

SHEFFIELD HALLAM UNIVERSITY

Membership of Sheffield Hallam Students' Union

As a student of Sheffield Hallam University, you automatically become a member of the **Sheffield Hallam Students' Union** (the Union). The Union exists to support, represent and advise you; to provide recreational, social, cultural and sporting activities; and to provide you with services that add to your university experience.

Opting-out of membership

On rare occasions a student may wish to opt out of their Union membership. All students, members and non-members alike, have in general the right of access to services provided by the Union. However, students who choose to opt-out are:

- not permitted the right to vote in any Union elections, ballots or referenda;
- not permitted to stand for office in any Union election;
- not permitted to propose, second or nominate any candidate standing for election;
- not permitted to hold office in any Union sports club, society or group.

On the basis of the above arrangements the University is satisfied that the range of services otherwise provided by the University and the Union to students (whether members of the Union or not) are sufficient to ensure that non-members are not unfairly disadvantaged within the meaning of the Education Act 1994.

If a student feels that they have been unfairly disadvantaged as a result of opting out of membership of the Union, they may make a complaint under the Union's Complaints Policy. (**Hallam Students Union**)

The University has a **Code of Practice in relation to the operation of the Students' Union** and a **Student Privacy Notice** (which includes details of how the University shares student data with the Union). Both documents set out how a student can request to opt-out of membership of the Union.

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