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# Partnerships with Student Hubs Summer and Autumn 2024

In June 2024 we announced that after 16 years of delivering student social action with university students and communities, the Student Hubs' Trustee Board and Management Team have taken the difficult decision to cease operations of the charity in January 2025.

You [can find our statement here](#), and whilst we are sad this decision has been taken, making this decision now means that we can launch a range of toolkits, resources and events to support and encourage the higher education sector to deliver high quality student social action at their institutions and leave our legacy for years to come.

Our national team of Simran Dhanjal-Field, CEO, Sophie Payne, Network Director, and Fiona Walsh McDonnell, Partnerships and Development Director, will remain at Student Hubs until January 2025, and will be delivering our programme of one-off events, plus training and consultancy activities with university and third sector partners until the end of October 2024.

**If you want to work in partnership with us during our summer and autumn closure period, [please get in touch as soon as possible to enquire](#), and we hope you join us for our legacy events.**

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### **Training**

Our student training can support your student leaders, sabbatical officers or reps to skill up during the summer and autumn terms, or support your staff with our professional development sessions.

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### **Supporting you to spark engagement**

We can support your team to build their expertise in sparking engagement with students and communities through our events and consultancy support.

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### **Research**

Use our expertise through our consultancy activities to support the development of your volunteering, student engagement and/or community engagement strategy.

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### **Legacy events, toolkits and resources**

Keep a look out for our one-off events and legacy toolkits and resources which we will be announcing across Summer and Autumn 2024.



# Training with Student Hubs

We have a range of sessions designed for students which you may want to bring in to support your cohorts for 2024-25. Our staff training focuses on professional development support, particularly for new or early career starters.

## Supporting student leaders to thrive

We have a variety of sessions which can be brought in as one-off support or as a package of support specifically for student leaders. Key topics we can cover includes: leadership; volunteer management; public speaking; communications; wellbeing and resilience; project management; equity, diversity and inclusion and more.

## Modular support for staff

Our modular approach has been designed using our expertise in training graduates and early career staff, and includes key areas of professional development in areas such as:

- Leadership, including adaptability and coaching;
- Managing, including productivity, time management and problem solving;
- Sustaining, including resilience, wellbeing and growth mindsets;
- Communication, including public speaking and inclusion;
- Line management (2 hour, half or full day).

Enquire to share your staff's needs and discover more about what we can provide.

"This series has been valuable as it's helped improve my confidence and understanding of campaigns. I definitely think this [training series] should keep being sponsored [by my university] because it teaches real life skills that we will come across often – even seeing campaigners in the street, or current strikes from lecturers or the trains – and it helps me understand from the perspective of the strikers even more so than before. It's about equally valuable to learn these life skills as it is to learn the course content taught on my degree."

**Campaigns and Advocacy training series student participant**



Our sessions start from £250 for an hour's session, £450 for a half day, and £750 for a whole day session (not including adaption costs and travel costs).

Get in touch with [fiona.walsh@studenthubs.org](mailto:fiona.walsh@studenthubs.org) to enquire.

# Supporting You to Spark Engagement

## **Book an 'Office Hours' slot with our team**

From August 2024 until January 2025, every fortnight our national team will have open 'Office Hours' to book. These hours are reserved to provide consultancy support, and can be used as a problem-solving space, to provide peer support in developing a programme, project or initiative, or to learn from our expertise. See [more on our blog](#), [including about how to book your slot](#).

## **Access our consultancy support**

If you want to access our expertise for consultancy support as you develop your programme, project or initiative, our national team has limited capacity to deliver a consultancy project with your institution this summer or autumn term.

Enquire as soon as possible, and we can provide a quote for the support we can provide. Please note: this does not include frontline delivery support for your activity.

## **Join our legacy events and access our resources and toolkits**

Throughout the Autumn term we will be delivering a range of webinars, workshops, and launching toolkits and resources to support your activities with students and communities. We will be announcing launch dates shortly for these activities.

**"I have gained confidence about my ability to fit into a staff team and speaking in front of large groups of people. Confidence and leadership are things I have struggled with in the past, but planning and leading activities with the Hub training improved my ability to proactively run and organise the art club and support others... I have definitely become more resilient and feel much more able to overcome challenges and trust myself. Making commitments to the school I volunteered at has helped my mental wellbeing a lot, and has decreased anxiety about the future."**

**Marcia, University of Southampton student**



**Office hours are free to book from August 2024. Our webinars will be free to access, and our consultancy is quoted depending on the scope of work and delivery required.**

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# Research Partnerships with Student Hubs

## **Supporting your volunteering strategy**

- We can help to audit, review and recommend best practice for your volunteering strategy, which includes conducting interviews, surveys and focus groups with students, staff and local organisations;
- We have been delivering volunteering, student leadership opportunities and place-based community partnerships for over 16 years, and are experts in this field;
- Outcomes for this partnership could include fostering stronger student leadership, working more effectively with your local community, or developing your access and inclusion approach within the limits of your team's capacity.

## **Supporting your student leadership and student engagement strategy**

- We can help to audit, review and recommend best practice for your student leadership and/or engagement strategy, conducting interviews, surveys and focus groups with students, staff and local organisations;
- We can help you to understand the potential barriers students may face, how to adapt your recruitment strategies, making programmes more inclusive and accessible, and demonstrating meaningful impact through monitoring and evaluation.

## **Supporting your community engagement and civic strategy**

- We can help to audit, review and recommend best practice for your community engagement or civic strategy, conducting interviews, surveys and focus groups with students, staff and local organisations;
- We want to understand the challenges your current partners may face, what additional support and measures you can introduce to make partnerships more successful, and achieve a shared vision of how students can add value to these opportunities.

## **Next steps**

Ask to see our one pagers for more examples of how we can support your institution with consultancy support, or book one of our 'Office Hours' slots.

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# Events, Toolkits and Resources

## October

### **Virtual Student Hubs Showcase**

In October we will be delivering our Virtual Showcase, highlighting the successes, case studies and impact of our work across the past 16 years. This session will be online and designed to support attendees to learn from our work, understand our theory of change and what works in engaging students and communities, and celebrate our achievements.

## November

### **Engaging Student Leaders Effectively (Webinar)**

In November we will be focusing on launching our student leadership toolkit, with the webinar a chance to take attendees through our toolkit, highlight key case studies and activities which support student leadership, and a Q&A session.

## December

### **Engaging Community Partners Effectively (Webinar)**

In December we will be focusing on launching our community engagement toolkit, with the webinar a chance to take attendees through our toolkit, highlight key case studies and activities which support community partnership and collaborative social action, and a Q&A session.

## January

### **Delivering High Quality Social Action Activities (Webinar)**

In January we will be focusing on launching our delivering volunteering and skilled placements toolkits, with the webinar a chance to take attendees through our toolkits, highlight key case studies and activities and a Q&A session.

### **Additional Toolkit Launch**

Other resources will be launched ahead of our closure, including:

- The Student Incubation Guide;
- The Student Guide to Volunteering;
- Working with Students for Community Partners;
- People & Culture (Organisational Policies and Supporting Early Career Social Impact Leaders).

# Stay in Touch

We hope you stay in touch with us at Student Hubs as we enter our closure period. To keep up-to-date as we launch our legacy events, resources and toolkits, we encourage you to sign up to our Partner Newsletter, or check our social media or blog for the latest news.

**From the Student Hubs national team:**

Simran Dhanjal-Field, CEO (pictured centre),  
Fiona Walsh McDonnell, Partnerships and Development Director (pictured left) and  
Sophie Payne, Network Director (pictured right).



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To enquire about any aspects of our partnerships during the Summer and Autumn 2024, please get in touch with [fiona.walsh@studenthubs.org](mailto:fiona.walsh@studenthubs.org). Please note that our capacity during this time is limited, so we encourage you to get in touch as soon as possible with your needs and how we can support.