Student Partnership Agreement (SPA) 2024 – 2026 Updates

**Joint partnership working** between the university and students’ association during the life of the current plan (2024-2026) includes:

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| Graduation cap with solid fill | **Improved academic growth, engagement and quality** | This theme includes improving the student experience, evidenced through survey results, improving the student voice rep system and other such initiatives. It also includes the active campaigning of elected association officers on their manifesto pledges. |
| Cheers with solid fill | **Active campaigning and community engagement** | This theme includes an annual general meeting / conference to which all students are invited, and other initiatives to build student community. |
| Ribbon with solid fill | **Celebrating success** | This theme includes employability skills development, annual teaching awards, sporting blues, volunteer achievement and student voice rep reward and recognition.  |

**Updates** to the above work themes:

* HISA and the University are improving the Student Voice Rep (SVR) system through the SVR Action Plan, this includes a new MS Teams space for reps.
* Cooperation on the promotion of student surveys this year.
* Information on the HISA Advice Service have been added to UHI webpages, MyDay, Brightspace and others.
* New HISA officer induction, with introductions from senior staff.
* Officer manifestos shared with key staff.
* To enhance student community, a new PGR society is being formed.
* A new student sport strategy has been drafted. We are working together on sport through the sports development group towards the sports action plan.
* Sporting Blues delivered in semester 2 of the last academic year.
* UHI – HISA have been awarded the student mental health agreement from NUS. Training for HISA staff and Officers to take place in October. Campaigns will be taking place, and additionally, mental health will be a priority for the Exec this year.
* HISA Awards delivered in Spring of this year, winners to be recognised at graduations.
* In 24/25, HISA to work with the UHI Futures to embed career development sessions into the curriculum.