



WOMEN OF HISA

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WHAT IS HISA?

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WHAT IS HISA?

- The Highlands and Islands Students' Association (HISA)
- HISA exists to represent all students in the Highlands and Islands – whatever you study, wherever you study
- HISA represents all Further and Higher Education students of the University of the Highlands and Islands (UHI), and its 13 Academic Partners at a regional level
- Students at Academic Partners with local HISA representation are automatically members of HISA

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Did you know...

The University of the Highlands and Islands + The Highlands and Islands Students' Association covers an area roughly the size of **Belgium!**



13 Academic Partners

72 Learning Centres

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IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT
US...

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PAST ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR WOMEN OFFICERS

- Hannah Thompson (Orkney Depute) nominated '**University Student Rep of the Year**' @ sparqs Conference [March 2017]
- Sorcha Kirker (VPHE) nominated '**Student of the Year**' @ NUS Scotland Awards [March 2017]
- HISA won the **Education Award** @ NUS Scotland Conference [March 2017]
- Holly Scrimgeour (HISA President) elected onto the **Scottish Executive Committee** for NUS Scotland @ NUS Scotland Conference [March 2017]

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PAST ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR WOMEN OFFICERS

- Nurina Sharmin (Perth VP Education & Engagement) named **Equate Scotland Champion** [August 2017]
- Orkney College Students voted **HISA the best Students' Association in Scotland** in the SSES [November 2017]

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NURINA SHARMIN – HISA PERTH VICE-PRESIDENT EDUCATION & ENGAGEMENT

Keynote speaker at the Amina – Muslim Women’s Resource Centre’s ‘Tap into Talent’ Conference in February 2018



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HANNAH THOMPSON – HISA DEPUTE ORKNEY

Acquiring access to free sanitary items
for women students at Orkney
College.



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LUCY PETROVICOVA – HISA DEPUTE WHC

Becoming a mother.



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SHANNEN CALDERWOOD – HISA DEPUTE ARGYLL

Becoming captain of the Helensburgh Ladies Rugby Team.



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SHANNON LAFFERTY – HISA DEPUTE SAMS

Winning SAMS Student of the Year.



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OUR JOURNEYS

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SORCHA KIRKER
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CULTURE TO SHAPE
THE FUTURE

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- Encourage women to become class reps
- Encourage women to run for the officer positions
- Gender-balancing conference delegations
- Lobby for accessible education
- Liberation Working Group and representation structures
- NUS Bairn Necessities Report
- NUS Scotland Gender Based Violence Working Group
- Period Poverty Campaign
- Positive female role models

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- Encourage women into management roles
- Childcare
- Women in STEM
- Equal advertising
- Remove invisible barriers
- Student parents and the FE 100% attendance policy
- Period poverty
- Encourage women into education
- Gender neutral classrooms

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