

Postgraduate Sports and Societies: An Introduction To Student Enrichment



Presentation Overview

- Raise awareness of Student Enrichment activities
- Identify our key areas of engagement
- Signpost to specific opportunities
- Generate thought and further discussion around engaging with Enrichment Activities whilst studying at Durham

Motives for Engaging in Postgraduate Study

Common themes

- Improve career prospects in general
- Study a particular subject further
- Essential requirement for proposed career
- Retraining for a new career
- Higher salary prospects

But what of developing as a person?

The Durham Difference: Student Enrichment

When you come to Durham, **you are entering a community**, not just embarking on a course of study

..... like all communities we create, perform, play and support, as well as work.



Student Enrichment Opportunities

87% of students engage, participate, excel and give back in a prolific variety of extra-curricular events, programmes and activities.

1000+ student-led societies within our College Common Rooms, the Students' Union, the Student Enrichment Directorate and the Careers & Enterprise Centre

Opportunities can be found across all parts of the University

Student Enrichment Portfolios

Specialist Enrichment Units

Volunteering &
Community
Outreach

The Performing
Arts

Leadership
Enrichment
Programmes

Sport & Physical
Activity

Digital Media

Sport & Physical Activity

Sports - Durham University

- Top 3 BUCS League Table University since 2012 – 3,000+ students participating
- Britain's largest participation programme (College Sport) 8,000+ students participating weekly
- 10,000 'wider community' facility and programme users annually ... including holiday camps involving 800 participants



Volunteering and Outreach

Volunteering - Durham University

- Over 80 student-led volunteering projects covering the following themes: Physical Activity, Environment, Culture, Social Inclusion and Education
- Volunteering active within our Colleges, academic departments, the SU and clubs and societies amounting to over 40,000 hours per year.
- State of the art online platform showcasing all opportunities
- 200+ community partners and charities



The Performing Arts

- Britain's largest number of music groups – 100 in total
- 38 theatre companies – only exceeded by Cambridge
- £2.5m Assembly Rooms Theatre renovation providing new opportunities for students and the wider community
- First university to receive all-Steinway accreditation with 58 new instruments just arrived
- New opportunities to explore with dance and creative film

Music - Durham University
Theatre - Durham University



Leadership Enrichment Programmes:

Durham Leadership Framework - Durham University

- Over 2,500 students engaged including the externally funded international Laidlaw programme
- 250+ alumni mentors and speakers engaged
- Strong partnership links, leading to external recognition with the Institute of Leadership and Management
- Opportunity to understand yourself more effectively, self-reflect and further develop key graduate skills



Digital Media

- *Durham OnDemand* development – 14,000 users accessed the internally-facing platform
- Providing additional enabling support and resources for:
 - student film
 - student radio
 - student photography
 - new e-sports suite



Tangible Employment Benefits ...

What are future employers looking for?

- Strong academic background
- Graduate from a world leading university
- A passion for personal development [enrichment]
- Evidence of that personal development [enrichment]
- The desire to lead in the workplace [enrichment]
- Evidence of that leadership potential [enrichment]

This is the Durham Difference!

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