WELCOME TO YOUR GUILD

Everything you need to know about your students’ union and making the most of your time with us is in this guide!

Welcome from all of us at Exeter Students’ Guild, your SU at University of Exeter- we hope that you feel right at home and part of the community, whether that be on campus or online.

No matter when you arrive on campus, we’ll be here to welcome you to your new community and introduce you to the amazing opportunities and services you’ll be able to get involved with at Exeter – and we’ll be with you every step of the way. We’re looking forward to providing you with a wide range of events and tasters for you to try, opportunities to make new friends, and time to tick off some of those things on your to-do list before you begin your course.

Everyone experiences university in their own unique way and will have different memories of their time starting university, and this year will be like no other. There is no right or wrong way to experience it, your Students’ Guild is here to help you get the most of yours and to ensure you start university in the best way possible to suit you.

So, what are you waiting for? It’s time to get involved!

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- Full-Time Officers (on rotation)
So, who are we?

We are your students’ union here at Exeter, and we exist to make your university experience as amazing as possible. We are led by you and all other Exeter students, with your elected Full-Time Officers representing your interests in all aspects of student life. You are the Students’ Guild, so everything we do is for and with you.

And what do we do?

We are here to give you the best experience and opportunities possible and help you to belong here. Whether you’re on Streatham or St. Luke’s campus, you can join and lead societies, vote in elections, have your say on your experience, access our support services and much more - you’ll get to know plenty more about how to make the most of your new community throughout this guide!

*these stats are from 2019/20
Every student at the University of Exeter is automatically a member of your Students’ Guild, and being a member opens up so many opportunities for you. Whatever your story, wherever you’re from and whatever you want to do, our community is for everyone and we’re here to make student life for you as incredible as possible.

There are so many benefits to being a member of the Guild which we hope will make you even more excited about joining in and getting involved:

- It’s completely free, which is never a bad thing!
- Access to 300 societies
- Volunteering opportunities
- Confidential support and advice if you ever need it
- Representation on issues that are important to you and amplifying your student voice

Being a membership led organisation also means you get a say in how we’re run and what we do! You’re now one of us, welcome!
Your Students’ Guild is led by Full-Time Officers elected by students (you can find out more about elections on page 23). They each lead on different areas, and work to support and represent you, and to make the Exeter experience as positive as possible for all students.

Each Full-Time Officer will be working on their manifestos and various projects throughout the year, as well as plenty of other things you’ll be hearing about! The Officers can’t do their job without you, so make sure you let them know what’s going on with you. Whether you’ve got a problem or you want the Guild to start doing something, you can get in touch with them on their social media or email, which are included in their profiles, or you can pop in and see them in their office in Devonshire House on Streatham Campus, as well as St. Luke’s campus when they visit there!

Make sure you follow the Officers on social media or check back on our website over the year to find out what they’re up to!

The Full-Time Officer team are supported by other elected officers and representatives who help the Guild to represent the views of the broad range of students at Exeter. There will be opportunities for you to contact these officers and reps, and maybe even become one yourself. Find out more on page 22 or at exeterguild.com/voice

YOUR 2020/21 OFFICER TEAM

Sunday Blake
Guild President
president@exeterguild.com
@ExePresident

Hi, I’m Sunday, your Guild President for 2020/21! As Guild President, I lead the Full-Time Officers to make sure that we are working for you. I regularly meet with students, the community, the Vice-Chancellor and University Senior Management to make sure your voice is being heard and influence decisions to benefit you!

Top Welcome Tip:
There is no “normal” student - if you’re an Exeter student, then you belong at Exeter. It’s simple as that! Don’t hold back and get involved as much as possible - this is the start of the rest of your life!

A fun fact about me:
I’m very easily bribed with a frappaccino!

Find out more at exeterguild.com/officers
Liv Harvey
Vice President (VP) Activities
vpactivities@exeterguild.com
@ ExeActivities

Hey, I'm Liv, your VP Activities! My job is to make sure you get the most out of societies, volunteering, employability, fundraising and more during your time with us. This is my second year as VP Activities, and I can't wait to help you get involved with the many exciting opportunities available to you at Exeter!

**Top Welcome Tip:**
Don't overwhelm yourself by trying to do everything in your first few weeks! There will be plenty of opportunities throughout the year to get involved in societies and other activities!

**A fun fact about me:**
In 2018 I co-presented ‘XTV’s Ultimate Freshers’ Bucket List’ with our student-run film and television station which consisted of a week’s worth of content covering all things Freshers!

Ruby Jones
Vice President (VP)
Welfare & Diversity
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@ ExeWelfare

Hi, I'm Ruby. I champion the welfare and diversity needs of students at Exeter. I make sure that every students’ individual needs are represented, including accommodation, health, mental wellbeing and personal safety. I work to ensure that our campuses are inclusive and welcoming for each and every one of you.

**Top Welcome Tip:**
Always keep a bottle of water and a packet of crisps by your bed, especially before a night out!

**A fun fact about me:**
I co-founded the global campaign Januhairy!

Penny Dinh
Vice President (VP) Education
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@ ExeEducation

I'm Penny, your VP Education – welcome to Exeter! I make sure that students have the best academic experience they can. I ensure that your views about teaching, exams, library facilities, and much more are represented to the University at the highest level. I lead the Students’ Guild’s team of over 400 volunteer student representatives to ensure that change happens on your course when it needs to.

**Top Welcome Tip:**
Familiarise yourself with Exeter Learning Environment (ELE) and the Guild’s website so that you know where to go when you need information and resources.

**A fun fact about me:**
I never watched the Harry Potter films growing up!

Postgraduate Students – We’re here to represent you too, so get in touch with any of the Officers about issues you’re having or changes you’d like to see for postgraduate students, we’d love to hear from you. Your Student Reps are also elected to represent you – you can find out more on page 22.

Find out more at EXETERGUILD.COM/OFFICERS
WELCOME TO EXETER

One of the best ways to get settled into life at Exeter is to explore and get a feel for where you’re going to be spending the next few years of your life. Most things in the city are within easy access of both campuses either by walking or a short journey on public transport.

If you’re feeling adventurous, why not head to the beach? Not many universities can boast being as close to the stunning beaches Devon has to offer. Hopping on the train to Dawlish, Exmouth or further afield with some friends will give you a true taste of Devon life, and you won’t want to miss out on the stunning Dartmoor!

Although we put on a variety of student events throughout the year, getting out and experiencing some of the local events never disappoints! Head to watch Exeter’s Premiership Rugby Team to soak up the atmosphere or check out one of the many markets or food and drink festivals throughout the year. If you are looking for inspiration look no further than visitexeter.com/whats-on for plenty of ideas.
TREAT YOURSELF TO LUNCH
TAKE TIME TO LOOK AFTER YOURSELF

We've got some delicious food options for you on our campuses. Whether it’s Comida or the Ram in Devonshire House on Streatham, a sandwich from Pret or Costa in the Forum, or at a coffee at Cross Keys on St. Luke's, make sure you see what is on offer on campus.

University can be very busy at times with studying, lectures and everything else that you can get involved with, so it’s important you take the time to take care of yourself. Whether it’s having a duvet day, cooking your comfort food or getting stuck into some crafting, you do you!

TOP TIPS

TRY SOMETHING NEW
Throughout your time at Exeter, there will be so many opportunities to broaden your horizons and try something you had never even thought about! Our 300+ societies are a great place to start looking, and you can sign up at any point throughout the year or during our Freshers’ Fair or Refreshers’

EXPLORE!
There’s so much to see on both of our campuses and in Exeter! Take some time to take in your surroundings – you’ll feel at home in no time. If you’re stuck for ideas, check out our Exeter bucket list on page 28 which includes some of the best Exeter has to offer!

GO TO EVENTS
Having fun is a huge part of university, and there will be so many opportunities throughout your time at Exeter to make amazing memories. Whether it’s getting involved with events during Freshers’ Week or at any time in the year, getting involved in the wide range of events on offer is an absolute must!

MAKE PLANS
We know starting university can seem daunting, but remember, everyone is in the same boat. If you meet someone you like, make plans with them – you may have just made a friend for life!

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TIME TO GET INVOLVED

SOCIETIES

Joining one (or a few!) of our amazing student-led societies is the perfect way to meet other students, find people with similar interests and even try something completely new!

There are over 300 affiliated societies, from academic and employability related societies, to those that provide recreational activities or cultural events.

SOCIETY CATEGORIES

Academic  Media
Charity and Causes  Medical
Employability  Music
Faith and Worldview  Outdoor and Travel
Fitness  Political
Hobbies and Interests  Theatre and Performance
International

Societies run their activities all throughout the year – whether you want to give something new a go to see if it’s your sort of thing or you’re 100% sure what you want to do, there’s plenty of chances to get involved. Being part of a society brings with it friends, experiences, and skills to carry you beyond university, so it’s definitely worth getting involved!

If you can’t find a society for something, then you can look at making your own society with other students. New societies are being created all the time – the more the merrier!

To check out the full list of society and student group events throughout the year, go to exeterguild.com now!

“Societies provide a fantastic platform for you to get involved with what you are passionate about, discover new talents, and meet new people. Make sure you join one today!”

Liv Harvey, Vice President Activities

Find all our societies and more at EXETERGUILD.COM/SOCIETIES
activities@exeterguild.com
There are a wide range of volunteering activities you can get involved with during your time at Exeter!

You can also get involved with our Welcome Team, either by engaging with them or volunteering for next year!

**Why get involved in volunteering?**

Volunteering is your chance to help people in need, support different causes and give back to the community. As a volunteer, you’ll be able to develop skills which will look great when you’re going for that dream job after uni. Also, volunteering is a great way to look after your mental health – doing different things, broadening your horizons and making someone’s day are all effective ways of looking after your wellbeing.

As well as volunteering, there are loads of opportunities to get involved with fundraising and campaigns throughout your time at Exeter!

Exeter students raise an incredible amount of money for local and national communities, initiatives and causes, and the Activities team can support you with your fundraising efforts!

Music is one of our passions here at the Guild, and we hope you’ll take advantage of the amazing opportunities available to you during your time at Exeter!

If music is your thing, take a look at our Music Membership, which gives you access to a range of benefits including instrument hire, access to incredible 24-hour facilities including a state of the art recording studio and training opportunities.

There are a range of different music-based societies you can get involved with from A Cappella to Orchestra – definitely have a look at joining one to immerse yourself in the amazing music community we have!

If you’re interested in media, check out our fantastic student media opportunities! This is an amazing thing to get involved with alongside your studies, especially if you’re interested in a job in media when you leave Exeter.

Our award-winning student media, collectively known as XMedia includes:

- Exeposé (the newspaper)
- XpressionFM (the radio station)
- XTV (the television station)
- ExeTech (technical theatre and events)
- Razz Magazine
YOU’RE REPRESENTED

So, how does representation work at the Guild?

As you (hopefully!) already know, there are elected Full-Time Officers who work to represent you on issues important to students, including your academic interests.

Each course has a Student Rep who is the key link between you and other students, and the University. Their role is to listen to your feedback and thoughts about your course and your experience, and then take that to the University, supported by the Guild. Student Reps are involved in key decision making, and your feedback helps them make sure that your academic and student experience is as positive as possible during your time at Exeter.

Find out who your Rep is, as well as how to contact them and provide your feedback, at exeterguild.com/representation

As a democratically-led union, student elections are a key part the Guild’s existence and are at the centre of how you decide who your next student leaders will be. Our elections decide who will represent you as student leaders.

We hold elections twice in the academic year; in October and February. This is a chance for you to have your say on who you want to run and guide everything the Students’ Guild does. Remember: your vote really does matter. There’s no need to register to vote in the elections, we’ll remind you closer to the time when you can vote and what for. Think you’ve got what it takes to lead your fellow students? Stand for one of the many positions available and leave your mark!

Why should you get involved in representation?

Getting involved in representation doesn’t have to mean running for a student leadership position – it can be as simple as talking to your student leaders and giving feedback. We would of course love it if you did run for a position though! The more student feedback we get, the more insight the Officers, Guild and University have about what students want – this information is used to make things better for you.

“Student-led representation is vital to affecting change on campus and for ensuring your academic interests are at the centre of all activity.”

Penny Dinh, Vice President Education

Find out more

EXETERGUILD.COM/VOICE
voice@exeterguild.com
WE’VE GOT YOUR BACK

Things don’t always go to plan and sometimes you might want some advice, information on your rights, or support in finding the right help for the circumstances you face. Our independent Advice Service offers a range of confidential and impartial help on the following topics throughout your time at university:

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

You may encounter issues or problems with your course, whether it’s falling ill or other circumstances which affect your performance, or you might want to appeal a grade or result if the University hasn’t followed its procedures properly. Our team of advisors provide impartial advice to help navigate and support you through the University’s procedures.

ACCOMMODATION

Arranging accommodation can be a stressful time, but help is here for you. Our team have provided an online contract checking guide to make sure your agreements are fair and legal and will support you if things go wrong with your landlord. Whether it’s private or University accommodation, we can help you get settled throughout your time in Exeter.

MONEY

At the end of the month, your budget might be a bit tighter than planned. You might need support with student finance, financing if you’re an international student, or accessing a hardship fund. We know it can be easy to get carried away, but it’s important to remember you have a whole term ahead of you before another loan instalment comes in!

WIDENING PARTICIPATION

We understand that some students might face additional challenges in coming to university. Our Widening Participation (WP) team supports care leavers, carers, estranged students, students who are parents, and refugees or asylum seekers, to make the most of their time at Exeter. Contact us at advice@exeterguild.com to meet with our WP Coordinator and find out how we might be able to support you.

Find out more

EXETERGUILD.COM/ADVICE

“The Students’ Guild provides a free, confidential and independent Advice Service specifically for students. Our team of experienced advisors are here to support you through your time in Exeter and give you the information you need to make informed choices.”

Ruby Jones, Vice President Welfare and Diversity
VISIT YOUR INFO HUB OR GUILD RECEPTION

Throughout campus there are Info Hubs, which are where you can go to ask questions about your course, help with your timetable, and about other services such as wellbeing and careers.

Each Info Hub covers specific courses and subjects, so make sure you check which Hub is the right one for you.

There is more information about the Hubs and where you can find them at exeter.ac.uk/students/infopoints

We also have our very own Guild Reception in Devonshire House, so if you have any queries about what societies we have or support to start one up, want to run a campaign, or find out more about how to get involved with your Guild, head here! Get in touch at info@exeterguild.com

GO TO THE LIBRARY

The Library is most likely going to play a pivotal role in your time at Exeter, so it’s important you know how to make the most out of the resources available to you. The Library is located in the Forum, right at the centre of Streatham Campus, and also on St. Luke’s Campus, there are loads of online resources that you can make the most out of too. Find out more at exeter.ac.uk/library

GRAB A BITE TO EAT

You’re not going to be short for choice with the wide selection of cafes, shops and restaurants on our campuses. The Ram is a restaurant in the heart of Streatham Campus in Devonshire House where you can have a sit-down lunch with your friends and coursemates. Right next door there is the Shop where you can grab a meal deal, or Comida, home of the best wraps on campus!

If you’re on St. Luke’s campus, you can enjoy a coffee and a snack at Cross Keys!

On Streatham Campus, you’ll find trading outlets all around campus and in buildings including Camper Coffee, Costa, Pret, La Touche, The Terrace and so much more.

Find out more about eating, drinking and shopping on campus at exeter.ac.uk/campusservices/eatandshop

RECYCLING POINTS

We’re committed to having a positive impact on sustainability, and you can do your bit by recycling! There are recycling points on campus – you can find out more at exeter.ac.uk/accommodation/residences/recyclingandwaste

BIKE HIRE

If you’re wanting to explore Exeter (you definitely should!), consider doing so by bike! There are plenty of options, including electric bikes on campus. Visit exeter.ac.uk/sustainability/travel/bike

USE THE SPORTS FACILITIES

Exeter is proud to have some outstanding sports facilities which you can make use of during your time here. Facilities include a swimming pool and a gym, amongst many others. Check out more at sport.exeter.ac.uk

CAMPUS TOP TIPS

Our campuses have many services and trading outlets to help you through your time at Exeter. Whether it’s grabbing a quick coffee in between lectures or making use of the library facilities for your coursework, there’s so many opportunities to make the most of what’s on offer – here’s some top tips to help you on your way!
Join a society
There aren’t many better ways to make memories at Exeter!

Watch an Exeter City FC match
Based in Exeter city centre, you can often hear the cheers echoing around St. James’ Park.

Attend Freshers’ or Refreshers’ events or activities
The best way to find out more about societies, what we do and how to get involved.

Go to the Ottery Tar Barrels
Flaming barrels of tar racing through narrow streets and crowds. Sounds crazy? Check it out for yourself!

Watch a live rugby game
Don’t miss the chance to see the Premier League Team in action at Sandy Park.

Visit Exmouth
Oh, we do love to be beside the seaside – hop on a train and be there in 20 minutes!

Enjoy the stunning landscapes of Dartmoor
The great outdoors is calling, and Dartmoor offers some of the most incredible walks and views around.

Watch a Varsity game
A real university tradition and the chance to see some great sporting talent here at Exeter.

Buy an Exeter hoodie
Because who doesn’t love to show off their uni stash?

Climb ‘cardiac hill’
If you live in Birks Grange you’ll soon become acquainted with this calf burner!

Visit Exeter Cathedral
Get a taste of the local culture and check out the cathedral’s recent renovations.

Have a Devon Cream Tea the proper way...
Clotted cream first with jam on top

Visit the Christmas market
A real seasonal treat and the chance to indulge in some great food and drink.

Vote in the Guild Elections
Exercise that right to shape your student experience right here at Exeter.

Get a picture at the Exeter rock
An absolute must - preferably whilst donning a mortar board and graduation robes!

Take a tour of the Exeter’s Underground Passages
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