



**WELCOME TO
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**STUDENTS'
GUILD**



Welcome to Exeter

Hello from all of us at Exeter Students' Guild, we are **your Students' Union** at the University of Exeter. We hope that you feel right at home and part of the community, whether that be on campus or online.

We exist to make your university experience as amazing as possible. We are led by you and all other students, with your elected Full-Time Officers representing your interests in every aspect of student life.

We can't wait to introduce you to the amazing opportunities and services you'll be able to get involved with at Exeter – we'll be with you every step of the way.

We host a wide range of events and activities for you to try, and so many ways to make new friends.

Your Students' Guild is here to help you make the most out of your time here. So, what are you waiting for? It's time to get involved!

What Do We Do?

We are here to give you the best experience and opportunities possible, and to help you feel like you belong here. No matter where you are based, you can join and lead societies, vote in elections, have your say on what's on offer for students, access our support services and much more. You'll be able to find out all about this and how to get the most out of your time here in this guide!



Your Guild Community

Every student at the University of Exeter is automatically a member of your Students' Guild, and being a member opens up so many possibilities for you. Whatever your story, wherever you're from and whatever you hope to achieve, our community is for everyone and we're here to make student life as memorable as possible for you.

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

- **Membership of Exeter Students' Guild is completely free**
- **Access to over 250 incredible societies, student groups and communities**
- **Volunteering and employment opportunities**
- **Independent support and advice if and when you need it**
- **Events, workshops and activities to suit a broad range of interests**
- **Representation on the issues you care about, and support to make the changes you want to see**
- **Being a membership led organisation also means you get a say in how we're run and what we do**



You're now officially part of your Students' Guild!



YOUR 2022/23 OFFICER TEAM

Our Values

We are here to help all students **love Exeter**.

Our vision is to shape an excellent student experience for everyone at Exeter, by empowering you to take your place in the world and to make a positive difference. **You are Exeter Students' Guild.**

We want you to have the absolute best time at university, and we have three core values which define how we work for you.

EMPOWERING

We will support you to thrive and have the best time at university. You will be empowered to get involved, develop your skills, shape your own experiences and become active change makers.

RADICALLY INCLUSIVE

Diverse, student-led communities are supported, represented and celebrated. We will proactively remove barriers to participation and seek to provide meaningful and relevant opportunities that reflect the diverse student community and strive to ensure a sense of belonging for all students.

COLLABORATIVE

Collaboration is at the heart of what we do, working with students on lots of opportunities to engage and love Exeter as well as on issues that matter most to you. You will see how your student priorities will clearly be shaping the work of your Guild and Officers.

Your Students' Guild is led by Full-Time Officers elected by students. They each lead on different areas, work to support and help make the Exeter experience a positive one for everyone. Each Full-Time Officer will be working on different campaigns throughout the year, as well as plenty of exciting projects you'll be hearing about!

Your Officers can't do their job without you, so make sure to let them know how you're finding your time at Exeter. Whether you've got a change you'd like to see or you want us to start doing something, you can get in touch with them on their social media or via email.

Make sure you check our website over the year to find out what they're up to!

Your Full-Time Officer team are supported by other elected Department Officers and Academic Representatives, who help to represent the views of the broad range of students at Exeter. There will be opportunities for you to meet and chat with these Officers and Reps, and even become one yourself!

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Lily Margaroli Guild President

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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 that decisions being made benefit you and other students.

Top tip for making the most of Exeter:

Don't be afraid to ask questions – people will be excited to help you! Whether you are lost on campus, confused about an assignment, or wondering where to go for a coffee, a good place to start is asking society or club committee members.

A fun fact about me:

In 2018 I went to a festival in Budapest, when I arrived and started putting up my tent, I realised I had left my poles at home in Brighton – it made for an interesting few days!



Izzie Dyer VP Opportunities

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My job is to listen to you to ensure you get the most out of societies, volunteering, employability, fundraising and more during your time with us. I can't wait to collaborate and help you get involved with the many exciting opportunities available to you at Exeter!

Top tip for making the most of Exeter:

Go to all the taster events you can in Freshers' Week and beyond! Even if you're not entirely sure whether it will be your 'thing', these sessions are such a great opportunity to try something new and make friends (and if it isn't for you, you don't have to go again!).

A fun fact about me:

I've previously done freelance music journalism and was once able to go to Reading Festival for free on a press pass!



Jack Liversedge VP Education

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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.

Top tip for making the most of Exeter:

Starting university for the first time can be overwhelming. It is important to remember that everyone will be feeling the same, although some may be better at hiding it. Make sure that you make time to chill, there will be events going on all year.

A fun fact about me:

I love scuba diving, in particular diving with sharks. My favourite place to go diving is the Maldives.



Emma de Saram VP Liberation & Equality

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I'm here to make sure that Exeter is for everyone, whether that's on campus or online! Student wellbeing and advocating for equality are key to my role. Throughout my student life, I've campaigned on several important issues, and I'm committed to making sure all students are empowered and supported throughout their time at Exeter.

Top tip for making the most of Exeter:

Make the most of exploring outside of campus, like going to the beach at the weekends, or visiting Exeter Phoenix! There are lots of opportunities to explore Exeter and beyond through our Give it a Go programme.

A fun fact about me:

I spoke at the Climate Change Conference COP26 last year.

Get Involved

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Joining one (or more) of our amazing student-led societies is the perfect way to meet other students, find people with similar interests and to try something completely new! We've got all sorts of societies in areas from fitness to music, travel to politics, theatre and so many more.

Being part of a society brings with it friends, experiences and skills to carry you beyond university, so it's definitely worth seeing what's on offer! Our societies are run by 1,700+ student committee members who put on events, talks and activities for you to enjoy.

EXETERGUILD.COM/SOCIETIES

Arts

Arts is one of our passions here at the Guild, and we hope you'll take advantage of the countless opportunities available to you here! Our Music Membership gives you access to spaces and state of the art kit. There are also a range of different music-based societies you can get involved with from A Cappella to Symphony Orchestra.

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"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!"

Izzie Dyer
Vice President Opportunities

Volunteering

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Volunteering and fundraising gives you the 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 university.

Our 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 whether it's a national or local campaign!

Find out more about volunteering and how you can get involved at

EXETERGUILD.COM/VOLUNTEERING



Find all our societies and more at

EXETERGUILD.COM/ACTIVITIES

activities@exeterguild.com

Media

If you're interested in media, check out our fantastic student media opportunities! Perfect for those of you interested in a job in the industry. Our award-winning student media includes:

- Exposé (newspaper)
- RAZZ (lifestyle magazine)
- XpressionFM (radio station)
- XTV (television station)

EXETERGUILD.COM/MEDIA



GIVE IT A GO



Our **Give it a Go** events and activities are all about giving you the chance to try something new whilst exploring the local area and making friends! We've got events running throughout the year with plenty of chances for you to get involved. Most of our events are **free** or **very low cost**, with **no long-term commitment**.

As part of our programme, we'll have a number of unique experiences you can take part in! From witnessing the Tar Barrels at Ottery St Mary to walking Alpacas on Dartmoor- you'll be spoilt for choice. Last year we went to the Eden Project, visited some beautiful beaches and watched the sunset over the stunning Dartmoor National Park. We also learnt how to make gin, painted our own pottery and even gave water sports a try!

Give it a Go is also a great opportunity to get to know people outside of your course, accommodation and find your community.

We'll be hosting a number of trips across the year to some of the most visited (and Insta worthy!) places in Devon and Cornwall. From the Jurassic Coast to Stonehenge, or Dartmoor to the beaches of Newquay, there will be plenty of chances for you to find out why the South West is best.

All of our trips include travel and or a meeting point on campus, so you don't have to worry about how you will get there. Guild staff will be there to make sure you're having the best time!

Make sure you keep an eye on our events page to get your tickets:

[EXETERGUILD.COM/GIAG](https://www.exeterguild.com/giag)



Have Your Say

This is your student experience, and we want you to shape it with us to make it the best it can be.

We want to collaborate with you and empower you to drive the changes you want to see, start the conversations you want to have, and influence the decisions that matter to you.

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Academic Representation

There is no better person to represent your academic interests than you, and we put student voice at the heart of everything we do. Whether you want to be the person representing your department and helping make direct changes, or you want to give us feedback on how to make your academic experience better, we will be here to empower you to make change.

Campaigns

Activism is at the heart of students' unions, and we're here to support you campaign, lobby, and drive change. If there is a social issue or cause you're passionate about, we can help you campaign for it! We'll always get your opinions on big issues to inform our work and when we're campaigning to make your student experience better.



Talk to Us

We have lots of different ways you can give feedback throughout the year on a variety of topics. We want to ensure we're working on the things that matter most to you and you shape decisions being made.

Want to get paid for your feedback? We've got plenty of opportunities for you to earn a bit of extra money including monthly questions, one-off surveys, focus groups or workshops so you can inform us on what is most important to your student experience.

[EXETERGUILD.COM/YOUR-FEEDBACK](https://www.exeterguild.com/your-feedback)

Guild Democracy

We are led by students, for students. You set the direction by voting for the students who will best represent you as Officers in your Student Leadership Elections. Your Officers work all year round to make your student experience better.

We also want to facilitate discussion and debate on the issues which you care about. We have a toolkit of approaches to empower you to generate the changes you want to see.

"Student-led representation is vital to make the changes you want to see and to ensure your academic interests are at the centre of all we do"

Jack Liversedge
Vice President Education



Find out more at
[EXETERGUILD.COM/VOICE](https://www.exeterguild.com/voice)
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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 Team offers a range of confidential and impartial help on topics throughout your time at university.

Academic Support

You may encounter problems with your course, need support in academic conduct meetings, require help with a complaint or an appeal or to understand your options when it comes to interruption or other University processes. Our team of Advisors provide professional independent advice to help navigate and support you through the University's procedures.

Accommodation

Arranging accommodation can be a new experience and a bit of a worry, we are here to help. Our team can help you understand the process and make sure you know your rights and responsibilities relating to contracts and what to expect. They can also ensure you have support if things get tricky. Whether it's private or University accommodation, housemates or landlords, we can help you get settled throughout your time at Exeter.

Money

Being in control of your finances and understanding what you are entitled to is one less stress. You might need support with student finance, financing your degree, making the most of what you have, or accessing a hardship fund. If budgeting is new to you, we are happy to help you understand it, with tips and workshops available throughout the year. We know that the Cost of Living is a priority for you, it is for us too. We will be working on initiatives throughout the year to support our student community.

Support For You

We are here to support students and not to judge; if you find yourself in a difficult situation, **we are here for you**. If you have a challenging time, or you have heard, seen or experienced something that is not ok and want some advice about what your options are, we can offer a safe space to do this.

Underrepresented Students

We understand that some students might face additional challenges in coming to university and whilst you're here. Our dedicated Advisor supports care leavers, carers, estranged students, parents, and refugees or asylum seekers, to make the most of their time at Exeter. We have even been recognised nationally for our work. There is a range of support available, including additional funding, accommodation and helping you adjust to life at university.



"Your Students' Guild provides a free, confidential and independent Advice Team specifically for students. They provide advice via email, and through in person and online appointments, so do reach out if you need help."

Emma de Saram
Vice President Liberation & Equality

Find out more at
[EXETERGUILD.COM/ADVICE](https://www.exeterguild.com/advice)

Your Community...

Our Exeter community is vibrant, diverse and welcoming. We're here to help you find your community by connecting you with students who are united by common interests or identities.

COMMUNITY

Every student belongs at Exeter – there are so many different communities of students! They come in many different shapes and sizes – societies, support groups, networks – but all bring together students with shared identities, beliefs, interests, backgrounds, or life circumstances.

We help to foster your academic community too – bringing together students, academics, and societies across the disciplines so you can get the most out of your studies.

CELEBRATE

We're proud to celebrate our student community and learn more about how we can all be better allies. Last year we ran events celebrating Black History Month and LGBTQ+ History Month including talks, workshops, cafe drop-ins and more.

Our diverse community of students includes many backgrounds and identities, and we love to share celebrations of their cultural festivals and events.

CHAMPION

We know that there are some aspects of university life which are experienced differently – sometimes negatively – by certain members of our community. We are here to listen to you, the problems you face and the solutions you want to see. We won't stop until Exeter is a fair and just community for everyone! We will advocate for you, your education, and your wellbeing.

EXETERGUILD.COM/COMMUNITIES



...In Numbers

OVER
250
SOCIETIES

665
SUBJECT
REPS

317 GIAG
EVENTS

3,485 SOCIETY
EVENTS

1,761
SOCIETY
COMMITTEE
MEMBERS

13,464
SOCIETY
MEMBERS

YOU ARE NOW ONE OF 30,000+
MEMBERS OF OUR COMMUNITY

2,201 STUDENTS
SUPPORTED
BY THE ADVICE TEAM

140 COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS

Living in Exeter

Exeter is a fantastic city to live in, and it's really worth making the most out of your time here, whether you're a new or returning student. Most things in the city are within easy access of both campuses either by walking, cycling or a short journey on public transport.

If you're feeling adventurous, why not head to the beach? Not many universities can boast about being as close to the stunning beaches that Devon has to offer. Hopping on the train or bus to Dawlish, Exmouth or further afield with some friends will give you a true taste of Devon. You won't want to miss out on stunning Dartmoor either, home to some of the best scenery in the UK!

If you want to stay closer to home, the Quay is a quick 10-minute walk from the town centre and the perfect place to escape from the bustle of the city, get some fresh air and grab a great cup of coffee, or even go for a paddle on the River Exe.

Although we put on a variety of events throughout the year, getting out and experiencing some of the local events never disappoints. Go and watch Exeter's Premiership Rugby Team and soak up the atmosphere, or check out one of the many markets or food and drink festivals throughout the year. Exeter is home to lots of independent bars, pubs and restaurants alongside some great nightclubs- you really are spoilt for choice.

Students are a huge part of the wider community at Exeter, and we hope you enjoy becoming a part of the local community. There are loads of opportunities to contribute through volunteering, so keep an eye out for those during your time here.

[EXETERGUILD.COM/EXPLORE](https://www.exeterguild.com/explore)



Bucket List

See how many you can check off of the list during your time here at Exeter.

Share your photos and memories with us using #Exeplre22 or tagging us @exeterguild



- 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 events or Give it a Go activities**
The best way to make friends, have fun and enjoy uni life.
- 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 Premiership 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.

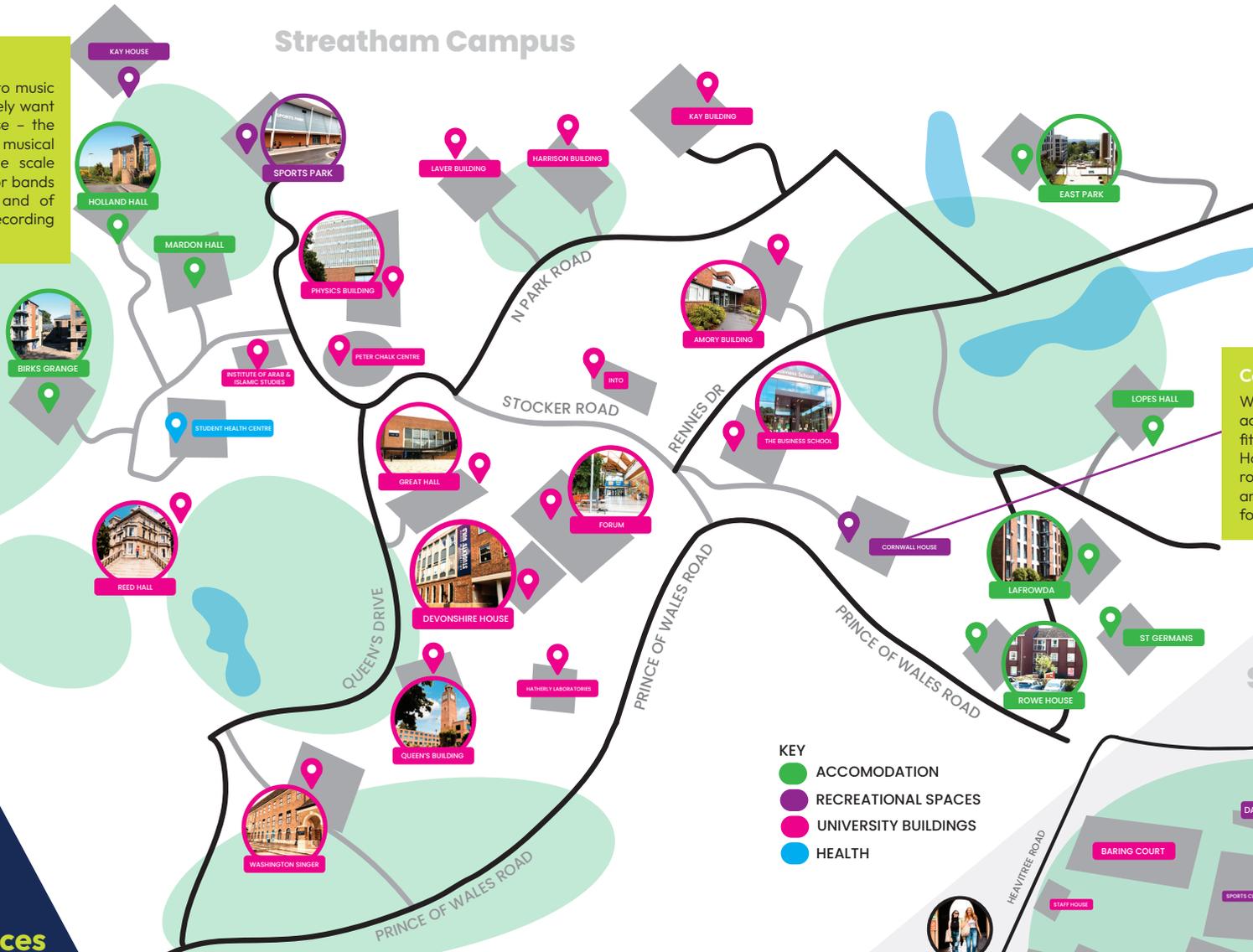
- Buy an Exeter hoodie**
Because who doesn't love to show off their uni stash?!
- Visit Exeter Cathedral**
Get a taste of the local culture and check out the Cathedral's recent renovations.
- Have a Devon Cream Tea the proper way...**
Clotted cream first with jam on top.
- Visit the Christmas market**
A real seasonal treat and the chance to indulge in some great food and drink.
- Vote in our Guild Elections**
Exercise that right to shape your student experience right here at Exeter.
- Take a picture at the Exeter rock**
An absolute must - preferably whilst donning a mortar board and graduation robes!
- Get a selfie with Napoleon, our campus cat**
The best loved cat and biggest celebrity on campus.
- Watch a performance at the Northcott Theatre**
There are some amazing performances (including from students) at the on-campus theatre.
- Enjoy the sun at the Quay**
There aren't many better settings to enjoy the sun in Exeter than the beautiful Quay, with plenty of food and drink options!



Kay House

If you're really into music then you'll definitely want to visit Kay House - the home of our musical instruments, large scale practice rooms for bands and orchestras, and of course our recording studio.

Streatham Campus



Cornwall House

We've got space for society activity including dance and fitness classes in Cornwall House. Our music practice rooms are also based there and there is even a dark room for photography!

- KEY**
- ACCOMODATION
 - RECREATIONAL SPACES
 - UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS
 - HEALTH

St Luke's Campus



St Luke's

G48 in South Cloisters is your Guild space on St. Luke's, where you can study or meet friends socially, and is also where you can find the St Luke's Guild Reception.

Our Spaces

Devonshire House

If you're looking for somewhere to hang out, a study space, or even somewhere to eat lunch, you can come to Devonshire House where we have 2 floors of space for you! Our Student Voice and Activities teams are also based in Devonshire House, ready for any of your queries. You can use Exehale's quiet space for when you just need some time away from the bustle of campus which is also located here. The Guild Reception is also located in Devonshire House.

Meet your Officers

Your Officer team are also based in Devonshire House, and they'd be happy to meet with you or answer any of your questions. Or feel free to just drop in and say hi!

Looking for Advice?

Our Advice team are based just along the corridor from Devonshire House, in the Forum.



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