

Thank you from your Students' Union Officer Team 2010/11

It's truly been an honour and pleasure to serve and represent you this past year.

Highlights & Achievements:



Standing up for Students

- Fought the government's changes to higher education funding
 - 800 of you came on the NUS national demo on 10th November
 - Over 4,000 of you took to the streets of Sheffield during November & December
 - Hundreds of you wrote letters and lobbied your MPs
- Led the national campaign to protect the rights of international students:
 - Record response to the UK Border Agency consultation
 - Thousands signed up to petition
 - Referenced and mentioned in the House of Commons and House of Lords
- Increased funding from the University for Outreach and Widening Participation
- Record turnout in Students' Union elections: 7,692 of you voted for next year's Officer Team

Delivering your Services

- Opened our landmark new building
- Appointed our new General Manager
- Made our finances more transparent
- Committed funding to the development of new prayer rooms
- Introduced the Innovation Fund - money to students with creative ideas to improve the student experience
- Banned the sale of bottled water in the SU following your overwhelming referendum vote
- Pledged to sign up to the Workers' Rights Consortium to ensure clothes sold in the SU are ethically procured
- Ensured our services and outlets are child and family friendly:
 - New children's menus
 - Highchairs now available
 - Accredited with Breast Feeding Friendly Award

Awards

- Became only the 2nd SU in the country to win a SUEI Gold Award
- Ranked #1 for SU in the Times Higher Education Student Experience Survey
- Won our first ever Gold Award at the Green Impact Awards

Helping you make the most of your time at Sheffield

- Biggest & best Varsity ever, over 4,000 students attended the final
- Biggest and best celebration of students' involvement:
 - Activities - congratulations to Engineers Without Borders (Society of the year), SuTCo (Working Committee of the year) & International Students' Committee (Representative Committee of the year)
 - Sports - More students involved in clubs, enhanced communities project, 10 cup wins, highest ever BUCS points total, more top division clubs than ever before
 - Academic - Celebrated the staff and students that make The University Of Sheffield a special place to study
- Became the first ever SU to win a Duke of York Award for your volunteering and community work
- Launched a new Leadership Development Programme to encourage all students to reach their potential