

Issue 2

# Your Future

from the Faculty of Organisation and Management

**Student life,  
news and views**



**Sheffield  
Hallam University**

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# Welcome

Choosing to come to Sheffield Hallam University is choosing to become part of one of the UK's most progressive and innovative universities.

In the Faculty of Organisation and Management, we work hard to make sure your time here is both rewarding and enjoyable. All our courses are supported by state-of-the-art facilities and learning resources, and our teaching staff have both the academic and professional experience to help get your career off to a flying start.

Our aim is to provide you with a high quality education which will broaden your horizons and help you develop the skills you need to make your mark in the future, wherever that takes you. Our close relationships with a wide range of businesses and professional organisations keep us in touch with what employers want, meaning that we plan our courses to give you the skills, knowledge and experience they're looking for.

Of course your studies are vital – but that's not the only thing we care about. We also want you to have a great time, experiencing the many activities and facilities

Sheffield has to offer. Our University campus is located at the heart of one of the UK's top student cities. With its incredible array of bars, clubs, restaurants, music venues, cinemas and world class sporting activities, it's no wonder our students tell us Sheffield is a wonderful place to live and learn.

If you're worried about safety, recent Home Office statistics show that Sheffield is one of the safest cities in the UK. If money's your major concern, Sheffield is also a great choice, as the cost of living here is relatively low.

So if you're looking for a university where you'll find the best of everything, why not look at Sheffield Hallam? It could be the best thing you'll ever do!



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Chris Booth".

**Chris Booth**  
*Executive Dean, Faculty of  
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# City living

Vibrant and modern, Sheffield is Britain's fifth largest city, and home to more than 150 woodlands and 50 public parks.

Living in Sheffield you will also be able to enjoy the buzz and excitement of city life as well as all that fresh air - see what our students think about living here...



'Sheffield has so many things to see and do - whether you want to be dining out, shopping, going to the theatre or competing in sporting activities, there is just so much to do and it has a great night life - always an important element to being a student!

That's one of the reasons that I stayed in Sheffield after I graduated - I still have so much to discover!

**Denise Smyth, Business and Marketing graduate 2007**



'Sheffield is a fantastic student friendly city, with a constant hustle and bustle of people and a safe environment.

The nightlife is great and there are loads of restaurants offering a variety of cultural foods.

The shopping is good too as between the city centre and Meadowhall there is a wide range of high street stores and unique boutiques.'

**Katie Prince, fourth year Hospitality Business Management with Conference and Events student**



'I love Sheffield, so much is based around students here and that's fantastic.

I just went out to student nights to begin with and now I go to some of the really nice bars in the city, so it hasn't got boring.'

**Kathryn Drury, third year Events Management with Tourism student**



'Generally, Sheffield is very well equipped for students, the public transport system is good and there are plenty of bars, clubs and restaurants.

I would say that Sheffield is probably one of the best, if not the best, student city in the UK.'

**Michael Crow, fourth year International Hospitality Business Management with Conference and Events student**



Fargate, Sheffield city centre

## Accommodation

It can be a challenging time moving away from home to university, but moving into halls of residence is usually an exciting time for any prospective student

# Moving on...



Accommodation at Exchange Works



Shared living area in student accommodation



Peace gardens, Sheffield city centre

When you come to university, you'll be free of the restrictions that can come with living with parents, but also of many of the creature comforts you might have become accustomed to such as someone else cooking your meals, cleaning the house and doing the washing up.

So what did some of our students think about moving into halls at Sheffield Hallam, and did it live up to their expectations?



'I chose my accommodation in halls through the accommodation office at the University, and I wasn't really worried about anything before I got here.

I found that living in halls was a lot of fun and I'd advise new students to socialise a lot and to make the most of their year living in halls.'

**Richard Copley, first year Food Marketing Management student**



'I was in a Halls of residence during my first year at Sheffield Hallam; it was like a little community, lots of little granny flats put together so we all got to know each other really quickly.

It was easy to meet people and make new friends, as no one knows anyone and everyone wants to be friends, it's such a relief to find out that everybody is in the same position as you!

Coming here was completely new and scary, but it's the best thing that could have happened and I have loved every minute of it.'

**Kathryn Drury, third year Events Management with Tourism student**



'As I live only a 20 minute bus journey away from Sheffield Hallam, I decided to live at home and commute to university everyday.

It makes sense for me, although I do sometimes wish that I had gone into halls because my friends seem to be having a good time, and I've been impressed by the standard of accommodation that I've seen when I've visited them.'

**Scott Antcliffe, first year Nutrition, Health and Lifestyles student**



'Sheffield Hallam University has got some of the best student accommodation offerings compared to other universities in the UK; I really enjoyed my time in halls.'

**Denise Smyth, Business and Marketing graduate 2007**

## Frequently asked questions

### How and when should I apply for accommodation?

You should apply as soon as you have been made a conditional or unconditional offer from Sheffield Hallam University. We advise that you don't wait until after you have received your exam results.

### Am I guaranteed University accommodation if Sheffield Hallam is my first choice?

We will always try to allocate your first choice of accommodation but this is not always possible and in such an instance we would look to a suitable alternative.

We guarantee that we will offer all of our first year students accommodation in either the private sector or University allocated accommodation.

### How much do the rooms in halls cost?

The rent in halls depends on the type of room you will be living in, so please have a look at the website where you can find a guide to the current year's accommodation cost: [www.shu.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.shu.ac.uk/accommodation)

### If I don't want to live in a hall of residence, where else can I live?

The University has a registration scheme for private sector accommodation in Sheffield and we can help you find the right house, you can even see all the properties on our database from the website.

**For more information about accommodation at Sheffield Hallam University please visit our website [www.shu.ac.uk/accommodation](http://www.shu.ac.uk/accommodation)**



Meadowhall shopping centre



Boutique shopping

Sheffield has one of the lowest costs of living in the whole of the UK, but one of the most challenging things about coming to university can be managing your finances.

We spoke to some of our current students about how they have managed their money during their time at university.

# Money, money,



'Before I came to Sheffield Hallam University I worked part time and saved some money which really helped me in my first weeks of being a student.'

Luckily I was given lots of financial help from my parents and I receive a specific amount of money from them each week, which I budget.

I manage to live on £80 a week which buys my food, pays for my nights out and any other trips I make during the week.

Be warned that in fresher's week you will probably spend quite a lot of money, but it all works out as you find that you won't go out as much once you get more into your studies after your first term.'

**Jenny Hardwick, first year Food and Nutrition student**



'I prepared financially for coming to Sheffield Hallam by working as many hours as I could at my job with River Island clothes shop over the summer holidays!'

I think I've coped fairly well financially although I don't really follow a budget, I just try to be sensible with my money by going out to the student nights at the Students' Union, and forcing myself to stop paying on my credit card!

My top tips for new students for saving money would be to try to follow a weekly budget, go out to the cheap university nights, and always use your student discount!

It's also good to know that the Students' Union offer a financial advice service during the day, which I've been to and found really helpful.'

**Scott Antcliffe, first year Nutrition, Health and Lifestyles student**



'I think it's important to be constantly aware of how much money you have to spend, and the amount of time it needs to last.'

Also as a new student, when you receive the first instalment of your loan don't go mad and spend it all at once, because although it is very exciting when you first see all that money in the bank, it needs to last!

I try to stick to a weekly budget but I'm not so good at it! I do make sure that I am constantly aware of how much money I should be spending each week though.'

**Katie Prince, fourth year Hospitality Business Management with Conference and Events student**



money...

A gig at the Students' Union



'Before I came to Sheffield Hallam University I set out a plan for budgeting my money with my parents, although I have to say that I don't always follow it!

I would say that I am coping fairly well financially and at first I did try to follow a weekly budget, although now I just concentrate on having fun rather than finding part time work.'

**Richard Copley, first year Food Marketing Management student**

## Here are some top tips to help you save money as a student

- look for student discounts - many shops, services, restaurants and bars will offer them
- take advantage of cheap student nights - these are often midweek - and party at home at the weekends
- find the best student bank account to suit you. Look at overdraft limits, charges and graduate services for when you finish university
- shop for food on a full stomach - that way you're less likely to impulse buy
- cook more than one meal at a time, keeping the extra in the freezer
- find part-time work to subsidise your student loan

If you need advice on your finances or ever find that you are struggling to cope financially at university, the student financial support office provides help and advice to Sheffield Hallam students and their parents about any aspect of student finance. For more information call 0114 225 2186 / 225 2184 or visit our website at [www.shu.ac.uk/guides/studentfinance](http://www.shu.ac.uk/guides/studentfinance)

# Placement and international opportunities

Sheffield Hallam University is one of the largest providers of UK and international placement opportunities across Universities in the country, but we also offer many opportunities to study internationally, and to learn a language even if it isn't part of your course.

We spoke to two of our current students about their experiences whilst on their work placement years, and one of our recent graduates about the time he spent studying abroad.



**Michael Crow - BSc (Hons) International Hospitality Management with Conference and Events.**

**Placement at White Lodging Services, Marriott Austin South, Texas, USA**

'I spent my placement year in Texas, USA at the Marriott Austin South hotel working as a food and beverage intern.

I worked in all parts of the food and beverage department, from conferencing and

banquets to bartending and cooking. I also took weekly leadership classes which involved going to one hour seminars at various hotels in the Austin area – covering topics from ethics to finance.

The people I worked with were amazing, friendly and outgoing – although I did have to slow down when I was talking, as Texans don't always understand a Yorkshire accent very well!

Moving from the UK to the USA for a year was shocking to say the least. I spent the first week mesmerised by how things work in Texas and how the culture is so different, but naturally after a while I adjusted and felt comfortable. It was hard to up sticks and move half way across the world away from my family and friends for a whole year, but it really was a once in a lifetime opportunity, one which I will never forget.

Spending a year on placement has given me a clearer idea of what I want to do in the future and I've become a generally more confident and outgoing person as a result.

I'd advise students who are going abroad for their placement year that it will be very challenging, but to make the most of everything that comes your way, work hard and the rewards will come!



**Will Stringer - Business and BA (Hons) Marketing graduate 2007. Study abroad exchange programme**

'I studied in the USA for a year as I have always wanted to live and work

there and I knew it would be the best way of really experiencing another culture and learning something about myself along the way.'

Applying was not a difficult process although there were a lot of forms to fill in, but I got lots of help from my tutors who gave me guidance when I needed it.

When I arrived at Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania it was like another world, and it's just like it is in the movies! The people were so friendly, the streets were spotless and the university campus was like a little village.

I made friends very quickly, but I learnt that people don't rely on making friends in class, rather the people they live with and that they know through clubs and societies, so I'd advise any student going on a study abroad programme to join lots of these.

The greatest challenge for me was adapting to the new environment, when you're in small town Pennsylvania South Yorkshire seems a million miles away, the pace of life is much slower and for me that was perfect.

In terms of learning I studied the same subjects as my peers in Sheffield, but from a completely new perspective. This has enhanced my CV and made me a lot more employable and dynamic within the business environment.

Studying in the USA taught me to get out of my comfort zone and be open to experiencing new things; I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone who is looking for a challenge!





Sheffield city centre, West One



Main entrance, City Campus



Tower Bridge, one of the many sites to see in London



**Gemma Haynes - BA (Hons) Accounting. Placement at Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, London as an Accounts Assistant**

'I'm currently on a year's placement which is due to finish in June. I've enjoyed it so much that I have agreed to stay on right up until I am due back at university.

I had to relocate from Sheffield to London to go on this

placement and I'm living in a staff hostel just round the corner from the hotel. I feel so lucky to live there as I'm right on the doorstep of amazing nightlife, great shopping and beautiful scenery.

So far my placement experience has been a real eye opener and has given me a taste of what to expect after I graduate.

I've moved around within the accounts department to get a feel for all the different roles. I am currently working in income audit which involves extensive analysis of the revenue reports and

factors affecting the hotels income. Previously I was working in accounts payable which involved dealing with suppliers, purchase orders and doing the monthly cheque run amongst other tasks, and my next challenge is to move into the sales ledger section which will see me dealing much more with hotel guests and front of house.

The people I work with are really nice, and I've made a large circle of friends in different hotel departments from sales to the kitchen!

I think it's important to embrace the placement experience and put everything into learning as much as you can, and if you move to live in a new city like I have, make sure you also make the most of your surroundings while you're there.

Being on placement has been a real learning curve that has given me an intense motivation to give it my all in my final year and get the best degree I possibly can. Having a taste of the real world of accounting has made me realise just how competitive this profession is and I am determined to succeed.

Overall I think my placement has been a very valuable experience. Not only have I had the opportunity to live in an exclusive part of London but I have also gained knowledge and experience in my chosen profession that will no doubt help me on the career ladder when I graduate.'

# Sheffield Hallam Union - The HUBs



'The Students' Union at Sheffield Hallam University can offer a whole lot extra during your time here - we are here to provide advice, opportunities, events, activities, development and representation for all of our students.

Getting involved with the Students' Union is a great way of making friends with like-minded people, and it gives you a voice within the University to see change.

As well as having fun, getting involved will give your CV an edge over all the other graduates you will be competing to get jobs against after you graduate.

Whatever your interests are Sheffield Hallam University Students' Union has something for you, so come along and get involved!

**Sarah McQueen, Students' Union president 2007 - 2008**

## Our Students' Union

Sheffield Hallam University has one of the best students' unions in the country.

Having recently moved into one of the most modern and iconic buildings in Sheffield, Hallam Union offers a wide range of activities under one roof.

Inside the Union there is a modern 1100 capacity venue, which runs a variety of club nights and events to suit all tastes, offering some of the best value entertainment and drinks in the whole of Sheffield, from comedy nights to live gigs.

But the HUBs is more than just a great venue for going out and socialising, offering much more to keep you occupied in your free time...

**Sports Union** boasts the biggest membership base in the Union, and currently plays host to 37 sports teams from the traditional rugby, football and netball to less traditional alternatives such as korfbal and goalball.

**Hallam Volunteering** exists to provide students and staff at Sheffield Hallam University with the opportunity to contribute to the community through a variety of enjoyable, volunteer-led projects in and around Sheffield. There are loads of different opportunities ranging from fitness classes for older people to helping young children in schools, and you will be fully supported by a Volunteer Co-ordinator all the way.

**Student representation** is based on the Union's Student Rep and Faculty Rep systems which ensure that students' voices are heard and considered at course, Faculty and University level.

**Societies** can provide you with all the activities that you need, adding that little extra to your University life here at Sheffield Hallam. Joining a student led society is a great way to meet new people, to get involved in an activity you love and to develop your skills and can be a great opportunity to try something completely new. From Rock Soc to Mario Kart there is a society for everyone.

**Why don't you..?** is simple: we know students are really busy and that they might not have the time to make a long term commitment to a particular activity, so we thought we'd arrange some one-off sessions where you can try those activities with no commitment.

Sheffield Hallam Students' Union also has **SHU Media** which covers its own radio station, TV channel and newspaper, so you'll never be out of the loop!

On Hallam Union's TV Station, **SHU-Box**, you can watch programming made by students for students. This includes content such as entertainment, sports, comedy, quizzes, music, news and more.

On Hallam Union's Radio Station, **SHU-Radio**, you can listen to shows including music, sports, news, drama, comedy and much more, as well as hearing the latest releases and interviews from your favourite bands.

Hallam Union's student magazine, **SHU-Print**, is written by students for students, and articles include student life, the Union, competitions, offers, entertainment and events, which are all wrapped up in a fun and colourful magazine.

The Union also offers a free **Advice Centre** which is staffed by trained advice workers and is open to all Hallam students if you ever have any problems you need to talk through confidentially.

**To find out more about Sheffield Hallam Students' Union please visit the website at [www.hallamunion.com](http://www.hallamunion.com)**



Sheffield Hallam University Students' Union - The HUBS



'We are so lucky to have a union as good as the HUBS. They hold a good variety of events which

can be better than the actual clubs in Sheffield, and are ideal for students on a tight budget.

The HUBS is a great place to have a coffee and a chat with your friends, and they also have a handy shop which sells everything from food to stationery and clothing to medical supplies!

**Jenny Hardwick, first year Food and Nutrition student**



'The HUBS is a great place with a really laid back and friendly atmosphere with great

theme and club nights in the evenings.

I sometimes go there during the day as well to meet my friends in between lectures for a few games of pool and we really enjoy ourselves.'

**Scott Antcliffe, first year Nutrition, Health and Lifestyles student**



'I play for Sheffield Hallam rugby union and I am also apart of the ski team,

which I really enjoy.

If you are planning to join a sports club, I'd recommend joining with a friend or someone you've met in freshers' week and make sure you really want to do it.'

**Richard Copley, first year Food Marketing Management student**

# Your future

At Sheffield Hallam we think about your future, and our courses are built around preparing you for your life after university. Some of our recent undergraduates tell us how studying with Sheffield Hallam has helped them in their careers.

## Forward thinking...



**Nicola Curtis**  
BSc (Hons) Hotel and Catering Management graduate

**Guest relations manager, Crowne Plaza Hilton Head Island Beach Resort, USA**

'On placement I learnt what it's like to be a good manager, how to interact with people from around the world and both the negative and positive aspects of the hospitality industry, it really proved that this was the career I wanted to pursue.

I would strongly recommend that every student should complete a placement year; mine resulted in my current job!

My degree at Sheffield Hallam gave me all the background and fundamental knowledge I needed to work in hospitality and I'm still learning new things now.'



**Victoria Walton**  
BSc (Hons) Food Marketing and Management graduate

**Product technologist, Sainsbury's Supermarkets**

'The facilities for practical work at Sheffield Hallam were, in my opinion, second to none, and the year I spent on a work placement in the food industry was crucial experience which I believe was critical in getting my current job.

I always rave about my time at Sheffield Hallam, and not just for social reasons.

I truly believe that I made the right choice to go, having a degree that is solely tailored to finding you a job on graduation is invaluable in this current graduate climate, when there are thousands of people applying for the same job.'



**Edward Sharpe**  
BA (Hons) Banking graduate

**Credit derivatives trading assistant, Morgan Stanley**

'Sheffield Hallam is a brilliant university, with an excellent standard of teaching and a wealth of opportunities open to everyone. The lecturers bend over backwards to help those who really want to achieve, actively encourage students to achieve the best grades and reward hard work.

My experiences at Sheffield Hallam have enabled me to work in a pressurised business environment, without which I doubt I would be able to face the challenges I am now tackling successfully at work.'



**Denise Smyth**  
BA (Hons) Business and Marketing graduate

**Marketing executive, Cranswick Convenience Foods**

'I am currently working as marketing executive for a food manufacturer who supplies to all of the major supermarkets. I can honestly say that all of the modules I studied during my degree were so relevant that I use each one of them in my role everyday.

The main reason I chose Sheffield Hallam University was to get the opportunity to go on a year's placement during my degree.

I knew it would give me the chance to gain valuable work experience but also hoped it would help me to decide whether I wanted to further my career in that area.

My placement experience proved to be invaluable as it meant that when applying for jobs I not only had a degree on my CV but I also had relevant experience which made me much more employable and helped me to get the job I am in today.'

