



We've been Buzzin!

Here at the Students' Association we've had a lot on, very much keeping us busy. To start with our Strategic Plan 2025-28 'Buzzin for the Future' was launched on Friday with a launch party in the Sighthill Atrium. It was attended by the college's Principal Audrey Cumberland, as well as other senior figures. Needless to say this was a major success for us and we can't wait for students to reap the rewards of the future.


We would also appreciate if you could take the time to give us your thoughts and feedback on the college cutting the free counselling service that has previously been available to students. As of next term the service will no longer be running so it is important to us to hear what the student voice has to say, regardless of whether you have personally used the service or not.

And finally, coming up next month we have a final Paint & Sip event of the year run at Granton by our VP Welfare Sukinder. So come along and get your craft on!



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HAVE YOUR SAY



EDINBURGH COLLEGE CUTS COUNSELLING SERVICE

Please take a moment to complete a short survey and help us show the real impact of losing what we believe is a vital service.

Counselling Service Survey

Due to a withdrawal of funding from the Scottish Government, Edinburgh College will no longer provide free in-person counselling to students from next term.

We know this is deeply concerning. Mental health support is essential, and the removal of this service may leave many students without the help they need—potentially increasing drop-out rates and worsening wellbeing.

While it's unlikely the decision will be reversed in the short term—as budgets for next year are largely set—we believe it's still vital that student voices are heard. We want to gather your views on this change, and understand what you expect from your college in terms of mental health support.

[Complete the survey](#)



Become a Friendly Faces Volunteer!

We all know that, starting College, particularly if you don't know anyone, can be a daunting experience. So many rooms, so much information, so many new things to remember! Sometimes it can be a bit overwhelming.

EC Students' Association is launching a new programme to help make the experience a bit less scary with our **Friendly Faces Team**.

[Find out more](#)



Big Student Thank You 2025 - last chance to say thanks!

This week, we're launching the Big Student Thank You 2025! Every year, these awards give students the chance to say thank you to Edinburgh College staff who have positively impacted their year. You can nominate your lecturers or any member of support staff, and there are five categories:

- Best Lecturer Construction & Engineering
- Best Lecturer Creative Industries
- Best Lecturer Health, Wellbeing and Social Science
- Outstanding Lecturer of the Year Award
- Helping Hand Award for Support Staff

So, if someone at Edinburgh College has had a positive impact on your year, we want to hear about it! Nominations will all be read carefully, and the winners will be announced on the week beginning Monday 2nd June.

[Say thank you here!](#)



Summer Paint & Sip: Brushes & Beach Vibes

Celebrate the start of summer with a relaxed, beach-themed Paint & Sip session at **Granton Hub Courtyard on Monday, 2nd June from 3 to 5 PM**. Paint with provided supplies, enjoy summer drinks and snacks, and get creative at the tie-dye upcycling station. Whether you're an experienced artist or just in it for the good vibes, it's a fun, social way to welcome summer.

[More info here](#)



Summer Support payments for students

Have you been getting funding from the college or SAAS and Student Loan Company this academic year? Are you worried about paying rent and bills over the summer when funding ends?

You might be eligible to apply for the Summer Support Payment. To find out more, please come to the Student Advisor drop-in in your campus open Monday to Friday 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Alternatively, please e-mail guidance@edinburghcollege.ac.uk.

[More info](#)



Strategic Plan launched - We're Buzzin' for the Future!

At Edinburgh College Students' Association, we are **Buzzin' for the Future** with the launch of our new strategic Plan for 2025-2028!

The plan will guide the Association in our next chapter, but it really is more than just a document—it's a vision, a commitment, and a promise to every student who walks through our doors that we are **committed to better**.

To **Represent, Connect, Support, Include, and Help the Planet** is what we intend to do, and, over the coming years, we'll work tirelessly to strengthen these areas, making sure ECSA is always evolving, always listening, and always delivering for students. ensuring that ensure we continue to be **Powered by Students, Driven by values, and Committed to Better**.

[Read the strategy](#)



New College Equalities Newsletter

This newsletter brings you the latest equality news and developments at Edinburgh College. Anyone at the College is welcome to contribute to this newsletter, please contact the [EDI Lead](#) for more information.

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