# HiSS School Community Group

# Group Aims

The HiSS School Community Group aims to enhance the student experience in the School of Health in Social Science, to promote student-led learning and peer support, and to foster an experience of community for students and staff.

Group members will share experiences and ideas for community development and peer assisted learning and support schemes, and contribute to the planning, delivery and evaluation of activities and events.

# Main activities

* The group will meet online to discuss how to develop the school community and to plan, deliver and evaluate community communications, activities and events.
* This group will organise and facilitate student-led events as part of the Peer Assisted Learning Scheme. These events may be social, academic, or both.

# Time commitment

* There is no set time commitment for student group members.
* Group members are asked to commit to attending one 2 hour meeting every two months so that the group can work effectively and have a positive impact on the school community.
* There will be additional opportunities for group members to share ideas and feedback, and to research, plan and deliver events and activities if able to give more time.

# Support

* The School’s Director of Students has oversight of the group, and of student support, community development and peer-led schemes in the school.
* The Student Experience Team will be available during office hours by email, on MS Teams, and for on campus meetings.
* The Student Experience Team will arrange School Community Group meetings every two months, will lead on School communications, work in partnership with student group members to deliver School community events, and offer advice and logistical support for peer assisted learning and support groups and activities, including room bookings and resourcing.

# Who is invited?

* All current Undergraduate or Postgraduate Taught online or on campus students within the School of Health and Social Science who have:
  + an interest in developing the school community and student-led activities, and in supporting other students.
  + a commitment and ability to work collaboratively with others: respectful and considerate of others, approachable, listening skills, problem solving, compromise, reliable.

# Why join?

* This is an opportunity to become more involved in the school community, to have a positive impact on students and staff, to help shape community events and activities and to develop peer-assisted learning and support within the school, and to meet like-minded people.
* Related employability skills: community learning and development, teamwork, communication, events planning, project management, leadership. Students in this role will gain experience in planning, teamwork and budgeting.
* Membership will be recognised in students’ Higher Education Achievement Report (HEAR).

# Group membership

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| Student Experience Officer | Chair |
| Student Support and Experience Manager | Deputy Chair |
| Student Support and Experience Administrator | Group member |
| Student Community Leader | Group member |
| Students | Group member |

# How to join

Interested students are invited to email us at [StudentExperience-HiSS@ed.ac.uk](mailto:StudentExperience-HiSS@ed.ac.uk). An email invite will also go out to all students for the first meeting.