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A STUDENT'S GUIDE TO

**SOCIETIES**

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Hi! My name is Kristie and I'm the Societies Development Coordinator at the University of Northampton Students' Union.

One of the best things I did with my time at university was join a society and volunteer in the local community. Your experience as a student is about so much more than the academic side of things so don't hesitate to get involved! Not only will you meet new people outside of your course and halls of residence, but enjoy the time you spend here tenfold! and maybe learn something new!

The University of Northampton Students' Union has a vast array of diverse and popular Societies to suit all interests and talents. From the LGBT+ Society to UON Snow Sports, the opportunities for involvement are limitless - you can even start your own society!

To find out more either visit our website [www.northamptonunion.com/societies](http://www.northamptonunion.com/societies) or come into the office for a chat. If you ever have any questions then feel free to email me on **[kristie.thacker@northampton.ac.uk](mailto:kristie.thacker@northampton.ac.uk)**









## **ACC FIRST LOVE**

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ACC First Love Plus is a platform for students from all backgrounds and academic levels to integrate with others that have a common interest in arts media and performance. Our society is a place where students from all corners of the university, both Park and Avenue Campus, can meet and share creative interests.

## **ADVENTURE SOCIETY**

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**FB** [AdventureSocietyUoN](#)  
**TW** [@adventureSocSU](#)

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The Adventure Society aims to enhance students' experience at University by affording them the opportunity to embark on one-off adventures. An adventure is an exciting or unusual non-routine experience. The Society will organise adventures associated with extreme sports and team building activities. The society aims to challenge members fear and expectations within a safe group context. All members will have a vote and may pro-actively suggest activities. This will be your society!

## **AFRICAN CARRIBEAN SOCIETY**

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**TW** [@Northampton\\_ACS](#)

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The African Caribbean Society aims to enrich knowledge of both African and Caribbean cultures. Throughout the year we will offer fantastic social events and exclusive career & networking opportunities. A committee involving a wide range of students from different African and Caribbean backgrounds leads the ACS and It is our job to ensure we can provide you with different opportunities. You as the members are the foundation of the ACS so we therefore encourage and welcome everyone to join.

## **AIRSOFT SOCIETY**

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**FB** [AirsoftSoc](#)  
**TW** [@Airsoftsusoc](#)

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Airsoft is a combat simulation sport similar to paintball, only just a lot more fun and cooler to play, more realistic, and by far less painful! Airsoft BB's are non-marking (no mess!), and cheaper too. It is currently one of the fastest growing sports internationally and increasingly popular nationwide. All are very welcome to join or try it out!





## AMATEUR DRAMATICS SOCIETY

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**FB** University of Northampton  
Amateur Dramatics Society  
**TW** @UoNAmDram

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As the University's first and finest provider of student theatre, we aim to both explore and celebrate theatre in all of its wonderful manifestations. We seek to put forward several student plays for years to come. See what all the fuss is about and come to our weekly sessions!

## ANIME SOCIETY

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**FB** University of Northampton  
Anime Society  
**TW** @UoNAnimeSociety

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Welcome to the Anime Society! A place for like minded people who love anime and want to make friends. We aim to watch a wide variety of shows to get you on the edge of your seat, or have you smiling at sweet memories of the ones you love. But the experience doesn't stop there; join us after as we talk, eat and play games to bring a relaxing end to the day.

## ARCHITECTURE & 3D DESIGN

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**FB** UoN Architecture & 3D Design  
Society  
**TW** A3DSociety

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A society to promote communication and collaboration between the 3D Design courses. We aim to provide a means of skill transfer and to organise industry promotion events as well as social activities.

If you want to find out more, visit us on Facebook, or drop us a message on Twitter.

## AUTO-CIRCLE SPECTRUM SOCIETY

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**TW** @AutoCircleSpecI

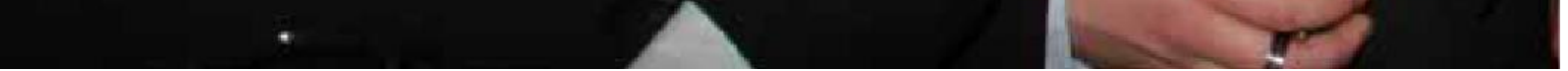
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Auto-Circle Spectrum is a unique, small and dynamic society, that enables and empowers students with autism, Asperger Syndrome and other learning differences to come together, enjoy member-led socials, fundraising challenges, and workshops. Auto-Circle won the 'Greatest Contribution to the Community' award in March 2015 for charitable activities. Members undertook charitable skydives, abseils, and bucket shakes, some of which are rare, life-changing opportunities. We also provide 1:2:1 support to aid members in adjusting to university, enabling them to overcome 'hidden' barriers.









## **BELIEVERS LOVEWORLD**

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**FB** BLW Northampton  
**TW** @blwnorthampton

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We are Believers Love World campus ministry. We have a bunch of awesome ideas for making this year our year of triumph and to do that, we need you!

Throughout the year we hope to provide the students of Northampton the opportunity to give their life meaning through our Christian belief, engaging with our religious activities and fellowships on campus and creating events which would not only help us as a society but others too. Christianity to us is not a religion; it is our way of life.

## **CHINESE CULTURAL SOCIETY**

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**FB** chinese.cultural.society

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The Chinese Cultural Society is a growing society. We welcome all students that are interested in the Chinese Culture. We aim to promote, integrate and raise awareness of the Chinese culture to our surroundings, to connect the East and the West. We offer opportunities to work with the local community which helps them develop various skills therefore enhancing their employability and at the same time raising Chinese cultural awareness.

## **CAKE SOCIETY**

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**FB** UoN Cake Society  
**TW** @UoN Cake Society

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We are the Cake Soc, a bunch of cake crazy people who love to bake and learn new baking skills. Cake Society is a fun loving community that involves everyone and encourages members to trade recipes and share ideas. We also want to be the port of call for all society for events or charity occasions.

## **CHRISTIAN UNION**

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**FB** UNCU – University of  
Northampton Christian Union  
**TW** @northamptoncu

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We exist to provide an opportunity for every student to hear and respond to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through our weekly meetings, small groups, social events and outreach, we want to reach both Christians and non-Christians (and anyone in between) who has questions, wants to socialise, or just wants to find out more.





## COMPUTING

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**FB** UoN Computing society  
**TW** @UNCompSoc

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We're an Academic Society, which means we're mostly made up of students studying one of the many Computing courses.

This doesn't mean we're not open to any and all students who have an interest in Computing. Whether you're looking for a graduate placement, a part-time job whilst you study, or just want to get your name out there for later, the Computing Society is a great place to start.

If you are an avid Gamer or just play a little, you're welcome to come along to our games nights! Plus; there's usually pizza!

## CRIMINOLOGY SOCIETY

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**FB** Criminology Society at UoN  
**TW** @UoNCriminology

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For anyone who has enrolled upon Criminology or has a moderate liking of criminology. If you want to learn about the criminal justice system and how it operates, then join us on our quest for information and education. This society is all about learning about the criminal justice system through extra-curricular enjoyment and education. We want to take the learning one step further and see criminal justice in action, both in history and in the present day.

## CORIUM CLUB

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**FB** CoriumClub  
**TW** @CoriumClub

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The Corium Club aims to offer a base for all students with an interest in leather. Primarily, the society comprises of leather students, but it also will encourage students from other disciplines to join. Activities range from academic trips, such as visits to tanneries and companies, to social occasions. These include quiz nights, bowling tournaments and dinner evenings, where we can bond as a group and form friendships across the years.

## DISNEY SOCIETY

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**FB** UoNDisneySociety  
**TW** @UoNDisneySoc

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"You're mad, bonkers, off your head! But I'll tell you a secret: All the best people are"

We are the Disney Society, where laughter is timeless, imagination has no age, dreams are forever and we're dedicated to everything Disney! Come be a part of our world and join the fun! With movie screenings, quiz nights, costume themed socials and cinema trips. Doesn't that sound supercalifragilisticexpialidocious? So Heigh Ho... Join us today and experience the magic!





## DR. WHO SOCIETY

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**FB** University of Northampton  
**Doctor Who Society**

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The greatest society in the galaxy! Where you can meet other fans of Doctor Who, watch new and old episodes, take part in quiz nights and get the opportunity to attend trips to conventions around the country. Guaranteed to make friends for life and have a great time at our weekly socials. Last year our society had the great pleasure of welcoming Paul McGann who portrayed the 8th Doctor to the University.

## ECONOMICS SOCIETY

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**FB** UoNEconsociety  
**TW** @econ\_society

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We have the aim of promoting the study of Economics and promoting economic development within the Northampton community. We run regular trips, for example: to The Bank of England and to Belgium to tour the European Parliament. We also collaborate with businesses in order to increase member's employability skills. This year we won an award for best academic society and now we aim to be the best society on campus...so what are YOU waiting for. Get involved!!

## ENGINEERING

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**FB** University of Northampton -  
**Engineering Society**

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We aim to create social, support and professional networks that lasts a lifetime. We want to enhance the fun and excitement for the people who study, work, and teach in engineering. This society is here to encourage the next generation of engineers in schools and colleges, whilst involving Business and Industry in the development of engineers for the future.

And of course to meet new people, socialise, and enjoy the University life while your here!!

## ENVIRONMENTAL SOCIETY

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**FB** Northampton SU Environmental  
**Society**

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The Northampton University Environmental Society welcomes anybody who is passionate about environmental issues or who has a particular interest in any branch of environmental science.

We collaborate with The University, Students Union, and the local community of Northampton to have a positive impact on local ecosystems and habitats. We encourage behaviour of a sustainable nature that will benefit the environment at a much larger scale. So come along and have fun whilst sharing and gaining knowledge about how the local environment functions!



## **NU FEMINISM**

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### **FB NU Feminism**

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NU Feminism is a new society dedicated to promoting gender equality at the University. We welcome all members regardless of gender identity or any other characteristic. Our meetings aim to facilitate healthy debate and discussion, and ultimately provide a platform for students to campaign about important issues. If you are passionate about feminism, or support gender equality and just want to know more, NU Feminism is a great society for meeting likeminded people.

## **FILM APPRECIATION SOCIETY**

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### **FB University of Northampton Film Appreciation Society**

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We are a group of students who meet up on a weekly basis to relax and enjoy films together; to share our favourite films that we might have otherwise missed. We are film enthusiasts who participate in social events with other societies, go to screenings of new releases as well as movie marathons.

## **FIRST LOVE SOCIETY**

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### **FB FirstLove Church Northampton TW @FirstLoveNN2**

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First Love Society is a vibrant, energetic and fun place to be for students of all backgrounds. We believe in creating an environment filled with positivity, where students can come, meet other students and celebrate their faith together.

## **GLOBAL WANDERERS**

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### **FB Global Wanderers**

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This is a new and exciting society, made up of students who have a passion for travelling. Like our Facebook page for recent updates and details about future excursions and events.











## **GREEN PARTY**

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**TW** @Younggreensnton

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Hate politics? Find it boring and out of touch? So do we- that's why we're trying to change it. We'd love to hear what you have to say, and what you think needs to change. Yes, this society is here to promote and support the Green Party and a greener way of living, but it's also here to be a fresh face for politics.

We'll be running campaigns and open debates on campus, helping make the university a more sustainable place (look out for a new beer brewing projects), and making politics more accessible to all students. For more info on what we're up to, or what the Green Party stand for, follow us on Twitter.

## **HINDU SOCIETY**

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**FB** Northampton Hindu Society

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Hindu Society - Practice, Promote, Protect and Preserve the Hindu Dharma. We're here for your benefit, actively holding debate sessions, regular Hindu events, fun activities and participating in sports like Kho, badminton and football. (Cricket coming soon)

Last year our major events and celebrations included; the Diwali Ball, where upcoming Urban artist Arjun was our guest singer; central zone garba; NHSE National Sports Competition and Holi. Join us this year for more similar entertaining events!

## **HARRY POTTER SOCIETY**

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**FB** University Of Northampton  
Harry Potter Society

**TW** @HarryPotter\_UON

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We are a bunch of friendly witches and wizards who play Quidditch and make Butterbeer. When we aren't busy filling in our Hermione Homework planners, we kick back and watch Harry on the big screen, or socialise with other societies. We are split into our four houses Ravenclaw, Slytherin, Hufflepuff and Gryffindor. Whilst here houses will be like your families, triumphs will earn points and rule breaking will lose points.

## **HISTORY SOCIETY**

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**FB** UON (Northampton) History  
Society

**TW** @uonhissoc

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Hello! We are the University of Northampton's official History Society. Our aims are to provide activities to enhance your university experience through the organisation of guest speakers, collaborations with other societies, trips and many more. If you are interested in History and would like to get involved, this is the society for you! We look forward to meeting all of our members in September and throughout the year.





The background of the entire page is a faded, warm-toned photograph of several students at what appears to be a formal event or dance. A young woman with glasses and a patterned dress is prominent in the foreground, smiling. Other students in formal wear are visible behind her.

## HUMANIST SOCIETY

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**FB** [ahumanistsociety](#)  
**TW** [@AHS\\_UON](#)

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For us, humanism is about how we treat each other and what we can do for others. We also believe that people should have an opportunity to voice their views, critique their ideas, and challenge their opinions. So whether you are agnostic, atheist, religious, or identify otherwise we invite you to join us. We are an eclectic group of people looking to create an equal voice within the university and the community.

## INVESTMENT SOCIETY

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**FB** [UONInvestmentSociety](#)  
**TW** [@UONInvestment](#)

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The UON Investment Society is a group of individuals looking to improve investment talent in the whole student body at Northampton. We look to improve knowledge, create business relationships and events and provide some real life exposure to an investment account. Being involved in such a group of people in investment will allow you to network and improve upon skills that employers in finance and banking will be very interested in -so get involved!

## ISLAMIC SOCIETY

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**FB** [NorthamptonISoc](#)  
**TW** [@UoN\\_Isoc](#)

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The UoN Islamic Society aims to ease individuals in to the life of a university student by hosting a wide range events and socials throughout the year. Our committee members are easy to talk to and want to educate people about Islam as well as, having a good time with the individuals we meet! Come and speak to us or get in contact through any of our social media platforms.

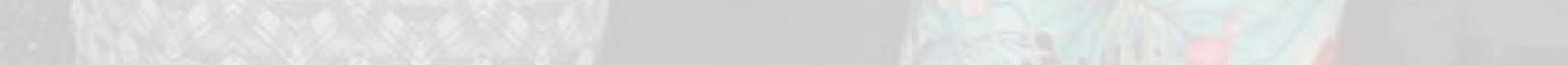
## LAW SOCIETY

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**FB** [UoNLawSociety](#)  
**TW** [@UoNLawSociety](#)

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The University of Northampton Law Society is one of the largest student run societies within the University. We encourage not only law students but also anyone who has an interest in law to join the Society. Our aim is to become the leading and most innovative society on campus by organising unique academic and social events to ensure that students make the most out of their time during their time in Northampton.









## **LGBT+**

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**FB** UoNLGBTQSociety  
**TW** @UoNLGBT+

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Hello! Welcome to the LGBT+ Society. LGBT+ stands for lesbian, gay, bi, trans and everything else under the umbrella. As a society we welcome everyone; members of the community, allies, and those wanting to learn more. We hold regular socials and events so why not come and say hi at Union Day or visit us on Facebook and Twitter.

## **MEDIEVAL SOCIETY**

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**FB** UonMedievalSociety  
**TW** @UoNMedievalSoc

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For anyone who has an interest in the medieval era, and the other activities that accompany medieval life, this is the society for you. We will learn from a wide range of sources to create lessons that are fun and enjoyable – with club activities ranging from fighting with medieval weapons, cooking recipes from ancient cookbooks, to going on trips and excursions to medieval buildings and themed events.

## **MIDWIFERY**

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**EM** northamptonmidsoc@  
hotmail.com

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The Midwifery Society works to encourage peer support among student midwives; this includes facilitating peer-to-peer communication and networking between all year groups and host sites. We organise various events and volunteering opportunities for our members, along with guest speakers to enhance your knowledge and allow for a greater degree of control over learning, in partnership with the University. If you're looking for a forum for learning and friendship then the Midwifery Society is the place to be! Feel free to email us with any ideas and queries you may have. We look forward to meeting you.

## **MULTINATIONAL SOCIETY**

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**FB** MultinationalSociety

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If you want to have fun, improve your English skills and make new friends, then sign up with us! We are a developing group of students who want to have fun while studying. Our plan is to travel around the most popular attractions in England, design interesting activities for you and meet new people from all over the world! If you're interested visit our facebook page for more details!



## NETWORK

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Network Society aims to act as an agent society that focuses on creating a networking hub for students to come together and produce high quality media. We aim to push students to take the first step towards starting their careers; this will be done using a skill-sharing method. Projects can range from introducing students with the talent to sing with students with the ability to produce top grade songs. Network will go the extra mile to introduce students with the skills to film and edit high quality music videos. Network not only provides services for individuals but also help societies in coming together to fulfil their purposes in the most productive and efficient way.

## NIGERIAN STUDENTS SOCIETY

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**FB** Nigerian Students Society,  
University of Northampton  
**TW** @nssnorthampton

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Aimed at fostering unity and oneness among Nigerian students studying at the University of Northampton and those interested in the Nigerian culture. The Society provides guidance, care, additional support, student mentorship and a lot of fun! Organising regular events and activities, the Nigerian Students Society serves as your launch pad to independence and a fantastic University experience.

## NEW MOVEMENT FOR CHRIST

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**FB** NMFC

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NMFC is a society that looks to empower young people in our societies and communities. With the Bible as our foundation, we hold open-discussions where we talk about things that affect us in our daily lives and look to the Bible for solutions. Lives are changed and transformed through NMFC and we would love to have you join us!

## NU RADIO

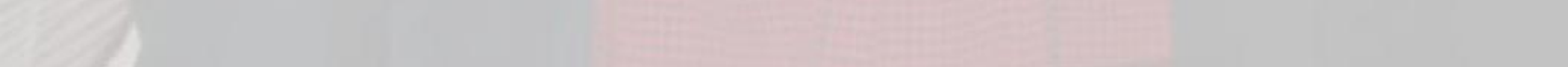
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**FB** northamptonunionradio  
**TW** @NURadio14

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NURadio is the University of Northampton student radio station, streaming every week day live from our radio studio at Avenue Students' Union! If you're studying journalism, have a passion for music or a particular subject area that you think would be of interest to the masses, why not get involved? Going on air is fun, a great way to make new friends and get yourself out there with the student body, in addition to providing a wealth of transferable skills as a volunteer that you can include on your CV. If you've got any idea for a show or want to sign up to one of our existing popular programmes, join today!





## **NURSES' SOCIETY**

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**FB Nurses Society UoN**  
**TW @NursesUon**

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Are you a student nurse at UON?  
Be the first to join the brand new Nurse's Society, our aim is to create social events which will allow student nurses to support each other, whilst creating a social network and complementary academic advice. The Nurses' Society is a great way to meet other student nurses, as we all have that one thing in common, we're all on the same journey to becoming brilliant nurses!

## **RAG NORTHAMPTON**

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**FB NorthamptonRAG**  
**TW @RAGNorthampton**

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Supporting local, national and international charities, RAG stands for raising and giving. Last year we climbed Kilimanjaro, skydived, held pizza parties and hosted live music events. So check out our fun challenges and events for this year! Want to get involved and join the team, or just have an idea for an event? Let us know! This year our aim is to raise £30,000 and get even more Students involved.

## **POSTGRADUATE SOCIETY**

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**FB University of Northampton**  
**Postgraduate Society**

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The Postgraduate Society aims to raise awareness of Postgraduate students at the University of Northampton to allow the postgraduate community to be more visible to the university. We look to raise the profile of postgraduate researchers among the student population and as such, one of the objectives is to create a platform where postgraduate students (full-time, part-time, visiting postgrads) can interact socially. The society will organise guest speakers, workshops and seminars on subjects such as statistics and research, in addition to the academic sessions already available to students. We look to engage with and represent Postgraduate students so get involved to get your voice heard and to meet likeminded individuals. We can't wait to meet you!

## **ROAD TO CHRIST**

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**EM claptonc@hotmail.co.uk**

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Road to Christ encourages students at Northampton to explore their faith through a series of events and meetings on campus and within the community. We meet regularly to provide a forum for discussion and worship within the safe space of university. Drop us an email to find out more!





## **RUMOUR QUILL**

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**FB** [therumourquill](https://www.facebook.com/therumourquill)

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Rumour has it . . .

. . . there is a society, a group of individuals. They have a penchant for words. Sometimes rhymes, sometimes rhythms, sometimes long strings of coherent and incoherent words.

We spend our lives living in the pages, between the lines, seeking the road less travelled by. Some of us scratch ink on the page, we let language leak over our lips. Prose or poetry, articles and art. We are those who hold the quill. We welcome all bookworms and wordsmiths. For more information join us on Facebook.

## **SIGHTSEERS SOCIETY**

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Sightseers Society welcomes all students with a passion for sightseeing. We arrange trips throughout the year to a variety of landmarks, monuments and sights of special interest within England. As a member you can vote on where you'd like to go next; from Stonehenge to Buckingham palace we see it all! Drop us an email if you'd like to get involved.

## **SALSA SOCIETY**

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**FB** [UoNSalsa](https://www.facebook.com/UoNSalsa)  
**TW** [@ UoNSalsa](https://twitter.com/UoNSalsa)

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We at Salsa Society teach beginners and more experienced dancers at the Student's Union in a fun and sociable atmosphere. The President and the committee are well connected into the wider Salsa and Latin dancing scene in the Midlands and you will get the chance to meet visiting teachers and to go dancing socially.

## **SIKH SOCIETY**

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**FB** [Northampton University Sikh Society](https://www.facebook.com/NorthamptonUniversitySikhSociety)

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The Sikh Society will run discussion sessions that offer a great opportunity to talk about current issues facing Sikhs and to learn more about Sikh faith from each other. The society aims at making people aware of the real values and traditions of the Sikh faith taught by Guru Sahib ji's.

The society will also be organising some fun activities/competitions such as Sikhi Talks, Tabla classes, Outings (Hiking Mountains, includes visiting Gurudwara Sahibs) and Turban classes





## **SING IT LOUD**

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**EM** [springskura@l63.com](mailto:springskura@l63.com)

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We are a society for Music Lovers to unite! We aim to provide students with a space to sing to a variety of tracks originally performed by some of the greatest musicians of our time. We also offer the opportunity to network with one another in a social setting and share our passion for music. We are currently setting up and organising our first few socials. Please join our society and we'll keep you updated on all the fun things we are planning this year!

## **SOCIETY OF SOCIOLOGY**

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**FB** University of Northampton –  
Society of Sociology  
**TW** @ UoNSocSoc15

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The Society of Sociology welcomes students studying the subject area of sociology as well as those interested in the field.

The main focus of the society is to bring together all sociologists through social events throughout the year. This can be through suggestions members make as well as organised events during each term.

The society will also be on hand throughout the year working closely with tutors to offer support and advice with assignments and exams.

## **SNOW SPORTS SOCIETY**

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**FB** UON Snow Sports  
**TW** @UonSnow

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A fantastic society for people of all skill sets looking to get involved with snow sports. We run an annual trip to France where you can get some real snow under your feet and party through the night. Additionally we arrange monthly trips to Milton Keynes's Snozone to keep our turns parallel, our slaloms smooth and work on our park skills. We meet for socials every two weeks to socialise and play some games.

## **SOUTHERN AFRICA SOCIETY**

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**FB** SouthernAfricaSociety  
**TW** @SAS\_UoN

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The Southern Africa Society is all about celebrating who we are and the diversity within the society. We aim to share the African culture with students from various backgrounds, and give them a taste of what Africa is really all about. We empower our members with industry links through various recruitment events hosted throughout in the year. Our society is open to everyone, so please feel free to join us and enjoy the African experience with us.





## **SOUTHERN EASTERN AFRICAN SOCIETY**

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**FB** SeasSociety  
**TW** @SeasSociety

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If you're interested in finding out more about Southern Eastern African culture and traditions look no further than SEAS!

The Society seeks to introduce students to the music, art and culture of Southern East Africa right here in Northampton!

To find out more find us at Union Day or like us on Facebook!

## **SURF AND BODYBOARDING SOCIETY**

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**FB** UniversityofNorthampton  
surfsociety

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Our society's aim is to go on surf trips along the west coast throughout the year. The surf trips will last for one day, leaving in the early morning and returning in the evening. We cater for every level so long as you know how to swim. If you don't know how to swim, or do not feel comfortable entering the surf zone, fear not! We also cater for purely social members who want to have a good time.

## **UNICEF**

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**FB** UniversityOfNorthampton  
UnicefOnCampusSociety  
**TW** @UNICEFUoN

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Would you like to be part of a society that aids UNICEF UK to make a lasting difference to the lives of children around the world?

That allows you to improve or gain new skills whilst also meeting new friends?

Joining UNICEF at UoN, a society affiliated with UNICEF UK, will allow you to play an important role in raising vital funds and awareness to support the work of this leading charity.

As students, we can help UNICEF UK move one step closer to achieving this vision, gain experience to boost your CV, and have fun whilst making an invaluable contribution.

## **VGUN GAMING SOCIETY**

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**FB** VGUN Gaming Society

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VGUN is a society for the gamers in all of us. Based at avenue campus this society is for all of us to come together and have fun with something that we enjoy. Playing games, from MOBA's to action shooters, most games will be free to play so everyone can enjoy. They are mostly pc games but we will have the option to play console games too!



# STARTING A NEW SOCIETY

## Not found the society you're looking for?

If you haven't found the Society you're looking for in this handbook why not start your own? It's easy!

If you have a fun, interesting or original idea for a Society that we don't offer yet and have 4 other people interested in starting it with you then you're already half way there!

You could set up a Society related to your course, to organise talks and social events. You could set up a Society to find other people interested in your hobby or interest, or just to bring together like minded people – whether this is maybe a religious, political or ethical group.

## The key benefit to starting a society is that it can be anything you want it to be! Other benefits include:

- **Funding!** We have a number of grants and subsidies available to Societies and this year we have over £64,000 for you to put to good use!
- **Free** access to SU/University room and facility bookings
- **Free** venue hire of Students' Union venues
- **Free** access to SU Minibuses
- **Free** Web services including the provision of an online store
- **Photocopying** and **Printing** services
- **Banking** services
- **Free Access** to the Freshers' Fair, Students' Union publicity and this very handbook!

For more information on how to start your own Society visit our website:

[www.northamptonunion.com/societies/](http://www.northamptonunion.com/societies/)

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# SOCIETY AWARDS

Each year, the Students' Union organises Society Awards. This is where we recognise all the hard work that Societies have put in over the course of the year. Hundreds of students come to celebrate together with their Society and friends. There's usually a dinner, entertainment, the Awards ceremony and an awesome after-party. This year the Students' Union has increased the budget so it's bound to be bigger and better than ever before!

## 2014/15 Winners:

**Best New Society of the Year-** UoN Medieval Society

**Society of the Year-** Atheist, Secularist and Humanistic Society

**Event of the Year-** Dr. Who Society "An Afternoon with Paul McGann"

**Most Improved Society of the Year-** UoN Show Sports Society

**Greatest Contribution to the Community-** Auto-Circle Spectrum Society

**Best Faith/International/Cultural Society of the Year-** Islamic Society

**Best Art/Media/Recreational Society of the Year-** UoN Medieval Society

**Best Academic/Representational/Campaign Society of the Year-** Economics Society

**President of the Year-** Hari Parekh

**Society Personality of the Year-** Courtney Claunch









# REWARDING YOUR LOYALTY



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*loyalty*  
POINTS

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Any time you spend money in our venues you can earn discounts with your student card.

You can also earn cashback for your Sports Club or Society.

Plus earn extra points on special promotions throughout the year.

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