



De Montfort Students' Union

IMPACT REPORT

2022/23

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INTRODUCTION

We are DSU, your Students' Union! As an independent, student-led organisation, we're all about making sure your voice gets heard at all levels across the university, providing you with advice and support and helping you to make the most of uni life in every way. We are a registered charity and take pride in being a non-profit organisation whose sole purpose is to champion the interests of students.

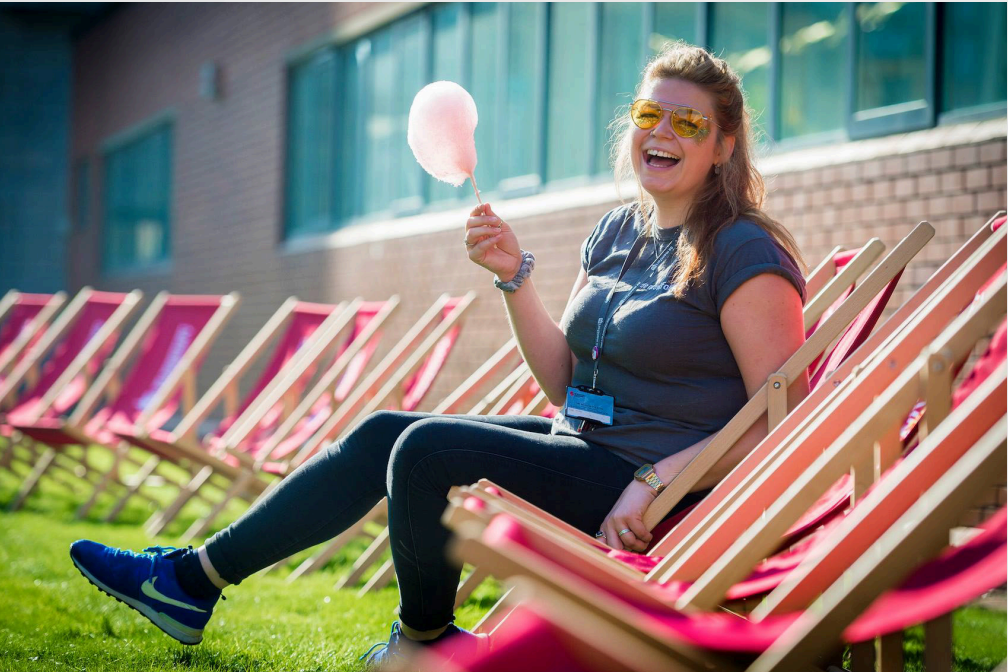
As a DMU student, you are automatically a member of DSU, giving you access to all the facilities, services and activities we have to offer. We believe that university is not just about education, but also about developing and growing as people, trying new things, making new friends, creating memories and exploring who you want to be. That's where DSU comes in... Our mission is to empower you to create an unforgettable journey by looking out for your wellbeing, creating a sense of belonging and providing opportunities for you to get actively involved. By doing this, we hope to put DSU at the heart of that journey.

- Your Elected Representatives



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OFFICER TEAM

Following a successful and exciting election period, De Montfort University (DMU) students have voted for their next student leaders.

DMU students had their say in choosing the five new full-time Executives and seven part-time liberation representatives to make up the 2022/23 DSU Officer Team.

The elected officers for 22/23 were;

Nyashadzashe Nguwo
Academic



Meera Dasani
Equality & Diversity



Aashni Sawjani
Opportunities & Engagement



Amir Iqbal
Union Development



Aliya Amin Khan
Welfare



Alongside the Executive Team, the DSU Officer Team included a team of seven part-time liberation representatives;

Aaliyah Orridge
BAME

Thomas Norris
Disabled Students'

Eshwar Saraswathi
International Students'

Nicole Sibanda
LGBTQ+

Nicki Green
Mature Students'

Nusrat Nadir
Postgraduate Students'

Gufraan Shaikh
Women's

This year's National Union of Students (NUS) Delegates ...

Chidera Jacqueline Echedom

Mandeep Singh

Nerissa Doran

Adejumoke Adewol

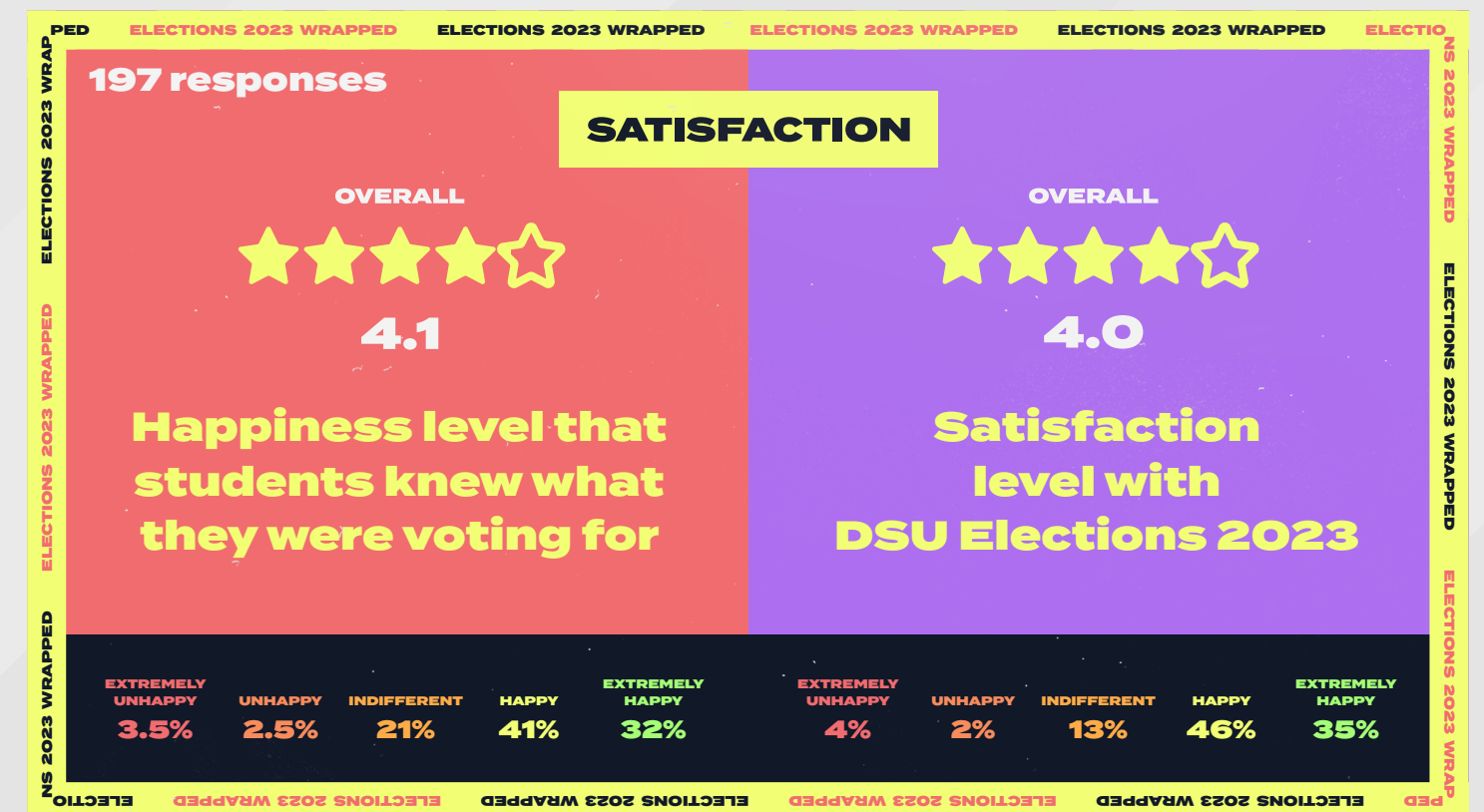
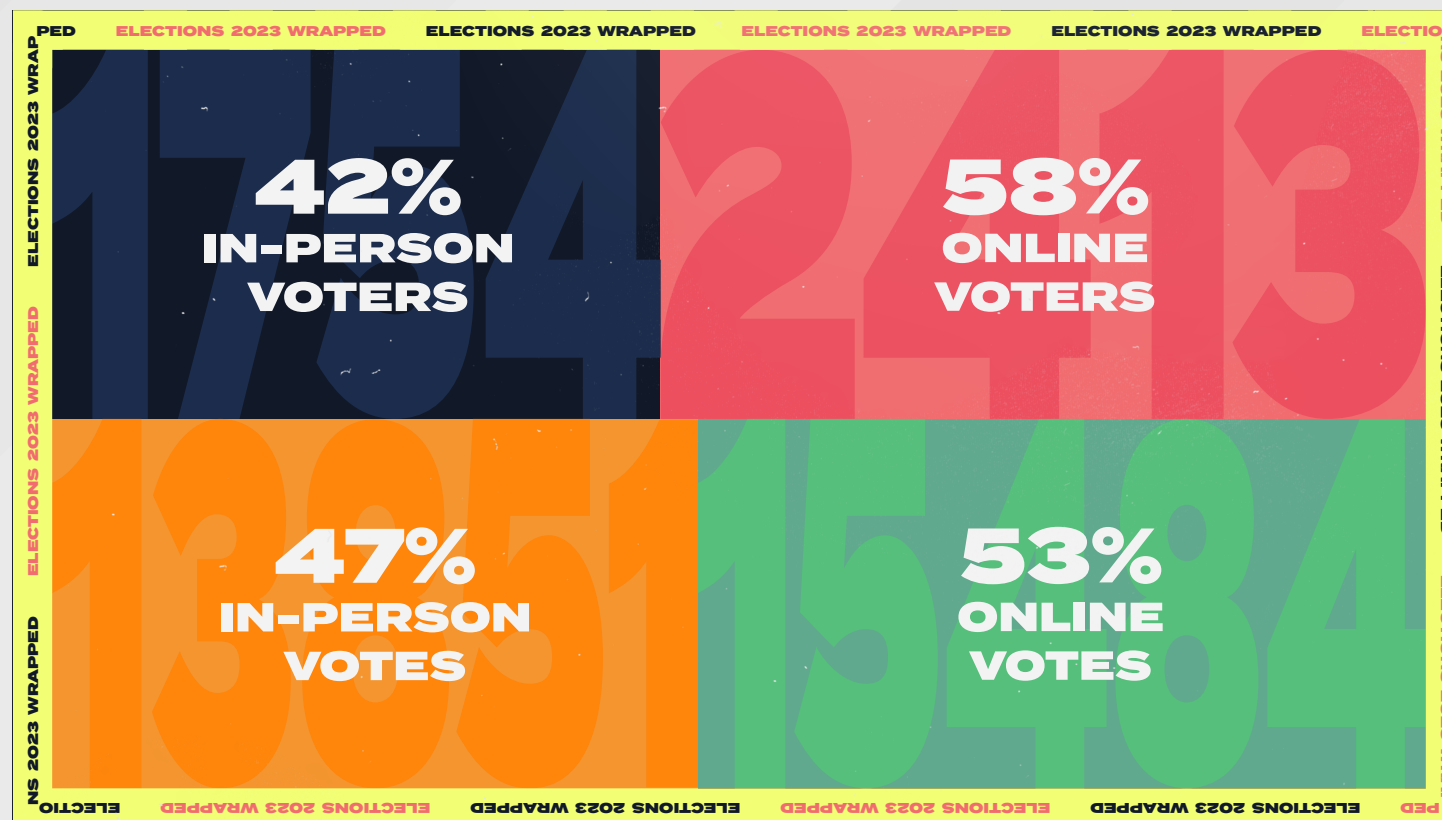
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Elections

The Student Voice Team have strived to meet aims that reset and refresh the image of Representation at DSU. We started the 2023 year with a change of management that began to review the foundations of Student Voice, this paid particular focus to enhancing accessibility and engagement of our members.

The 2023 Executive Officer Elections saw a total of 4,167 students casting 29,335 votes in total across the 5 Executive Officer roles and the 7 Liberation Officer roles with 34 confirmed candidates during the voting period. This was an increase in comparison to 3,133 voters in 2022, 1828 voters in 2021 and 2,935 in 2020.



OPPORTUNITIES

2022/23 has been a year of refreshing and resetting for the Opportunities team within De Montfort Students' Union.

The DSU Opportunities team have continued to maintain a healthy working relationship with DMU Sport as they contribute to take on further responsibility for Sports Clubs, Club membership sales and BUCS related fixtures.

During Refreshers', the Opportunities team launched the 'New Year, New Socs' campaign which encouraged people to form new societies and get involved with student groups at DSU. The campaign was accompanied by a new section within the Opportunities area of the website which led to an increase in engagement from students submitting a plethora of new ideas and new society suggestions.

New group applications approved: 38

Individual voters in committee elections: 964

Additional funding granted to groups: £15,729.16



Despite a marginal drop in society membership numbers due to the closure of non-used societies which is a usual occurrence as students' needs and interests change, we expect to see the number of total groups increase again next academic year. Implementation of in-person teaching and a return to in-person activities post-covid continue to help our students thrive in non-academic spaces.

The 22/23 academic year saw an increase in societies that fall under the faith and culture category. For example, in response to the Turkey/Syria earthquake in February 2023, the DSU Opportunities team supported Turkish students to create and form a Turkish society. The Turkish society provided a safe space for Turkish students to come together during a difficult time and raise money for those affected by the tragedy.

DSU has launched the Social Collective which provides events for students to attend and socialise, responding to the ever-growing need for students to have spaces to make friends. Also, the team have collaborated with the DMU International Student Support team to incorporate a seventh category into The Social Collective banner titled 'Worldwide Collective'. The worldwide collective will promote different cultural activities from cultures across the world.

Number of individual students in societies (excl. DMUsport clubs): 2013

Number of individual students in student groups (incl. DMUsport clubs): 2757

Number of society memberships (excl. sports): 2418

Number of student group memberships (incl. sports): 3341



The Advice and Wellbeing department have delivered multiple projects and campaigns targeted for student wellbeing and preventative assistance to reduce the strain on Union and University support services. This included initiatives such as reduction and awareness events for academic stress, academic integrity, sexual health and wellness, bullying, mental and physical health, housing, money matters and much more. The Advice team also introduced 'Wellbeing Wednesdays' where an activity is held each week where students can take part and take some time out for themselves and try something new.

The University and local partners have worked exceptionally well with us this year for this initiative and we will continue this into future years.

The Advice Services opened 1300+ cases throughout the 2022/23 academic year. Though this number only reflects the number of students that have had full cases with the team and does not include the interactions had through some of the drop-in triage sessions or any outreach activity.

Supplies

SUpplies sell a variety of specialist supplies for DMU courses as well as stationary, branded clothing and also provides dissertation and binding services. SUpplies achieved sales of £79k. The SUpplies outlet has reduced its retail space to two thirds of the original size. This has allowed us to rent out that space to third parties.

Sales & Advertising

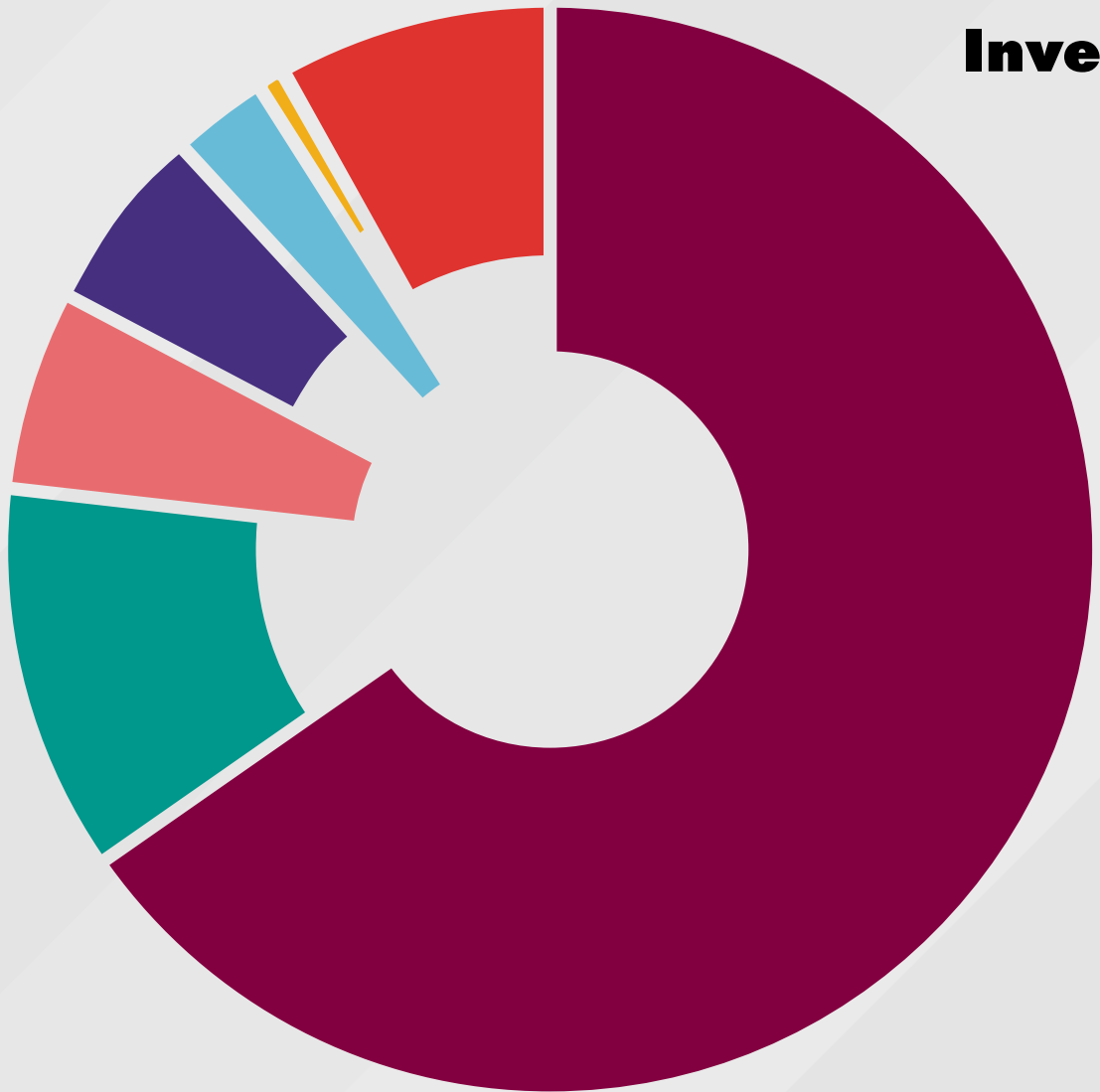
Sales & Advertising achieved sales of £121k. The team have successfully secured a renewal of the SUpplies and Dominos contracts and we have been working closely with our partner native.

Commercial Activities

The DSU Commercial team has taken the post-covid opportunity to reset and trial different ideas to widen the revenues for the Students' Union venue spaces. This includes new pool tables, showing of live sports, acoustic and bhangra event nights and Eurovision. The venue achieved sales of £111k.

The full financial breakdown can be found on the financial pages.





66.5% **Block Grant**
£ 1,227,811 .00



9% **Bars & Catering**
£ 160,961 .00



4% **SUPplies Shop**
£ 78,922 .00



5% **Membership Services**
£ 96,802 .00



6.5% **Marketing & Sponsorship**
£ 121,845 .00



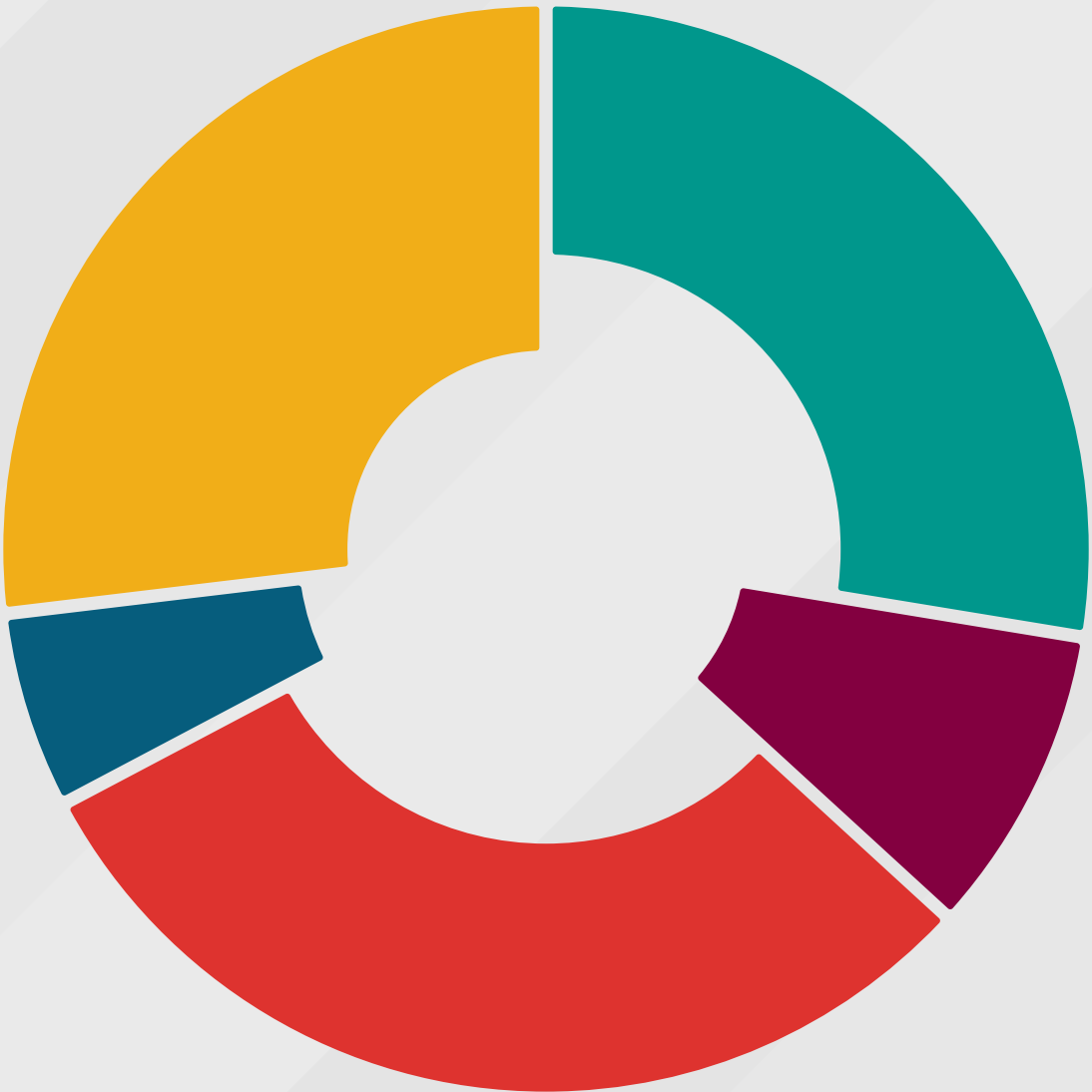
Investment & Other Income 0.5%
£ 10,352 .00



Grant of Services Accommodation 8%
£ 150,000 .00

INCOME

£ 1,846,693 .00



OUTGOINGS
£ 1,791,107 .00