

OFFSHORE GUIDE 2025



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WHO ARE WE?

Welcome to the Glasgow School of Art Students' Association!

You now belong to one of the most progressive student unions in Scotland; a community that values empowerment, expression and giving you a place to be free.

This guide should stay with you throughout your year at the Art School, as it contains everything you need to know to get started. Explore our building (and bar!), discover your niche

through our societies, get inspired by our Project Spaces, find out how we can fund you, and learn about all of the ways we can – and will – fight for you.

We amplify your voice throughout Glasgow, Forres and beyond to ensure that you are heard... but we can't do that without your input. After all, YOU are the Glasgow School of Art Students' Association.

An introduction
from your

STUDENT PRESIDENT



Hello and welcome to The Glasgow School of Art! I am Rufus, a Product Design Engineering student from Manchester who is now Student President of the Glasgow School of Art Students' Association. Throughout the year, I am here to help you get the most out of your time at GSA.

The GSA is a fantastic place to meet people, explore your interests and learn, but it's you – the students – who bring it to life, which is why I want to see the GSA community thrive this year.

We have a multitude of societies for you at the Students' Association and plenty of space for you to host exhibitions and events. We even have a bar and a nightclub on campus!

You'll find me and our Vice President Charli on the ground floor of the Students' Association. We'd love to meet you, so please come and say hi at our office or if you see us around campus.

Rufus x



And your

VICE PRESIDENT OF EDUCATION

Hey! We're a space for you outside of GSA, with a buzzing environment of societies, campaigns and student-led projects.

I was elected as Vice President of Education due to my passion for more student-led projects being funded, building a stronger professional practice and early career support, as well as more hands-on learning and transparent marking. Come and say

hello! I'm in an office with Rufus, the amazing Student President who is super committed to making this a space for all students with some cool student-led events.

I can't wait to meet you all and say hi to some familiar faces. Let's have a great year of collaboration!

Love Charli :)

THE BUILDING

We're at 20 Scott Street (around from the Reid, across from the library) where you'll find...

- A bar and a Sabbatical Office on the ground floor.
- Sexual health products and three rooms of gender-neutral toilets in the basement.
- An Assembly Hall on the first floor.
- Two Project Spaces, a Hill52 radio studio, GSASA Archives, a GSASA staff office and a disabled toilet all on the second floor.

See it all by taking the stairs or our elevator!

THE VIC

Come to your student bar (The Vic) and Assembly for a year of arts festivals, club nights, cozy pub evenings and everything else the creatives of Glasgow have to offer. The Vic is a social space for students, staff, alumni and the arts community in Glasgow,



run alongside the Dundee University Students' Association (DUSA) and with a bar staff of GSA students. Head to 20 Scott Street from 11am - 10pm to sample what your bar has got on offer.

THE ASSEMBLY

The Vic & Assembly offers two spaces for student activity, events and social meet-ups. The Vic bar on the ground floor with a capacity of 200 and The Assembly on the 1st floor with a capacity of 500. These are available to hire for GSA students at reduced rates or free, depending on needs and availability, throughout the year. You can contact us on thevicbookings@dusa.co.uk

FUNDING

You can get funded by us through a few different ways. Firstly, there's the Student-Initiated Project Fund (SIP Fund). This is £3,000 per semester given to students' extracurricular projects throughout the year based on open call applications three times a year.

We also have a Liberation & Equality Fund that supports liberation, equality, human rights activism and social change initiatives. A total of £2,800 is available for the 2025/26 academic year. A joint panel will make funding decisions from the SRC's Campaigns and Funding groups.



Keep an eye out on our channels for both fund applications opening. There's also the Societies Fund which allows you to request up to £250 per semester to support your society's activities like venue hire, books, merchandise or anything else!

To be eligible for this fund, please see our Societies section for information on how to set-up a society pg. 11

JOIN A SOCIETY

Clubs and societies are an amazing way to create and feel like part of a community

If you want to join a society, all you need to do is get in touch with the contact on their webpage (find it through the QR code) and see when their next meetup is! And if you've got an idea for a new society, follow these steps:

1. Have five students named as founding members.
2. Chat to the Societies and Communities Coordinator (Leilani) about the benefits and responsibilities of starting a society.
3. Consider the aims and objectives of your society.
4. Who is it for? Why does it exist?
5. Work with Leilani to get a page on our website and create a plan for others to join GSA's newest student community.

Speak to our Societies & Communities Coordinator Leilani Rabemananjara (l.rabemananjara@gsa.ac.uk) for further info or support.



SOCIETIES

ANIMATION SOCIETY

We host shorts and film viewings, industry guest talks, student showcases as well as animation jams and workshops!! We hold socials biweekly – it would be great to have you along!

Website: gsaanimationsoc.com
Email: A.Norman1@student.gsa.ac.uk

BADFEM

GSA's women's society aimed at establishing a support network for women at GSA by hosting film nights, crits, reading groups, club nights and exhibitions.

Email: badfem3@gmail.com
Instagram: [@badfem.gsa](https://www.instagram.com/badfem.gsa)

BADMINTON SOCIETY

Play badminton with GSA students.

CHINESE STUDENTS AND SCHOLARS ASSOCIATION (GSACSSA)

Serving Chinese students and scholars, promoting Sino-British cultural exchange, enhancing overseas students' living and learning experience, fostering multicultural understanding, and providing a platform to showcase works.

Instagram: [GSA_CHISOC](https://www.instagram.com/GSA_CHISOC)
Email: cssagsa@outlook.com

GLASGOW SCHOOL OF ART CHRISTIAN UNION

GSA Christian Union exists to give all students an opportunity to hear and respond to the message of Jesus Christ and understand our true role as creatives. Everyone is welcome at our Wednesday hangouts!

Email: gsachristianunion@gmail.com
Instagram: [@gsa.cu](https://www.instagram.com/gsa.cu)

CLIMBING SOCIETY

Climb with GSA students.
Instagram: [@gsa_climbing_society](https://www.instagram.com/gsa_climbing_society)

COPY MAGAZINE

COPY Magazine is a student-run magazine which exists to create a melting pot for those seeking inspiration from other students, both current and past. From writing poems and opinion pieces to photo series, this magazine invites students to showcase whatever they want.

Instagram: [@_copymag](https://www.instagram.com/_copymag)
Email: gsacopymagazine@gmail.com

DANCE IMPROV SOCIETY

Dance improv classes once every 3-4 weeks - everyone is welcome, no experience is required!

Email Y.Halevi1@student.gsa.ac.uk
Instagram: [@Yahel_halevi](https://www.instagram.com/Yahel_halevi)

FILM SOCIETY

Watch and discuss films with GSA students.

Instagram: [@gsa.film.society](https://www.instagram.com/gsa.film.society)

FREE WRITING SOCIETY

This society brought GSA students together in 2024/2025 to form a free writing community. Many of their members have graduated so if you'd like to revive this society please contact the Communities and Societies Coordinator L.Rabemananjara@gsa.ac.uk.

GSA GALLERY SOCIETY

Gallery Society's aim is to run student exhibitions in venues outside of GSA with the support of the GSASA.

We aim to hold one exhibition per semester at minimum and want to create opportunities for students across any discipline to have their work seen.

Email gsagallerysociety@gmail.com

**GLASGOW STUDENT
HIKING SOCIETY**

We walk up hills for fun, sleep in tents on purpose, and somehow call it a social life. Come and join the chaos!

Instagram: [@GlasgowStudentHikingSociety](https://www.instagram.com/GlasgowStudentHikingSociety)

GRUPA

A society running outside curriculum with a Central & Eastern European focus.

Instagram: [@grupa_gsa](https://www.instagram.com/grupa_gsa)

**GSA GREEN SPACE
SOCIETY**

The GSA Green Space Society aim to increase the quality of all GSA green spaces, providing beautiful and useful spaces for students and staff to enjoy.
Instagram [@gsagreenspacesociety](https://www.instagram.com/gsagreenspacesociety)

Email: e.scarlett1@student.gsa.ac.uk or
gsagreenspace@gmail.com

GSA VOLLEYBALL CLUB

Newly formed club founded by volleyball lovers - open to all skill levels! We meet regularly to train, play, and share the fun of the game!

Instagram: [@gsa.volleyballclub](https://www.instagram.com/gsa.volleyballclub)

HILL52 RADIO

Student and Graduate-run radio station who are passionate about music, events and DJing. We run an array of programmes daily from experimental music to interviews and spoken word.

Instagram: [@hill52radio](https://www.instagram.com/hill52radio)
Email: hill52radio@gmail.com

THE LAB GALLERY

The LAB Gallery is a free, student-run 'White Cube' space in the Stow building, showcasing one student artist's work each week in a contemporary setting.

Instagram: [@thelabgallery_](https://www.instagram.com/thelabgallery_)
Email: thelabgallerystow@gmail.com

MACKCAN

The MackCAN is focused on increasing the climate literacy of the student body through hands-on learning, collaborative knowledge sharing and critical reflection.

Instagram: [@theMackCAN](https://www.instagram.com/theMackCAN)
Email: @themackcan@gmail.com

**MACKINTOSH
ARCHITECTURE
STUDENTS' SOCIETY
(MASS)**

As a student at the MSA you're already a part of MASS, so there's no extra fees or responsibilities to get involved with us and our events. We want to reignite studio culture and connect students from different areas in the GSA, and other institutions. Our events are open to the whole of the art school, so bring your friends along!

Instagram: [@massatgsa](https://www.instagram.com/massatgsa)
Email: massatmsa@gmail.com

**GLASGOW SCHOOL OF
ART MUSLIM STUDENT
ASSOCIATION**

GSAMSA fosters community, advocacy, and inclusion for Muslims at GSA, promotes Islamic art, hosts diverse events, and raises awareness of Islamic values - welcoming all - Muslims and non-Muslims alike.

Instagram: [@gsamuslims](https://www.instagram.com/gsamuslims).
Email: gsamuslims@gmail.com

PALESTINIAN SOLIDARITY SOCIETY

GSASA Palestine Solidarity Society is open to any student or staff member who stands with Palestine and against Zionism. We meet every Tuesday during termtime at 4.30pm in the Vic.

SOLIDARITY WITH PALESTINE
NO SILENCE IN THE ARTS

Instagram: @gsa.palestinesolidaritysociety
Email: gspalestine solidarity@gmail.com

QUEER SOC

Are you a queer person looking to socialise, learn, critique art, debate and play games? Come hang out and let the soft machine of your body love what it loves.

Instagram: @gsaqueersoc
Email: impalavaka@gmail.com

QUILTING SOCIETY

Calling quilters of all and no abilities! We have the tools, so come along for a good time stitching. Tea and biccies provided – bring a mug.

Instagram: @gsaquiltsoc
Email: n.burgess1@gsa.student.ac.uk

re:PRESENT

re:PRESENT provides a platform for students to participate in a series of curated live events featuring YOU (current GSA students and beyond), offering the opportunity to speak, present, perform, screen or show your work or discuss something publicly that interests you, in an inclusive and supportive community!

Instagram @gsa_re_present
Email gsa.re.present@gmail.com

RULE OF 3D SOCIETY

A society that encourages creativity in different types of media – specifying in 3D sculpting! We're a society based in the SIT building to encourage different parts of GSA to work together and make connections.

Email ruleof3d@gmail.com
Instagram @ruleof3dgsa

SCOTT STREET

A Glasgow School of Art Publication that showcases the latest on music, art and design in Glasgow.

Instagram: @scottsmag
Email: scottstreetmag@gmail.com

SET THE ZINE

Dedicated to the development, funding, publishing and distribution of imaginative paper-based concepts by GSA students.

Instagram: @SetTheZine
Website: setthezine.com

SOUND (GSA MUSIC SOCIETY)

If you are interested in listening to music or you play an instrument, then this is the society for you!

Instagram: @sound_gsamusic

STRIKA F.C

Strika F.C. is Glasgow School of Art's football society. We are open to all abilities and meet on Sunday evenings for sessions of five-a-side football and pub socials for European game nights.

Instagram: @strikafootballclub
Email: f.bean1@student.gsa.ac.uk, s.justice1@

SUNFLOWER SOCIETY

student.gsa.ac.uk

Welcome! Sunflower Society is a community for disabled & neurodivergent students at GSA a safe space, to build activism, support, events, and celebrate diversity.

Instagram: @sunflower_society_gsa,
Email: sunflowersocietygsa@gmail.com

GSA YOGA

GSA Yoga welcomes students for all levels of yoga; from beginners to expert yogis! Yoga opens and awakens you. It is vital for us to care for our body, mind and soul. We should dedicate an hour a day to ourselves and GSA Yoga aims to encourage this!

Instagram: @gsa_yoga
Email: A.shaw2@student.gsa.ac.uk, ameliashaw484@gmail.com

CAMPAIGNS

We will help you to imagine, develop and campaign for (or against) issues that matter to students such as institutional divestment, climate justice and supporting under-represented groups.

For example, we have been involved in programming Trans Healthcare Week which included fundraising through

creative workshops, a pub quiz and cabaret. Campaigns are all about bringing together your voice and the voice of other students, so we want you to come to us with your ideas on how we campaign for you!

Please see more information on funding your campaigns through the Liberation & Equality Fund on pg. 10

PROJECT SPACES

We've got two rooms in our building for you to book for exhibitions, workshops or any other community building activities.

You can apply to use a Project Space when the form goes live through an open call in Semester 1. The spaces will be available for six weeks throughout the year, meaning that up to 12 students can benefit from them.

Keep your eyes peeled for the open call!



ADVICE & ADVOCACY

As the students' association is independent from GSA, part of our role is to advocate for you.

We can help with academic appeals, disciplinary proceedings and the raising of complaints by...

- Explaining processes and what to expect
- Showing you how to fill in forms and submit evidence
- Joining your meetings with GSA staff

- Advising you on the best courses of action
- Helping you to understand outcomes and next steps following the procedures

Speak to our Academic & Learning Coordinator Choterina Freer (c.freer@gsa.ac.uk) for further info or support

REPRESENTATION

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC):

Our SRC is key to how we represent you at GSA. It is made up of three individual groups who cover Campaigns, Funding and Societies which meet up throughout the year.

CLASS REPS:

Standing as a Class Representative enables you to act as a spokesperson for your fellow students. Reps learn about issues affecting students and

This means that all of our decisions on these areas are informed by students' voices.

To be a part of the SRC, you can either join a society, get elected as a Class Representative or just come along to the Campaigns meetings.

ensure that the school act upon these concerns. They are automatically a part of the SRC which gives students more power in our decision making.

OUR TEAM



A little about the team here at GSASA,
and what part they play



Ewan Summers

Digital & Communications Coordinator:
e.summers@gsa.ac.uk

Ewan is here to help with anything related to our website, socials or any other way the GSASA can get your voice heard.



Choterina Freer

Academic & Learning Coordinator:
c.freer@gsa.ac.uk

Get in touch with Choterina if you need support with appeals, complaints or facing a disciplinary. Choterina also helps students in running for Student President, Vice President Education or as a Class Rep.



Leilani Rabemananjara
Societies & Communities Coordinator:
l.rabemananjara@gsa.ac.uk

Leilani will be your point of contact for all things societies and communities. Speak to Leilani to set up, support and fund your society

Raj Jeyaraj
Charity Director:
r.jeyaraj@gsa.ac.uk

Raj leads the GSASA staff to ensure their work aligns with the vision of the Student President and Vice President Education. He supports your Sabbatical Officers in institutional meetings and advocates for the student voice.



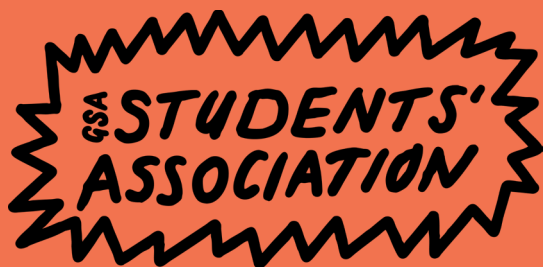
Shireen Taylor
Operations & Finance Coordinator:
gsasafinance@gsa.ac.uk

Shireen oversees our finances, including invoices for any students we commission, as well as ensuring our operations run as smoothly as possible.

Lilian Evans
Administrator and Board Secretary:
l.evans@gsa.ac.uk

Lilian handles the admin work for the GSASA to help us all be the Students' Association you deserve, as well as being secretary for our Board.





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