

THRIVING IN SOCIOLOGICAL STUDIES



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THE SHEFFIELD GRADUATE



- § The Sheffield Graduate Award
- § Study Abroad Programme
- § Erasmus
- § Student Ambassadors in Learning and Teaching (LeTs)
- § Sheffield Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) Scheme
- § Mentors
- § Volunteering

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THE SHEFFIELD GRADUATE AWARD



- A certificate of the University of Sheffield which recognises and rewards students who undertake a range of non-assessed activities outside of their degree course: e.g. enterprise, work experience, volunteering, international relations.
- Skills which make students stand out from the crowd and get noticed by employers: mature, outward looking, positive.
- Final year vs across your degree.
- Planning and support (Careers).

Webpages:

www.sheffield.ac.uk/thesheffieldgraduateaward/

Video:

www.careers.dept.shef.ac.uk/presentations/sga/player.html



STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMME

- The chance to spend part of your degree at a University in another country
- Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Mexico, Singapore or the USA
- Second year; work and grades transfer back to Sheffield; no fees to host institution
- Speak to Study Abroad Adviser (Jo Britton)
- Applications in by December: start preparing now!
- Study Abroad Fair: November

Website

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/studyabroad/>



STUDY ABROAD PROGRAMME (cont.)

Kate McGrath (Sociological Studies):

Griffith Uni, Brisbane, Australia 2010-11

I lived in the one of [the] self-catering colleges and would recommend it... you get to live with Australians rather than just sticking with other international students... There was a lot more work to do... However, I found the work [and] getting good grades was easier at Griffith than it is in Sheffield. While the nightlife on college isn't quite as impressive... the city of Brisbane has a whole lot more to offer! My favourite place... has to be at the lagoons in South Bank. Nothing beats lying out in the sun with your friends... My only advice is to go. My year in Australia was the best in my life and honestly, I never wanted to come home.



ERASMUS



- European Commission's exchange programme
- Enables students to study, work or teach for part of their degree in another country in Europe
- 3 -12 months, year 2 or 3; work and grades transfer back to Sheffield
- Aarhus Universitet and the University of Copenhagen, Denmark
- Speak to Erasmus Adviser (Jo Britton)



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Webpages:

<http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/erasmus/>

http://www.britishcouncil.org/erasmus-on_film.htm



STUDENT AMBASSADORS IN LEARNING AND TEACHING (SALT)

The Student Ambassadors for Learning and Teaching (SALT) scheme brings together a network of students to help staff and students to develop learning and teaching.

- Power
- Skills and Employability
- Inspiration and Development
- Friends
- Sheffield Graduate Award Points
- Money

Glib Malyeyev: Sociological Studies
Student Ambassador 2011-12

Website: <http://www.shef.ac.uk/lets/salt>

uSpace: SALT Group



Sheffield University Research Experience (SURE) Scheme

- Level 2 undergraduates
- Opportunity to take part in real life research
- Work in partnership with academic staff or collaboratively in a research group
- 2 months over the summer
- £180 per week (plus expenses)
- George Wood (2009-10) – Oxford University

Website:

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/sure/index>

Jessie Johnson – SURE
scholarship 2010-11
'Perceptions of Sociology'



VOLUNTEERING



**INSPIRE AND BE
INSPIRED AS AN
ACTIVE CITIZEN.
TAKE PART IN
OUR CITY.**

- Mission: to inspire the spirit of citizenship in students (& staff) and enable them to be active and valued members of their local communities.
- Union organisation; office on level 3 of Student Union.
- In 2009: 1,310 volunteers from 55 departments; Higher Education Volunteering Awards 'Volunteering Team of the Year'
- Opportunities to volunteer for just a few hours, or in an ongoing project.

Website: <http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/union/get-involved/volunteering/>

VOLUNTEERING (cont.)



- Environmental – tree planting or dry-stone walling.
- Tutoring and Mentoring – working with kids in schools or homework clubs (Dept.involvement in ‘Get Real’)
- Older People – home visiting or helping at a lunch club.
- Special Needs – befriending, advocacy or helping at leisure clubs.
- Refugees and Asylum Seekers – supporting people on arrival or to learn English.
- Homelessness – helping at a drop-in centre.

MENTORING



- Volunteer undergraduate students from year 2 or 3, trained to support new students through their transition to University life.
- Skills to support learning and development, enhanced employability prospects, preparedness for professional practice.
- Certificate.
- Awards to 'Outstanding' mentors.



MENTORING (cont.)

- Provide reassurance and answer queries pre- and post-arrival.
- Tours of: Department; campus; favourite places to eat; Library; Information Commons; Union building.
- Advice on module choice.
- Demonstration of University's computer network.
- Top tips: e.g. work/social life balance or budgeting.
- Reassurance that Intro Week is not typical.

Mentoring Tea Party
2-3pm, Friday 23 September,
Abbeydale Room, Level 5,
University House



Website:

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/ssid/welfare/mentoring>

SOCIOLOGICAL STUDIES



- Departmental Ambassadors
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DEPARTMENTAL AMBASSADORS

Being an Ambassador has allowed me to represent the University and Department and explain to both parent and students the reason I chose Sheffield over other universities.

The scheme provides me with opportunities to meet new people and challenge myself in situations I would not ordinarily find myself in. For example I have helped to calm down very nervous applicants before they go for their interviews. In addition to this I have seen the university from a different angle and it has helped me to think about what I want to do when I graduate.

Caroline Elms – BA Social Policy and Criminology



STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES



Student Representatives:

- are involved in departmental activities
- represent peers
- influence the student experience in the Department.

Departmental Staff Student Committee Committee:

- comprises students from all of the Programmes taught in the Department
- discusses a wide range of issues
- influences policy, literature and processes: e.g. admissions and Admissions Open Day

STAFF STUDENT COMMITTEE



Meetings:

- 4 x year, Wednesday, 1-2.30 pm in room 1.55 Elmfield, sandwich lunch provided

How to get involved:

- introductory meeting (TBA)

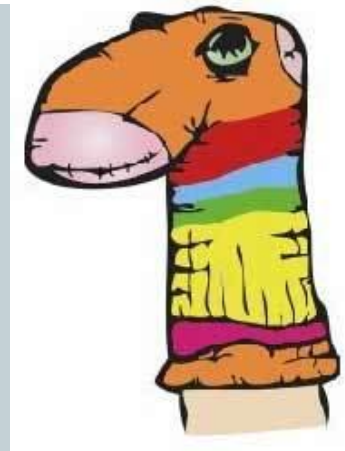
OR

Contact:

- Gillian Brown, Departmental Administrator, room 1.48, Elmfield
- email: gillian.brown@shef.ac.uk or tel: 0114 2226425

SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

- A society for sociology, social policy, social work and dual honours students
- Social activities
- End of year ball
- Stall at Fresher's Activities Fair
- Active committee – Clare McDermott (Chair)



To join or get in touch email:

sociologysoc@sheffield.ac.uk

<http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/socstudies/socsoc/home>

WEBSITE ADDRESSES



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Sociological Studies Student Representatives and Sociological Society

<http://www.shef.ac.uk/socstudies/>