

# Vibrant

At King's you become part of London: one of the world's most vibrant cities for arts, culture, learning and entertainment. Our mix of students of all levels and fields of study creates a friendly atmosphere in which to study, socialise and flourish.

**King's provides a host of events, exhibitions, debates, clubs, societies and volunteering opportunities for you to get involved with.**



The King's experience encompasses far more than study. Our students like to get involved, and there is plenty to get involved with. Besides a host of events, including high-profile speakers, exhibitions and debates, the College and the students' union bring together groups of like-minded students in clubs, societies, volunteering projects, and socially at our cafés and bars. Our alumni network also keeps you up to speed after you graduate.

## KCLSU (KING'S COLLEGE LONDON STUDENTS' UNION)

At KCLSU, our mission is to support you during your time at King's through organising sporting, social and cultural activities; by ensuring the student voice is heard and by providing you with access to independent support and advice when you need it. We are a student-focused organisation that puts King's students' wants and needs at the centre of what we do. As a King's student, you will automatically be a member of KCLSU and our direction and focus is placed in your hands.

## Getting involved

Whether you've been doing it for years or you just feel like trying something new, there are an enormous variety of sports clubs, societies, volunteering opportunities and campaigning groups where you can get involved.

## Sports clubs and societies

The majority of sports teams take part in nationally recognised fixtures in British Universities and Colleges Sport (BUCS) leagues. If you're more of a beginner, there's still plenty of opportunity to play just for fun, from rugby to ultimate frisbee, rowing to kung fu. KCLSU has access to all College-owned facilities, including four sports grounds close to central London and strong links with other University of London teams.

There are over a hundred societies to choose from, including groups specifically aimed at graduate and mature students, most religions and nationalities, political parties, performing arts, and many more. Each society has its own social programme and many organise events and showcases throughout the year.

**'Besides my academic study, I am a member of KCLSU dance society and I have attended classes at the English Language Centre. Both experiences have let me make more connections to the UK and I've also met lots of really nice people.'**

**Shih-Ying Wu  
(Student), Immunology MSc**





## MUSIC

As well as signing up for KCLSU music societies, students wishing to pursue musical interests can also join:

- College Chapel Choir – the internationally renowned choir undertakes a wide variety of formal and informal engagements, as well as certain College chapel services. Entry is by audition for a choral scholarship. For more details contact David Trendell, the College Organist (Department of Music, King's College London, Strand Campus, Strand, London WC2R 2LS, david.trendell@kcl.ac.uk).
- College Orchestra – which always welcomes suitably qualified musicians. The orchestra rehearses weekly, leading to a concert performance at the end of each semester.
- Guy's, King's and St Thomas' Hospitals' Music Society – which is open to staff and students from the three hospital campuses.
- Music Department Choir – which is open to experienced singers from other departments.

For more details contact [music@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:music@kcl.ac.uk)

## Free time

KCLSU has some amazing places to get together with new friends in a safe and secure environment. Our two bars, the Waterfront (Strand Campus) and Guy's Bar (Guy's Campus) have both recently been refurbished and serve a range of food and drinks all day. Tutu's (named after alumnus Desmond Tutu) hosts a range of club nights and is home to our live gig programme. Recent appearances have included The Hoosiers, Scouting for Girls, Snow Patrol, Hot Chip, CSS, Pigeon Detectives and Bobby Friction. If you want to work off the calories or just keep fit and healthy, Kinetic Fitness Club provides high quality gym facilities at great value prices. All King's students receive discounted membership with access to cardiovascular and resistance equipment, free weights and a comprehensive range of classes.

## Advice and support

KCLSU Student Centres can be found at Guy's, Strand and Waterloo campuses and are your first point of call for information on anything relating to KCLSU. You can also buy events tickets and discount newspapers, get NUS Extra cards and Transport for London discount cards and join sports clubs or societies. Off campus, you can access KCLSU services via our website, [www.kclsu.org](http://www.kclsu.org).

We want you to have the best possible experience at King's but if sometimes things go wrong, we are here to help. Our confidential and impartial Advice Service will help you deal with issues relating to your educational experience and we can also help you access other support services provided by King's.

## Volunteering

Many students use their time at King's to give back to the local community through volunteering projects. You can get involved in a short project for as little as a day or something more long term.

## AFTER YOU GRADUATE

When you graduate, you will automatically become a member of the King's College London Association, a worldwide network of over 100,000 former students of King's and its merged colleges. Membership lasts a lifetime, it's free, and being part of our alumni network provides a wide range of benefits, including a variety of social and educational events and reunions, a dedicated website ([www.kcl.ac.uk/alumni](http://www.kcl.ac.uk/alumni)) which helps you keep in touch with friends and make new contacts, and In Touch, our free alumni magazine. You can also continue to benefit from free access to King's libraries, discounts at the Kinetic Fitness Club, language courses and worldwide discounts on travel and entertainment.

