

My name is **Seoras Hearton** and I am running for SEC. I believe that supporting NUS Scotland will allow Scotland to evolve and grow when it comes to education and supporting students and I want to help ensure that forward momentum is kept after its previous successes.

I am an incoming sabbatical officer, having just been elected to the position of VP Welfare at Edinburgh College, throughout my years I have been involved in helping the student body through actions such as being a class rep and running societies in the college. I also have worked on helping young students in my personal time through teaching drama.

If elected to SEC I will work on:

Mental Health

I will ensure that mental health remains a priority. NUS Scotland has already been promised millions to improve the support network and one of my main goals is to see that network improved over the coming year through actions like establishing or evolving the counselling systems in colleges and universities across the country. I will be fighting as hard as I can to give every student a chance to study, no matter the issues they face.

Growing up in the Highlands and studying in Scotland's capital I am aware of the different issues that students face in both rural and urban areas. I will work with officers in rural areas to ensure these changes reach the students further to the north.

Housing

Housing is an incredibly important issue facing students, especially over the last few years, I will ensure that NUS Scotland really make positive changes for students facing housing issues. Issues such as the exploitation of young students by landlords and the exorbitant rates in some student halls must be tackled to show students they deserve a place to live that allows them to enjoy their time studying. By uniting the student voice across Scotland, we can really make changes that affect all students for the better.

Brexit

Erasmus+ is an incredible resource that we face losing as the result of Brexit. If elected I will be a part of the fight to retain it, so it can be used to improve the lives of the hundreds of thousands of students it could benefit.

If the chance comes to remain in the EU I will also fight alongside the many who desire to remain and keep this invaluable resource for future generations of students.

VOTE **SEORAS** (rhymes with **chorus**)