the important of these activities in making new friends and feeling like they belong.

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- **SOCIETIES**
- **COURSE REPRESENTATIVES**
- **VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES**
- **AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS**
- **TRAINING**
- **GIVE IT A GO PROGRAMME**
- **JOBS**
- **ADVICE AND ADVOCACY**
- **INDIVIDUAL AND MASS REPRESENTATION**

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Alongside running our shops, cafes and bar that provide safe spaces, events and provisions.

This activities are for ALL students, regardless of background, year, campus or school. Everyone is welcome. To find out more, go to our website www.brightonsu.com

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