

This Student Representative Council believes that Brexit is not in the best interest of St Andrews University and the Scottish Higher Education Sector

Notes

- 1) The United Kingdom is currently in the process of leaving the European Union after a referendum vote in which 51.9% of voters selected to 'Leave' the EU.
- 2) In Fife, 58.6% of voters selected to 'Remain' within the EU.
- 3) St Andrews Students have been surveyed twice asking for opinions on Brexit. On both occasions the feedback has been overwhelmingly in opposition of Brexit. These surveys are attached. (Appendix 1 & 2)
- 4) In the survey conducted in October 2017, 78.78% of respondents stated that they believe that Brexit will have a negative impact on the University of St Andrews.
- 5) In the aforementioned survey, 83.54% of respondents stated that they believe that Brexit will have a negative impact on Higher Education in general.
- 6) The Association President was elected with 69.88% of the vote, 19.67% of the student body, on a platform focused on "making our opinions [on Brexit] loud and clear".

Believes

- 1) That St Andrews students have expressed a substantial majority opposition to Britain exiting the European Union
- 2) That Brexit is a political event that will have a significant affect on the University of St Andrews and the Higher Education Community
- 3) That Brexit is not in the best interest of St Andrews University and Higher Education nationally
- 4) That it is the purpose of the Student Representative Council to respond to events that concern the interests of University of St Andrews students.

Resolves

- 1) To conclude from the two surveys, the Students' Association annual election, and from sentiment amongst our constituent groups, that the majority of University of St Andrews' students are against Brexit.
- 2) To officially endorse through Facebook, Twitter, and the All-Student Email the letter published by the Association President and signed by 16 HE Presidents from across Scotland (Appendix 3)
- 3) To draft and publish an original statement as a student body that represents the opinion of this SRC, and by extension, the entire student body of the University of St Andrews
- 4) To circulate this statement to the University, key political stakeholders, and the student body

- 5) To propose further motions calling for more specific action with regards to Brexit and using this initial motion to undertake a programme of political activity and statements in relation to Brexit.

Proposed

Lewis Wood, Association President

Seconded

Claire Shirey, Director of Wellbeing

Hannah Jacobs, Director of Events and Services

Zachary Davis, Director of Education

Charlotte Flatley, Director of Student Development and Activities

Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Brexit Survey 2016

Appendix 2 - Brexit Survey 2017

Appendix 3 - Letter published by Association President

Appendix 4 - Draft Statement by SRC



ST ANDREWS STUDENTS **BREXIT SURVEY**



Student opinions on Brexit and its
impact on the University of St Andrews

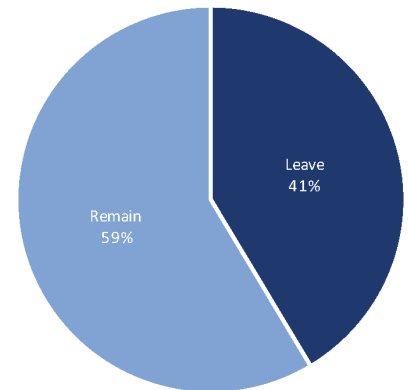
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SURVEY DATA

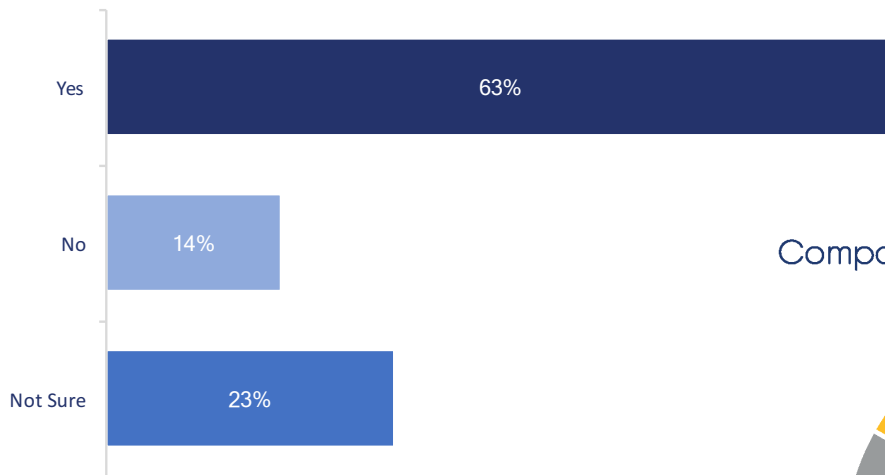
The aim of this survey is to collate student opinions on Brexit, whether these are positive or negative. The outcome is a resource that represents student concerns and interests, and which will inform the approach that the Students' Association takes in our efforts to constructively shape the future of higher education and Brexit. If you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch with the **Association President - pres@st-andrews.ac.uk**

EU Referendum Results for Fife (%)

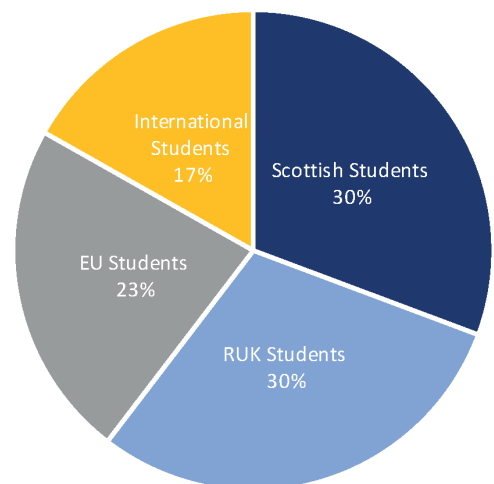


(electoralcommission.org.uk)

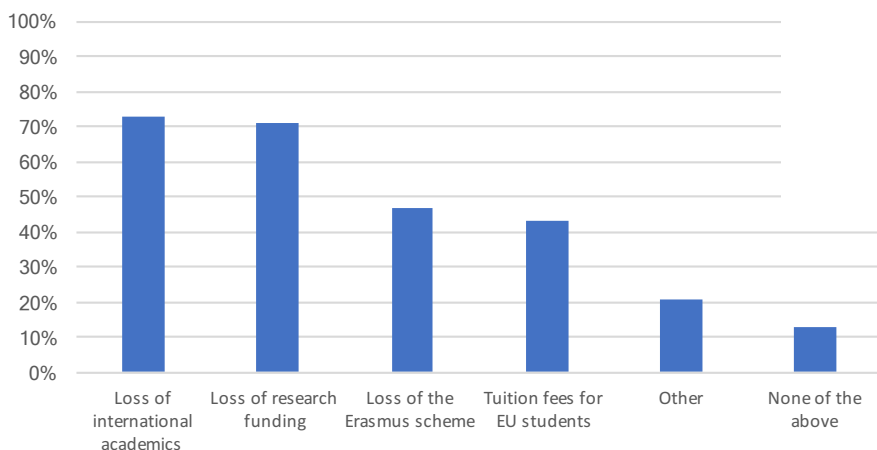
If Britain had already left the European Union, or was in the process of leaving, would you still have applied to study at a British university?



Composition of Survey Respondents (%)



What (if anything) worries you about Brexit?



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The responses presented below have been selected as a representative proportion of overall written responses. The information should be considered an overview of the responses and does not detail the feedback of all those who took part in the survey.

General Anxieties

"I am afraid of all the potential bureaucratic hassle Brexit will launch for me as an EU student: visas, money, job restrictions, inability to settle after degree"

"There are no words to describe the feeling of a possibility of loss of everything one has acquired"

Anxieties relating to freedom of movement & Erasmus

"What rights will I have after the UK has left the EU?"

"Since the referendum, I have lived with a fear that I may not be allowed to stay in the country I want to spend my life in."

"the Brexit vote has given me major insecurities about my life"

"I'm concerned about how a potential Scottish independence referendum will affect my ability to stay in Scotland"

"we were first considering settling in the UK, but now, we will be looking elsewhere"

"The main reason I chose to study languages at university was the opportunity to travel to EU countries easily in my year abroad through such schemes as Erasmus. I think it's imperative that such schemes and links with EU countries are maintained and strengthened in the wake of Brexit."

"I am very concerned about funding my year abroad, and potential work and visa issues after I graduate."

Anxieties related to reduced funding & research access

"It concerns me that the loss of funding or international students/academics is being overlooked by these in negotiations"

"Science research is expensive and complex and requires cooperation across borders"

"academics... have already lost research funding"

"Academics... often do not earn enough to meet the current income requirements for non-EU migrants, but they make a massive contribution to universities"

"HEIs and research in Britain will be financially and educationally poorer for the split with the EU"

Anxieties related to diversity & the environment

"I want the next government to ensure the rights of EU citizens living in the UK, so that they can continue to

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study and conduct such high quality research. They are at the heart of our community, and the University would be unrecognisable without the diversity which we currently enjoy."

"I have already encountered xenophobia"

"Brexit gave validation to a lot of British racism"

"I feel less welcome here now"

"I am positive that diversity will suffer with Brexit"

"Education shouldn't be for the rich who can afford to pay. Why should social class matter when researching?"

"I fear a lack of commitment to social equality and environmental integrity"

"I worry about how human rights legislation that has been brought into place and updated within the EU, and is enforced by the EU, will be effected and re-written during the process of Brexit."

"Diversity of personalities and perspectives is important to stimulate ideas, grow businesses and the economy, as shown by the success of businesses striving for gender parity. I fear a country with a reputation for having closed its doors to the outside world"

Optimism for an improved St Andrews University

"an opportunity to end the injustice of EU students paying far less than RUK students"

"I hope Brexit does not impair any of the values or research ability of any higher learning institute, and have full confidence in government to ensure that Britain is a better place than before."

"Instead of being forced to take in EU academics as first priority, this now gives the chance for British universities to honestly take a good look at the merits of an outsider, whoever it be, and choose."

"Brexit is an excellent idea and needs to be managed carefully... the major concern I have is that the UK should maintain close scientific collaborations with the rest of the EU. Any additional immigration restrictions should be done so as not to damage such collaborations, and indeed, scientists coming to the UK permanently."

"Collective amnesia prevents us from realising that the United Kingdom is free once more. As my representative you should be carrying forth the result of the recent referendum, and not trying to subvert or change the result because you personally disagree with it"

"I believe it is important we respect the referendum result, and follow through on Brexit. We live in a democracy and we should respect the outcome of a democratic vote. However, it is important we act in a way that protects UK migrants living in Europe, EU migrants living in the U.K., and we try negotiate an outcome that is in the interests of both the UK and EU"

"I hope that the immediate loss in European intake at St. Andrews will be compensated for by a transition to a far less Eurocentric demographic within the university"

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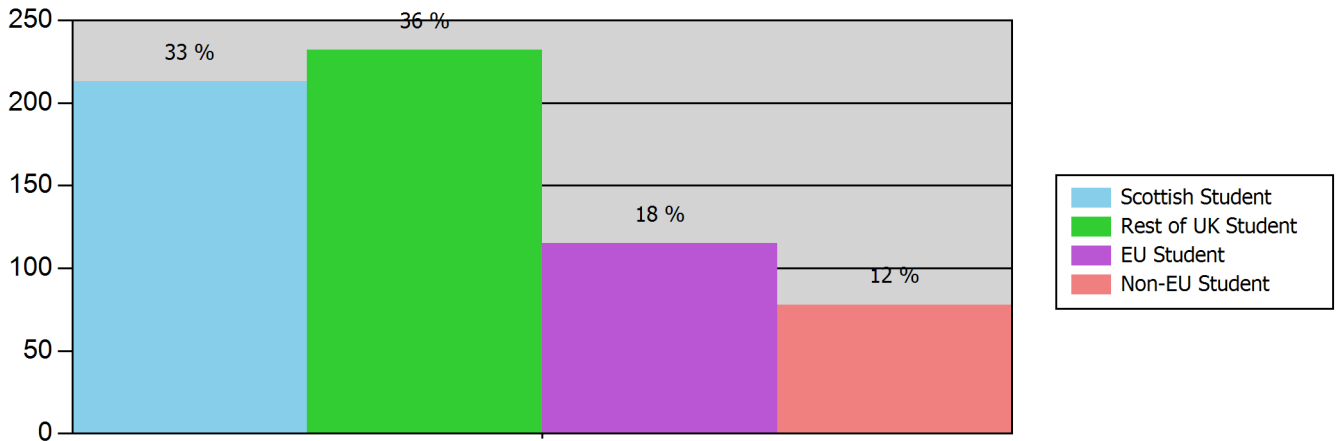
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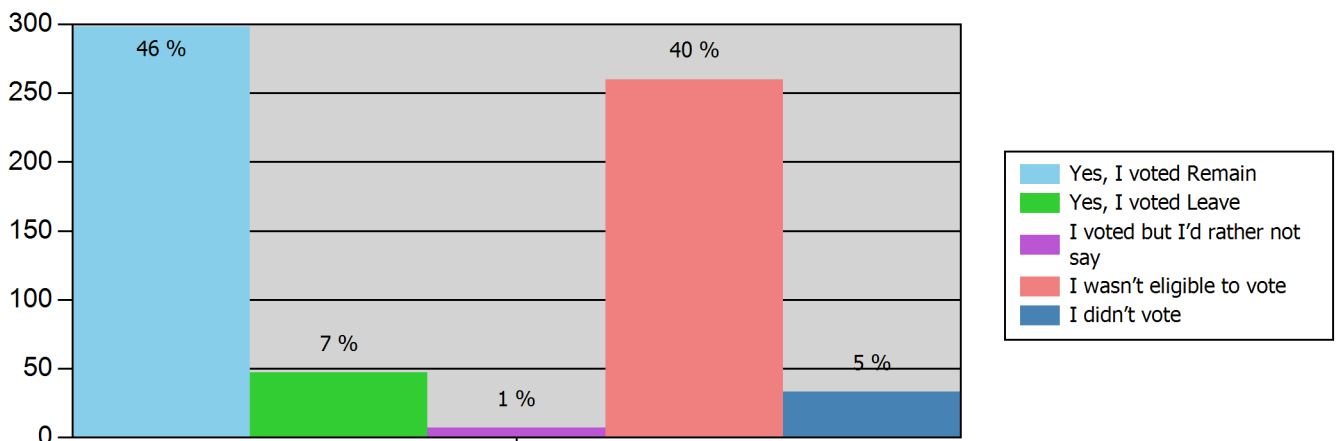
Section 1

1: What category do you fall into?



Response	Count	%
Rest of UK Student	232	36.36%
Scottish Student	213	33.39%
EU Student	115	18.03%
Non-EU Student	78	12.23%
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2: Did you vote in the EU Referendum?

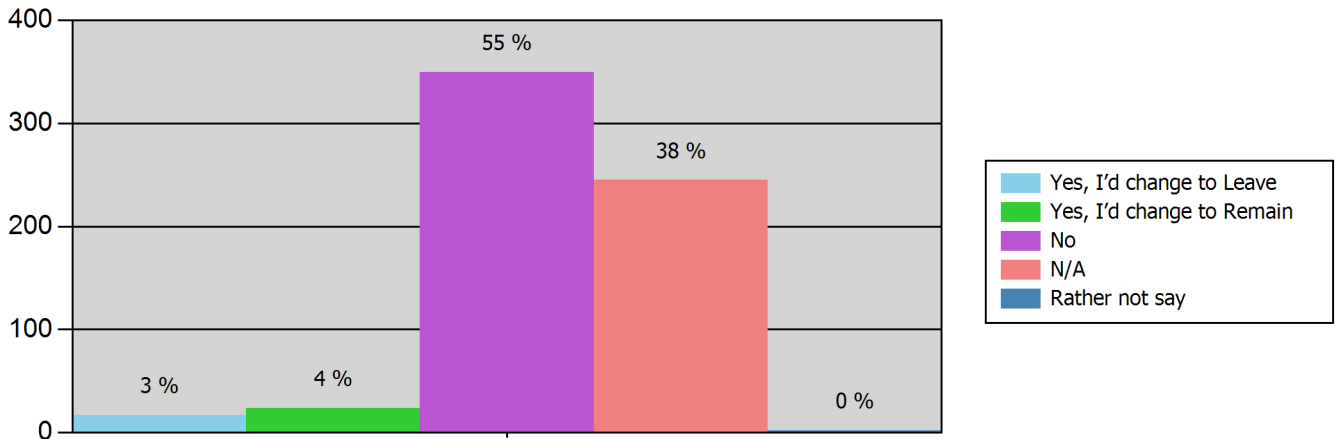


Response	Count	%
Yes, I voted Remain	298	46.20%
I wasn't eligible to vote	260	40.31%
Yes, I voted Leave	47	7.29%
I didn't vote	33	5.12%
I voted but I'd rather not say	7	1.09%
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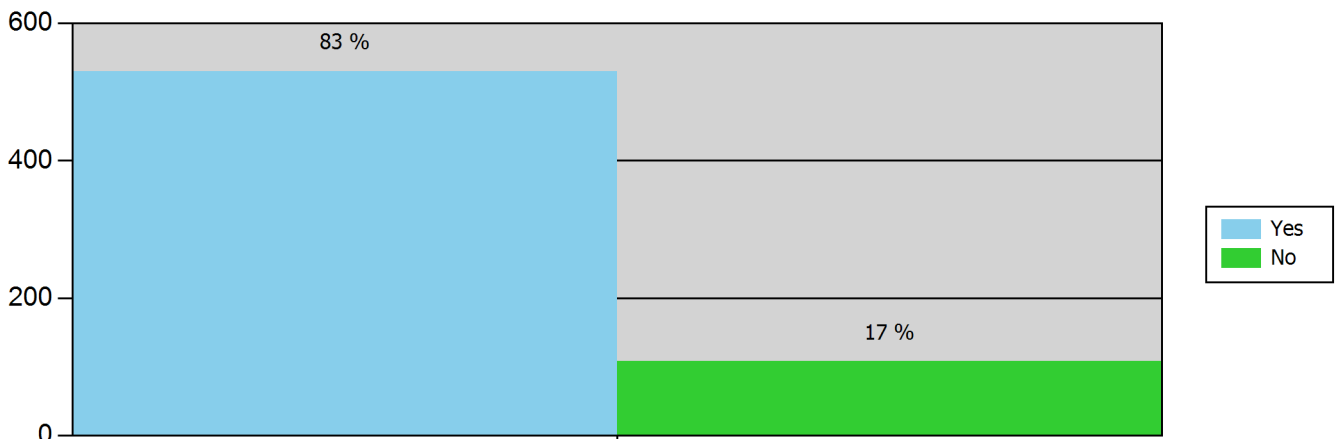
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3: If you could vote again, would you change your vote?



Response	Count	%
No	350	54.86%
N/A	245	38.40%
Yes, I'd change to Remain	24	3.76%
Yes, I'd change to Leave	17	2.66%
Rather not say	2	0.31%
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4: If Britain had already left the European Union, or was in the process of leaving, would you still have applied to study at a Scottish university?

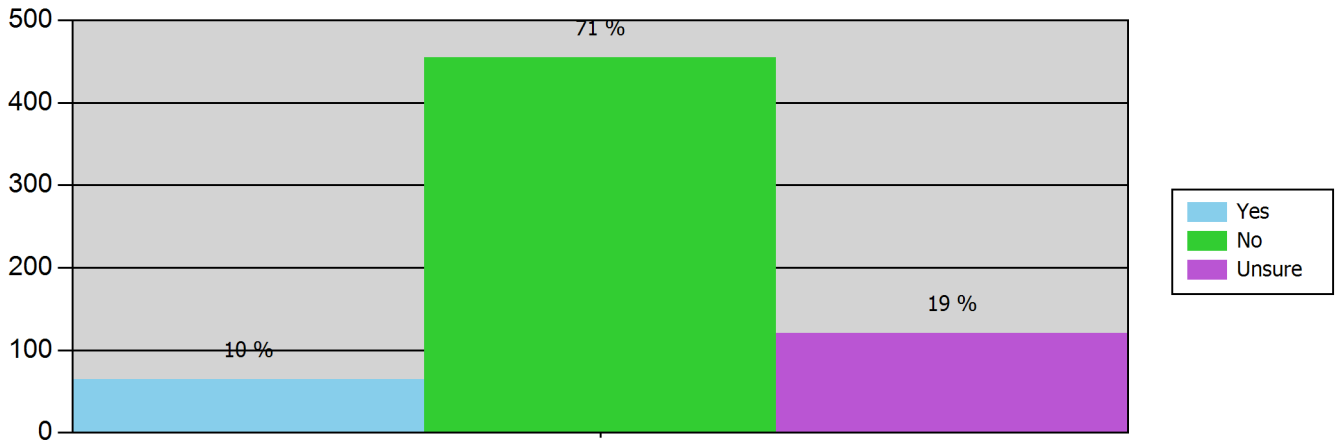


Response	Count	%
Yes	530	83.07%
No	108	16.93%
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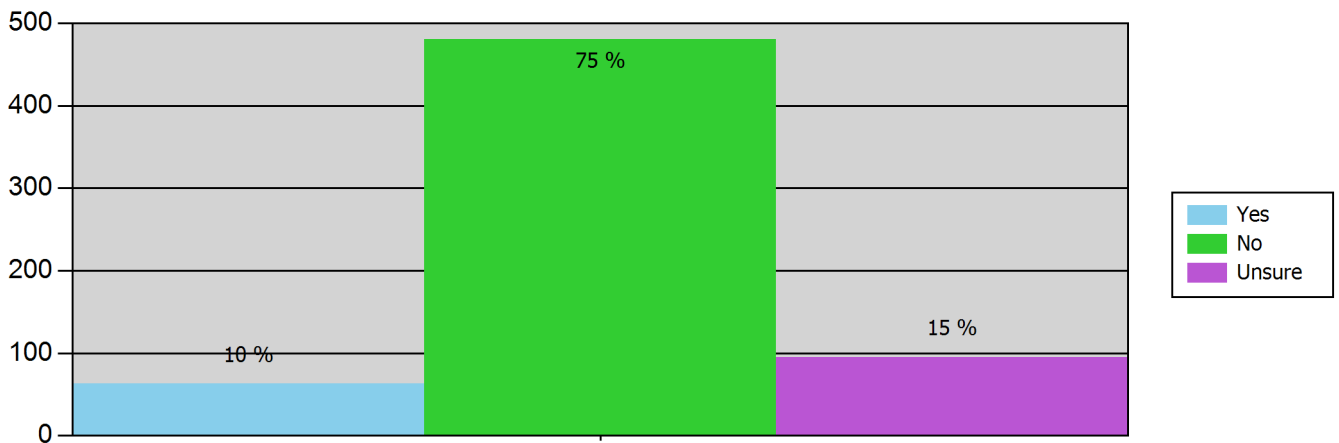
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5: Do you believe that Higher Education is being given enough consideration during Brexit negotiations?



Response	Count	%
No	455	70.98%
Unsure	121	18.88%
Yes	65	10.14%
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6: Do you believe that student opinions are being respected and acted upon in relation to the Brexit negotiations?

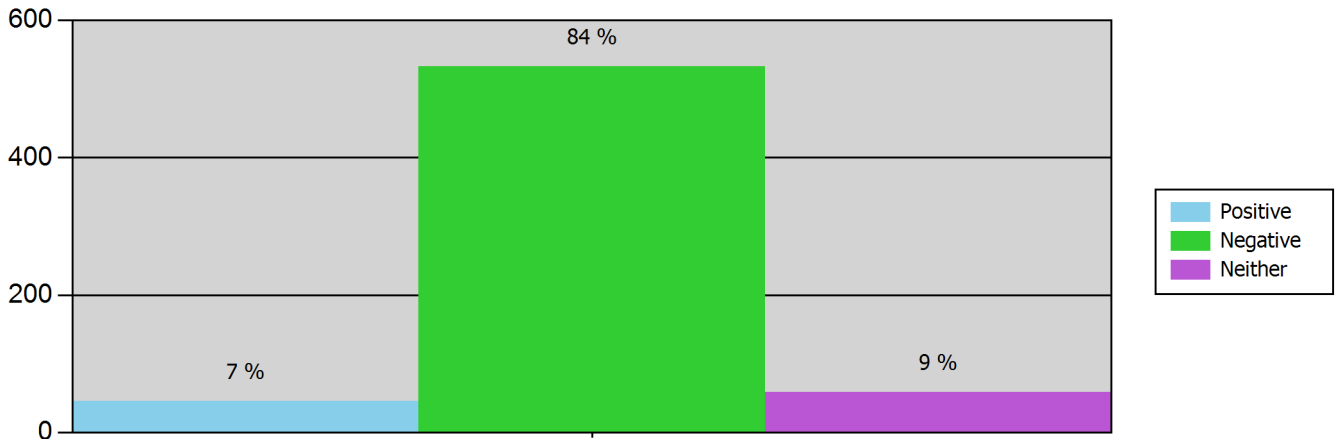


Response	Count	%
No	481	75.27%
Unsure	95	14.87%
Yes	63	9.86%
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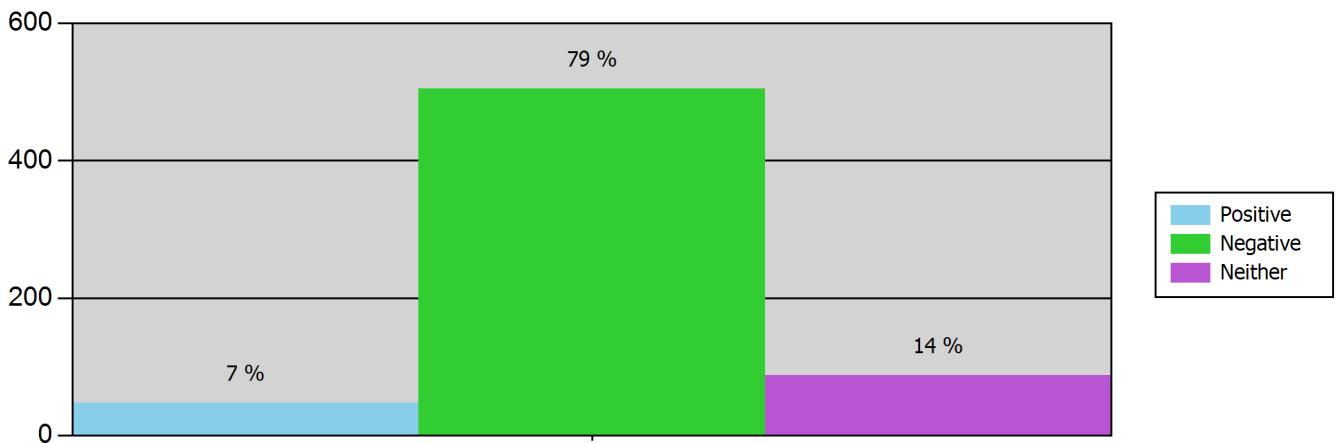
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7: Do you believe that Brexit will have a positive or negative affect on Higher Education?



Response	Count	%
Negative	533	83.54%
Neither	59	9.25%
Positive	46	7.21%
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8: Do you believe that Brexit will have a positive or negative impact on students at the University of St Andrews overall?



Response	Count	%
Negative	505	78.78%
Neither	88	13.73%
Positive	48	7.49%
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9: What benefits/negatives do you believe will come of Brexit? Do you have any concerns or see any potential?

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Responses

I am worried that Brexit will lead to a decrease in funding for research and a deficit of international perspectives in both the faculty and students population. I also worry that this could result in UK universities being considered of less importance on the international stage.

Less cooperation, fewer opportunities, labour shortages in key job markets

i think that it is unfair that a majority of older people can vote on something which will hit people of our age hardest. The economy will slump and prices will rise when we are leaving university and looking for jobs/ houses etc, and we are more likely to want to work/live abroad as we are not settled yet, so I think brexit will hit our generation hardest. The older generation already have jobs and houses so can afford for the economy to take a hit, but it will come at a crucial time for us.

- Loss of EU research funding
- Universities being shut out of grants for research
- Less enticing for EU talent to come to UK, we become less competitive with the rest of the world
- Harder to travel within EU - will negatively impact things such as attending conferences
- Living costs will rise, job losses etc

A benefit is that all UK laws will be made by people that are elected by the British population. We will be able to adopt a sensible immigration policy, hopefully based off the Australian points system. We will no longer have to pay into an institution that has seven presidents, none of which were elected in any way by the British population.

More money for UK government to spend

Economic damage, loss of EU work-force

Reduced higher education funding, restricted student migration and a weaker economy. I will also lose the right to live and work in the EU27, which I would like to do once I graduate.

The cease of EU budget payments will enable the government to spend extra money wherever it sees fit. Some may be spent on higher education.

Concerned about how it may affect the diversity and attitudes in our university and country, and concerned that it will negatively affect my career prospects after university. Also worried about economic problems/weakness arising from Brexit.

More difficult for students if they have to apply for visas.

Negatives - Loss of jobs, TNC relocation, unable to invest in NHS, unable to support areas previously funded by EU, increasingly nationalistic outlook and overall economic decline.

Positives - ...

What benefits could a sinking ship have? I guess it's good for the marine wildlife, but that's about it.

A fairer system of granting VISAs - ie no longer discrimination in favour of EU citizens and against citizens from non-EU countries

The economy will improve.

We will be able to attract a more academically abled and diverse group of students with an excellent economy.

As a student from the U.S. who had potentially hoped to work in London after graduation, I believe my chances to successfully secure a position are greatly diminished. Some of the issues facing EU nationals could affect me as well. I am reading that many companies are concerned about longer term visa issues and are hesitating to hire foreigners. This is very discouraging and I will probably end up going back to the U.S. after I graduate instead.

Less funding and resources in the tech, finance, higher education, and health sectors are particularly important to me. As a non-EU student, I believe that I will be negatively impacted with regards to immigration and my right to remain in the country after my university education. I see close to no benefits. That being said, as a member of a Commonwealth country, my rights are still significantly higher than people who do not hold Commonwealth nationality. There is a possibility that Commonwealth will be prioritised should the UK suffer as badly as to not have a Brexit deal.

financial problems, lack of international understanding, deterioration of teaching standards (no EU norms would apply)

Some addition leeway in certain areas of UK law and regulations

DIVERSITY

Negative - international students/staff being dissuaded from coming to St A.

Negative - staff shortages from fewer EU migrants (e.g. in NHS and food production).

Negative - fewer research opportunities in Europe for British researchers.

Negative - less international investment in Britain - banks leaving London etc.

Negative - more anti-intellectualism in Britain and demagoguery taking advantage of such (e.g. Gove "This country is sick of experts").

Negative - more xenophobia and hate crimes.

Negative - international diplomacy regarding global warming, refugees, etc. may be more difficult.

Negative - other countries thinking Britain is more isolationist and uncooperative.

Negative - British politicians spending less time discussing non-Brexit matters.

Negative - potentially less regulation, threatening consumer protections.

Negative - Britain not having a say in EU decisions.

Negative - potential disruption in Northern Ireland.

Positive - more tourism when the pound is weaker.

Positive - countries like France, Germany, Italy seem to be more committed to the EU.

Positive - possibly a better understanding among the student body and general public about politics and international economics.

Negatives come from the end of freedom of movement and trade which puts up more barriers for the students of St. Andrews that wish to travel and see Europe as well as the connections between universities.

I think Ms May has a very shallow grasp of what bargaining power is... The UK has none or very little compared to the EU, So I don't think the UK will be allowed to change a lot of things to be a commercial partner of the EU. Although it might not be a bad thing to keep the UK in check, knowing how bad would be the UK if we let England do whatever they want.

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I think it has the potential to impact funding for grants, hurts the University's potential at hiring staff, hurts the potential international demographics of the University, and has the potential to create a negative economic environment which would threaten to hurt the University financially.

Less funding, fewer EU students (and the ones that do come will be the super-wealthy, further harming our diversity).

We will be an independent, sovereign democracy free to engage with the world. 85% of countries are not in the EU- I wonder how they manage to attract international students? Bizarre isn't it. To tackle the funding issue: we are net contributors to the EU, the government can spend more on our universities with control over their own budget. How does Harvard, Columbia, Yale, Tokyo, Toronto, Zurich or Hong Kong universities survive without EU funding? Surely they must have closed down by now. This consultation clearly highlights anti- Brexit bias that exists within the students association. The people voted: we voted for Brexit. Brexit means Exit.

No real benefits, harder for international students to apply and travel. Research funding is in question. Study abroad schemes will be negatively impacted.

i believe brexit will be of a great cost to our country which will take ya years to recover from. Our relationships with EU countries will be ruffled and this could affect our imports and exports. Some people who work and live in the UK who pay taxes and help our country could be deported. Students from the EU will lose their funding declining the diversity of our university. Brexit could potentially be a positive thing yet there is so many disagreements within parliament at the moment that you don't know what or who to believe.

Because St Andrews is such an international university, it will be harder for EU students to come to the UK.

Cuts to funding, increased living costs, and fewer international students and lecturers - this would be bad as they contribute a lot to creating the unique teaching environment in St Andrews.

Loss of funding, loss of international students.

Who knows

With regards to universities we will lose research funding, we will see more and more academics moving to EU universities, our university will become less international, if we leave Erasmus many students will be denied a crucial part of their learning experience.

In terms of the country as a whole I think the economy will take a huge hit, customs and a lack of freedom of movement of people will take a toll on businesses and we are already seeing the damage done as a result of the fall in the value of the pound with increased cost of aeroplane fuel (typically purchased in US dollars) being cited as one of the reasons for the collapse of Monarch.

There has also not been enough consideration given to the problems arising from the common travel area with ROI, without a clear way forward a huge risk is posed to years of progress towards peace and prosperity in NI, a place many St Andrews students come from.

Could impact on research funding and on free movement of people.

Could help build new links with the rest of the world.

Leaving is going to fuck everything up. As a modern languages student my future has been thrown into the unknown.

Travelling and thus Year Abroad and Exchanges will become much more difficult in Europe as visas will be needed and I very much believe that European countries will be less willing to let UK students study there out of principle.

Given the governments' worrying lack of reality when it comes to negotiations, there is a chance that things could go very badly and no deal is reached, which would have a large impact on the economy and universities. Attempts to reduce immigration will also harm a university like our own, which draws on a diverse and international student body. Collaboration with other EU nations in research is of course going to continue, but will likely not work as well.

Mainly concerned about international students (including EU) presence as well as tuition fees.

As a student from Northern Ireland, I am concerned that the delicate peace that has been achieved since the Good Friday Agreement will be disrupted by the introduction of hard borders between NI and the Republic of Ireland.

I do not think there will be any benefits. I am concerned about restrictions on visiting the UK and studying here after my undergraduate degree.

I believe that Brexit will have negative impacts upon the University because it may discourage international/ EU students from coming to study here, as the process will be much more complicated for them, and they may not feel as welcome as before (even though they of course would be). I also worry about the impact it will have on the teaching staff at the University. Some of our highest-quality lecturers and researchers are from EU countries. The UK government needs to ensure that their rights to stay in the UK remain, so that they can keep making invaluable contributions to our community. There is also the fear that it will be more complicated for students from St Andrews to study abroad/ participate in exchange programmes; their rights also need to be guaranteed if they will be living in EU countries for extended periods of time. It is very difficult to see the potential beneficial outcomes, even though there are probably some somewhere.

By expanding the British sphere of influence beyond Europe to a more global sphere I believe that we will make our society more diverse and expand our economic opportunities beyond punitive and protectionist measures.

I fear, however, that our departure from the infrastructures of the European Union will be compromised such that we remain in the single market but have no say on the policy that is executed upon that market!

I have huge concern over funding for research that will be withdrawn after brexit and how it will affect the quality of study going forward. I also fear that it will damage the mix of European students who choose to study in Scotland: I see this openness and opportunity up meet friends from around Europe to be a great benefit of EU funding. The opportunities that have been afforded to students through that EU were not discussed and highlighted enough during campaigning.

I don't really see any potential benefits of Brexit. I feel that we have benefited greatly from our EU membership and to abandon it based on a vote where many of the voters didn't understand the consequences and were misled by certain aspects of the leave campaign would be foolish. I have heard of many instances of people who voted leave and now feel differently. However, so far, although such people must exist, I have never heard anything from people who voted remain but have now warmed to the idea of leaving.

I have heard of many terrible things happening since Brexit which were much rarer pre-Brexit such as hate-crimes. Brexit is seen by many as validation of their negative opinions towards foreigners and many voters were driven in their vote by hatred. This is an awful situation and one that is reflected in the US by Trump becoming president. I am disillusioned by the fact that I thought I lived my life in a country that was typically accepting or people from all races and cultures, but now many people are showing their true colours.

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It will hopefully reduce the London/south eastern centric policies that constantly hinder the North of England.
I think EU students will be less inclined to come here which is sad. I also think it's sad that so many Scottish people may have voted to stay in the UK in the Scottish independence referendum, partly based on the fact we didn't know if we'd be able to stay in the eu (as Scotland is majority pro-EU), and now we are stuck in the UK and being forced out of the EU by possibly the very people who laughed at us saying if you leave the UK the EU won't take you.
Negative- the university will lose good academic staff from other countries.
I think in many ways there will be little long term change due to the globalised nature of twenty-first century society. Brexit will just push our government to have to be better at dealing with other countries in fields such as trade and diplomacy. I am sceptical of worries over higher education as the countries with most success in higher education at the moment are the US and Asian states which have differing ways of approaching the area to most EU countries. I think it is foolish to believe that higher education will definitely be hit hard by leaving the EU - once a 'Brexit bill' has been paid we will have a larger amount of money to spend than when we were in the UK.
The economic consequences will be disastrous.
People will no longer want to come here, impacting on both the area of St Andrews (and the university) as well as the country as a whole, and will impact many areas of the job market.
The fact our government is under the impression that no deal is okay is ludicrous
I am concerned that leaving the European Union will make it harder for universities such as St. Andrews to recruit students and faculty from Europe.
Conservative government putting working class students off of applying for university
For students, it reduces the number of options and financial options for studying abroad - either full or part time. It may also reduce the international aspect of St Andrews which so many know it for and love. I don't think it will be as easy for me to work abroad in other European countries post-graduate with a UK passport. This is something I would have liked to have done.
Less international students, less funding, harder for language students especially to find employment upon graduation
I definitely have concerns. I am worried that it will be harder to travel to and through the EU, and that the number of EU citizens (including scientific researchers) coming to live and work in Scotland will decrease, lowering the quality and diversity of both our scientific research community and our society as a whole. I am also worried that normalising Brexit makes an insular nationalist attitude more acceptable, which is a dangerous path to be going down.
Visa issues Study abroad issues Potential EU funding issues
Less research funding, less EU students
There is potential for greater control over how we run our country including our higher education sector, and perhaps we will be able to strike a better balance between these needs and those of people who have not benefited from our current political and economic arrangements. The outcome is still unclear however.
An exit from the
I think it will unnecessarily damage the economy. Increase racism and damage Britains standing in the world.
Northern Ireland peace process
I think Brexit will discourage EU students to study in Scotland and in the U.K. in general. This will affect both the value of higher education in the U.K. and the diversity among students, weakening the cultural exchange process that should happen in an international institution such as our university.
A less connected and a more polarized world.
The eradication of our food standards and animal welfare laws, at the hands of America is an apt description for the whole ordeal.
Liberation from EU tyranny.
Positive: The UK Banking Sector will break up and forced to decentralise, which will reduce UK dependency on the financial industry, and make it easier for the EU Commission to regulate the financial markets, since the industry will have weaker lobbying power and the UK can't veto it any more. Negative: Literally everything else.
Concerned about climate change policies. Concerned about whether university will maintain its incredible level of multiculturalism.
There will be greater democratic control within Britain, as all decisions affecting British citizens are enacted by people elected in Britain. If the Labour party gains more seats in the parliament, workers' rights could also be strengthened as the UK will no longer need to abide by the neoliberal frames set forth by the EU council. The only concerns I see is that a Conservative government will not use the opportunity to strengthen labour laws in the UK, and will instead work towards centralising economic power within the British private sector. In regards to refugees, Britain will also no longer need to abide by the EU closed border policies anymore, and can more easily work towards accepting more applicants. Foreign workers within the UK could also now be ensured equal workers' rights as British workers which was not the case before.
As a German student, I would not apply for a Master-Program in UK which last after the Brexit. To unsure if I could finish my Degree.
It really depends on the outcome of the negotiations and how good the deal we get is, if there is no deal then obviously it would be bad
The United Kingdom will become a free, democratic, sovereign nation again. No longer will the UK be subject to laws proposed by an unelected executive on the continent. No longer will the unaccountable court of law in the form of the ECR reign supreme over the British judiciary. The UK will have the opportunity to trade freely with more countries around the world. In the short term, there may be a small negative economic effect, but none of the scare stories about a Brexit recession came true so far.

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Fewer international students will come to study here, fewer Europeans. In terms of academic schools, many of the professors and staff who work here are not Scottish or British, with their foreign passports and excellent minds, it would be far more beneficial for their careers to move elsewhere, so there is a fear that some staff will leave, and the quality of research and education may decrease. As a science student, the huge funding cut from Europe may also have an impact on the research taken out here. Brexit is a terrible and isolating regression, which will close off Britain to the world, and take Scotland with it. Scotland is a much more welcoming country, and so it is unfair that we have to be involved in this.

It depends on the actions of the government. If we leave all EU and EU associated institutions, e.g. ECJ, common market etc. we will be able to set our own laws, independent from the rest of Europe, pursue international trade without having to deal with the concerns of the other European countries, and the huge delays that entails, reduce some taxes without the legal limitations imposed by the EU and reduce regulations, leading to increased economic growth in the medium and long term. We will also be able to massively cut back on low and medium skilled EU immigration, meaning higher wages for UK workers, and avoid an EU mandated sharing of EU determined refugees and economic migrants from the rest of the world, which the EU is currently attempting to impose on the hitherto extremely safe and coherent societies of central Europe. I am not confident, however, that the government will pursue all or even any of these policies, even if we do achieve a meaningful Brexit i.e. we exit from all EU institutions. My main concerns are that the EU might reject any meaningful trade deal with the UK for political reasons, hurting both economies, or that its total incompetence and seeming aversion to international trade will in any case prevent or delay such a deal, and I am also concerned about the state of Ireland and the Irish border. I do not want the government to pay any money to the EU which is not legally required i.e. nothing, and I want the money saved from leaving the EU to be invested in science and business grants, housing and technical education. I do not want the British military to be in any kind of military union, and I do not want British soldiers to receive orders from French or German generals.

For St Andrews in particular, we have many talented staff and students from the European Union. I worry that Brexit will make it difficult for them to remain here, or discourage others from applying or working in our university. It will also negatively affect students who wish to study or work abroad, as we are unsure about the Erasmus funding. This will affect the poorer students the most, as it will make study abroad options more expensive.

Less international students or students who had chosen to study in the UK deciding not to stay to work or study here for their masters and PhD because of funding or visa difficulties that could arise.

Considerably less funding for research and PhD's, our great academics leaving for central Europe and failing to attract new ones.

Lack of funding for research, less international students resulting in damage to cosmopolitan community.

Less scientific funding given as we currently get a lot of it from the EU. Also less money spent on rural areas like the Highlands. It is still unknown if the government will continue to pay farmers subsidies that many rely on.

Other than a question-mark over funding, I feel there should be no direct impact upon students.

As a language student, I am in favour of free movement (luckily I'm Irish so I won't be affected) and think that its removal will negatively affect the economy in terms of workforce. The loss of essential funding to research inc university research will have a negative impact.

EU students will be less likely to attend St Andrews, decreasing the school's diversity and student experience overall.

Not having to guarantee fees to EU citizens will allow the university to charge fees to EU citizens.

Freedom of movement might make it harder for visiting academics or lecturers but I doubt this will be a long term issue.

I believe it appears that the UK government is not engaging properly or respectfully in Brexit negotiations with the EU. As a Scottish student, I feel that the government has blatantly ignored that the majority of Scotland, a sovereign nation, voted to remain. Therefore, I think Brexit will have a negative impact on potentially the reputation of St Andrews, funding and research opportunities, and the incredibly international characteristic of the university: if Brexit restricts freedom of movement, then I believe this will greatly impact the number of international students at the uni. It is likely fees will rise as the government has no economic plan post-Brexit, therefore meaning domestic students from non-wealthy backgrounds will be more unlikely to be able to study at university.

Isolation from the greater EU have negative consequences for Scotland.

I think our uni will become much less diverse in terms of students and staff

I cannot see any benefits of Brexit. I believe it is a step in the wrong direction, and it made me, an European citizen, feel unwanted and unsure about my future and perspective in the UK.

no negatives, all benefits. GOD SAVE THE QUEEN! RULE BRITANNIA!

More racism

Uncertainty about post uni employment

Concerns regarding Erasmus funding for year abroad.

Attracts less EU students

Potential for increased collaboration with commonwealth countries, but I fear the EU being distanced.

Less international atmosphere as EU students will filter through to Scottish higher education only if they come from extremely rich backgrounds

No certainty of what will happen to current EU students at unis around the UK

I'm worried about the impact it may have on EU students being able to attend here, as I don't know what will happen to their fee status. I have many friends who would not have been able to attend if their costs were that of Non-EU students. I also worry about the impact on study abroad schemes.

Negative - international students don't expect to feel opposed at University, and I feel Brexit will only exacerbate this

Fewer regulations

More tariffs tho.

Probably less free trade.

Shittier environment

Etc.

The concern I have is of the unknown, mostly. I am also concerned that negotiators only care about older people and will overlook student (and international student) interests when it comes to higher education and job seeking

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Fewer international lectures, less diversity in the student population, less money for universities
Massive loss of research funding and access to collaboration in science.
I thought the Brexit campaign was led on lies and this is apparent in the present. No one knows what is going on and as a EU national I feel increasingly worried and uncertain about my future here in the UK
Negative impact on economy, in particular in trading with EU countries Increased open racism and xenophobia Provide an opportunity to pass laws that EU law would have prevented (eg increased internet regulations) Open Britain up to international scorn and ridicule leading to a lower view of Britain in the eyes of other countries Increased difficulty in the ability to study abroad or find work in Europe Increased unemployment due to companies relocating to more economically safe, EU countries
I am worried that Britain will no longer be as strategically valuable to the US and other international partners, and lose its central position in world affairs.
I have concerns over funding and other EU programmes such as Erasmus +
I am concerned that less students will choose to study here and that due to Brexit it may become more difficult for students in the EU to come to Scotland to study.
I feel Brexit portrays the UK in a negative light. It does not reflect values of inclusivity and multi culturism. I'm embarrassed about Brexit when I'm around friends from the EU. I worry about the impact Brexit will have on the quality of teaching and investment in education and research.
Likely far fewer incoming students/academics, resulting in damaged academia and scientific advancements from Britain. Public swing toward xenophobia and exclusion. Relaxation on regulations for food standards, living standards and general public health.
From a European point of view, the only benefit is that negotiations for the eventual redefinition of the role of the EU will be much easier without the UK. I don't believe students will be affected during their studies, as neither the UK nor the EU have any interest in preventing them from studying abroad. Otherwise, both UK and EU will face economic issues, especially the former, and both will have a huge problem in dealing with the Irish frontier.
Immigration implications for St Andrews' diverse student population Talent drain from the UK as an attractive place to study Doubts over continuity of ERASMUS scheme Involvement in European research projects and funding at risk
Cultural Isolationism will make the general population in the UK even more arrogant and ignorant than they already are.
I can only think of possible negative effects: - fees for EU students rise - getting work visa for EU citizens in the UK and vice versa becomes more difficult - EU students depend on private health insurance while in the UK - fewer funds and programmes for UK-EU exchange - change in recognition of UK degrees in EU countries and vice versa --> we may see less exchange happening between UK and EU universities in all status groups
More generally my concerns are (excuse my language): - people will be dicks about it - the UK will become even more of a neoliberal nightmare and nobody will want to come here anymore anyway cause it's all going to shit - I will personally travel to the UK a lot less and I will only consider living here again if I get a job that is amazing and pays enough to live a nice life here (as I see it, the two are normally mutually exclusive) - I will fall completely out of love with the UK forever (already half way there since the referendum to be honest)
I don't believe there will be any benefits of Brexit for the student generation. It's an incredibly isolating decision made by the generations before us that are xenophobic and with no regard to the future generations of the UK. I don't believe the negatives will be as bad as some people make out however the supposed economic benefits that were expected after the Leave vote have yet to materialise and I highly doubt that they will.
Lack of funding Uncertainty over students Higher fees Lack of research opportunities
No benefits. Trade will be hurt. Science & research will suffer. Society is becoming more divided with increase in xenophobia/racism.
Britain opening itself up to the world rather than a small political union.
Less EU students, thus less international atmosphere
I'm from Northern Ireland which is in a very negative position. Many businesses on the border have already closed because of the sterling rate. Terrorism is rising. We don't even have a government to advocate effectively for us. A hard border will almost definitely lead us back into the troubles. Rich English Protestants who have never been near a bomb didn't understand the full implications when they voted leave. Come to NI, talk to the people who fought so hard for peace and explain to them why you're throwing it back in their faces for virtually nothing.
Less international environment Possibility to need a VISA to stay
It will enhance UK's global outlook beyond EU countries
Less work between countries to cooperate on international affairs. Increased racism and xenophobia in the UK
Deter international academics and students. Alienate non-white students (both British and foreign). Reduce ease of international travel for work and research. Isolate the UK.

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Abroad programme will be negatively affected Funding also
Done in the sort of way Daniel Hannan recommends, it could open us up to international trade , forging ahead for the rest of the century. Most probably it is a janky mess that leaves us worse off all round, where we are sort of in the EU without any say.
Concerns: there will be less funding for research and diminished job prospects for students aiming for an academic career, as well as diminished prospects for EU students hoping to stay in the UK. The likely loss of Erasmus programmes at UK universities is very unfortunate - I owe great opportunities to Erasmus.
A decrease in the diversity that is so crucial for St. Andrews
None. I am concerned that this will cause dividing issues amongst British and EU people.
Reduction in the number of EU students studying in St Andrews. Damage to the economy from leaving the single market. Difficulties arising from the border between Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland. Inability to get the benefits of EU membership: freedom of movement, freedom to work etc Research grants/general money recieved from EU not available anymore.
Done right, could be a great move
No benefits. Increases in cost of living.
More expensive for EU students so likely to lead to a less diverse student body.
Inflation will reduce the standard of living. Freedom and ease of international research projects to other EU university may rapidly become cumbersome.
Many concerns, limited potential.
I don't think I have enough space to list the negatives...
As a science student I think that collaborative endeavours in science through EU funding bodies will suffer under Brexit, as will many other aspects of life in the UK.
I worry that the UK will continually turn inward in an ever increasingly global environment and British citizens will be left behind their European counterparts as our skills are harder to utilise under EU frameworks and therefore we'll simply end up overlooked as EU candidates are favoured for work across Europe.
I am of the opinion that an independent Scotland would also suffer more outside the UK and that Brexit could result on a second referendum on this issue. I am also dubious that an independent Scotland would be able to enter the EU again with ease (as certain parties believe).
There will be no benefits. Britain is leaving, so can only lose rights, which cannot mean anything good. Furthermore, I believe brexit is morally negative, because it means the closing of society and producing an "us" vs "them" mentality. That is my main concern, that people start treating others worse because they are considered "different".
All EU students and Staff are liable to leave, plus there will be a lack of funding now the EU funding has been withdrawn. Teaching standards will likely fall if too few resources are being used to attract more staff and the income of the university has fallen
I am worried that Brexit will force EU students to look elsewhere for university and will price out students who can't afford the high tuition costs of a non-EU university. It will decrease the diversity of university student populations, since there will be less EU students and universities will need to step up recruitment in places like the Americas and Asia to balance the shift. Also, British universities and academics will no longer be able to get EU funding for valuable research projects, which means the amount and quality of research in the UK will drop drastically. I know people in both the arts and sciences whose projects have already been impacted by this and I worry what the future will hold. Britain doesn't have the funds alone to pay for higher education research and tuition, as well as paying for other necessary government programs. I think one of the first things to be cut from the British government's budget will be higher education and the country and world will suffer because of it.
More students from EU countries will probably be accepted to St Andrews due to them having to pay fees (positive) Tuition probably won't be free for EU citizens anymore (negative, for them)
Brexit is going to hurt the British economy. Leaving the single market is a big mistake, and restricting free movement is going to harm the UK's ability to attract bright minds from the EU.
I believe that any prospective EU/Overseas student (mainly EU) looking to attend a UK university would feel unwelcome due to the decision to leave the EU. I also believe that this view extends to any prospective staff.
I do not feel it is fair that EU citizens such as myself receive preferential financial treatment in Scotland compared to English students and those from the rest of the world. I sincerely hope that universities in a post-Brexit Britain will apply the same fair standard to all non-UK citizens (and, it goes without saying, to all British citizens internally as well!).
Negatives - EU students will no longer be able to afford education in the UK, less applicants, dropping standards, also less diversity loss of EU funding, research grants, less international teaching staff - further decline in academic standards
The benefits or negatives cannot be determined until we find out what kind of relationship the UK is to have with the EU/Common Market.
Any benefits that could be gained from leaving have been bulldozed by the utterly incompetent handling of the entire thing from conception to current negotiation. Xenophobia has been utilised opportunistically in order to introduce changes to the UK that will see our welfare system and NHS decimated. We live in a neoliberal hellscape.
As a science student, I find the funding provided by the EU into science being cut will put a great risk on the teaching and research done here in St. Andrews. With the UK leaving the EU, it kinda sends a message of 'we don't want to be part of anything' vibe when it's simply not true.
As a non-EU/UK student, I can just echo the concerns of my friends that Brexit will render St Andrews unaffordable, and limit any opportunities of studying abroad, travelling, and overall (in terms of the depreciation of the pound), heighten the cost of living to an undoable point.
Less diversity at St Andrews, fewer international students vis a vis difficulty in attending the university.

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I am concerned about the possibility of a significant reduction of EU students, which might force the university to get more foreign students, putting pressure on the fees.
I worry both about the growth and attitudes in the UK as a whole as well as in the bubbles of St Andrews and London, the latter of which I hoped to work in after University. I'm not sure if I can or will want to live in a country that voted for Brexit, and I would imagine that a lot of other individuals and students will have the same consideration. I worry that beyond the obvious economic disbenefits, the negative perception that will come of Brexit will only help to breed xenophobia, stagnation, and recession.
Brexit is shaping up to be the disaster that was predicted. The UK government is not competent to negotiate and will likely make a difficult situation far worse.
I do not know what specific effects it will have but I believe all effects will be negative. I have European friends who now fear for their future in the UK and this makes me very angry.
Erasmus will be a loss.
Brexit will harm the economy, leaving less state finances for higher education. This will lead to more pressure on individuals to finance higher education and hence the loss of opportunities for the less economically fortunate. This will harm education as a whole.
i am concerned about the payment of tuition fees for EU students
Funding issues for universities and a difficulties relating to studying abroad within the EU.
I see no potential positives of Brexit wether in St Andrews or across the UK. One of the core reasons i picked St Andrews was the international make up of the student body. It would be a shame if this were to diminish due to the triumph of ignorance and nationalism..
Huge economic downturn. Knock on effect to universities.
Increased political uncertainty, years of bureaucratic disarray to rewrite Britain's future outside the EU (lead by a weak government), long-term economic disparities and reduced international competitiveness.
Problems for EU students + their families, funding, projects, unity, moving forwards, collaborations
I see and have read plenty of potential on both sides of the argument. Regardless of what happens the majority of negative economic trends we are witnessing is due to uncertainty and a belief the outcome will be apocalyptic. This can be offset if there was a balanced approach to what the future will bring with optimism. I am optimistic the UK will become a global player, alongside Anglo-American relations improving alongside the commonwealth becoming a tighter unit, potentially becoming a bloc within its own right.
In terms of benefits, we will finally be free from the jurisdiction of the European Court of Justice. It is a natural and healthy thing for a country to live under its own laws. The European Parliament is a farce and an insult to democracy. It's ridiculous that MEP's inside the parliament cannot propose new legislation, instead this task is left to the unelected commission. Another benefit would be to leave the European Single Market and Customs Union, as this will allow us to sign independent bilateral free trade deals with the rest of the world. You cannot unite the whole continent of Europe under the same monetary policy, but not the same fiscal policy. This has been proven time and time again with each eurozone crisis. The only answer to make the European project work is full integration over the whole continent. Schulz, Barnier and several others have often called for further European integration, it's the next logical step in the EU project. A vote to remain was never a vote for the status quo, it was a vote for further integration as that's the direction the EU is heading in. I could never vote for such a catastrophic loss of control and sovereignty. In terms of negatives, I fear that Theresa May will ruin everything because she's useless at everything in every way. Rees Mogg and Bojo are the men to take us through this fantastic opportunity.
Concerned that less international students will see the UK (and therefore St Andrews) as an attractive option for university - internationalism is at the heart of St Andrews and one of the main reasons I applied here, it doesn't just benefit those coming to study here, away from home, but also those who are studying in their home country and getting to meet a wide variety of people from diverse backgrounds. I am also working abroad at the moment and am grateful to be receiving an Erasmus grant to help me with this amazing experience. I'm concerned that leaving the EU will limit this option for future students. The lack of information regarding this sort of thing is also very concerning; at a time when fewer and fewer students are choosing to study modern languages, this money provides an incentive yes, but also security for those from more disadvantaged backgrounds so they can be safe in the knowledge that they will have support in order to study their subject(s).
Benefits: Sovereignty returned to the public of the United Kingdom. This is a major benefit as I personally believe no law should ever be created by an unelected official and the European Commission is wholly unelected.
Negatives: Preventing the flow of people is preventing the flow of ideas. Scientists often have to travel around Europe to contribute to the greater European scientific community, this is how institutions like ESA continue to exist. So leaving the EU is clearly going to hamper this, potentially lagging science and technology in both the UK and the EU.
The EU funds a lot of different educational events, such as the recent Explorathon (full disclosure: I volunteered to help with this event), this funding is unlikely to continue without being in the EU and is very unlikely to be picked up by the UK government.
The United Kingdom government is growing more and more infatuated with fruitless austerity. In spite of consecutive Conservative party victories, the deficit remains at an all-time high. This means that there will likely be a decrease in funding for science and education from the tax budget, which would be very unfortunate.
Science funding and ability for rest of EU workers to remain in country
The number of international students will slowly dwindle.
Freedom of movement will reduce opportunities for younger people both educationally and for travelling People will become more negative towards foreign people Earnings will decrease, prices will increase Possibilities for scientific research will decrease Overall economy will be slower

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Less ability to attract European academic. Loss of EU funding. Higher living costs.

St, Andrews, already an elitist university will become even more so, with the potential outcome that only wealthy EU students will be able to afford tuition.

There are so many negatives that I could not possibly list them all here, but it's certainly going to make UK universities less appealing to international students and academics, and I believe that Higher Education in the UK will suffer greatly as a result of Brexit.

- It will be harder for academics to be leaders of research
-Students from the EU might have to pay fees, potentially as high as overseas students :(

Lack of funding

Less EU students and international students coming to the university which lowers our diversity and accessibility to all

Lack of Erasmus programmes, as a student of modern languages working with countries in the EU is essential and with Brexit we are seen as closed off and unwelcoming.

Greater democratic control of law making, a fairer immigration system that doesn't give favour to the majority white nations of Europe, control over trade powers and a better relationship with the commonwealth

Problems for existing/future academics

I believe that the possible increasing in fees may prevent many excellent European students from applying. I may have not been able to study here if fees for EU students were too high.

Thus it may have a bad impact both on the high level of selection of the University, and on the diversity of students applying and studying there.

Brexit will almost certainly have a negative impact on the research done at St Andrews - specifically within science where a lot of funding comes from the EU.

Concerns for research in general, as much funding comes from the EU, and sharing knowledge with other scientists from other universities/countries.

Concerns for collective goals for institutions (eg in regards to females in prominent positions) made via the EU.

Concerns for no longer free educations for both Scots and EU nationals.

Concerns for difficulties finding job/intern/volunteer positions during/after studying.

I am concerned that the tuition fees will rise for EU students and I would not be able to afford them. Difficulties to get a visa you have to pay for.

Restrictions to go home in an EU country, difficulties to carry out research in an EU country.

The ERASMUS program hasn't been mentioned and undoubtedly benefits languages students in a number of different ways on their mandatory years abroad.

Political regression since the union was a sign of progress in political model. The economic effects is serious too. UK's identity also comes under fire as the British government has always been a symbol of noble choices. However, Theresa May's actions and naiveness will make the world lose confidence on the British government.

More autonomy and sovereignty for Britain - there will be no power higher than us

Regarding this university, I feel Brexit is likely to decrease the diversity of students and teachers that this university prides itself on.

No longer beneficial from Erasmus

Don't know enough

University and research funding will be cut, business will leave and there will be fewer jobs.

Negatives: Loss of Home status for EU students will mean more visas, with troubles related, higher cost, therefore less appealing considering education is free/near-free in a lot of EU, loss of exchange programs like Erasmus, hassle at borders, concerns over hostility of locals, pound drop

Risk to research funding will obviously hurt hardest. And as students from abroad seem to be the PMs favourite group to try and cut, I think numbers will be hit as the UK becomes seen as a less attractive and progressive place.

I think that British Universities will lose a lot of gifted students from Europe that can only study here due to lower tuition fees comparing to the rest of the world. Considering the specification of Europe's school-level-education, comparing to the rest of the world (a good state school can often be better than an expensive private school), the British universities will experience a massive outflow of such students, what will lower their educational level overall. The same applies to academics, who will find it now much harder to come to do their research and/or teaching in the UK (visa/immigration hassle, higher fees, greater legal restrictions, also in terms of getting their families here, getting their kids to go to school here).

None

I feel it will reduce the likelihood of people from all backgrounds and with all skills coming to the UK to work, especially academics, researchers etc. which will affect teaching quality throughout the country

Concerned about free tuition for Scottish students continuing

There's going to be absolutely fuck all benefits from Brexit. The economy is going to go over a cliff edge, inflation is going to run rampant and it's going to be harder to move/work/go on holiday on the continent. All for what? Blue passports? Selling things in lbs and oz? "Taking back control"? It's not worth any of that shite. I want to live in a country that looks outward to our neighbours and sees them for what they are: our strongest allies and best trading partners. I don't want to live in a country that hates immigrants or where Boris fucking Johnson becomes Foreign Secretary after driving round the country with his absolute joke of a bus.

The UK will not be under the direct influence of EU regulation, and will be able to address immigration matters without the interference of such regulation, which the majority of leave voters cite as their purpose of voting.

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Research grants Study abroad opportunities Diversity of student body And therefore appeal of St. Andrews Leads to further knock on effects
I don't see any potential for benefits - so far only negatives have appeared from negotiation talks and it seems we will not be able to get the main points Brexit campaigners wanted without significant compromise.
Erm....
less diversity of staff and students from EU countries
Loss of access to EU grants for research, harder to collaborate (due tighter visa rules and also potential loss of opportunity)
Brexit is dangerous for the economy. It also contributes to negative views on Britain around most of the world.
I'm worried that Scotland will become independent and I may be charged as an international student or be given less support
- poorer opportunities for young adults to get into the housing market - less opportunity to travel and work in the EU
No more control from the ECJ Only we will decide who comes in and out of our country Freer to set up our own free trade deals with the rest of the world and not just with the EU
poor impact on EU student
Brexit is a huge waste of time, I never want to hear about it ever again. Never in human history has such more effort been expended by so many people for something of such little consequence. It is not going to make the slightest bit of difference either way. WHO CARES?!
Restrictions on students from EU countries
EU Students might require visa to study in Scotland
Hard for EU students to get visa, hard to combine university with work.
I feel as though the very open mindset and welcoming attitude might begin to fade a bit and that a lot of students from across Europe may no longer have the chance to attend the university due to rising fees— the university is the way it is because of the huge presence of international students.
I have plenty concerns over Brexit. I don't see a single positive and I understand respecting the democracy and the 'will of the people'- but our country is cutting its nose to spite its face. Small businesses will take a huge hit and who is going to take the risk or go through the hassle to start up a business post-Brexit? Our research opportunities will be long gone and British Science and Education gap is going to widen, as will the wealth gap which will lead to an emphasis on the issues that lead to a Leave vote winning. The complications of Brexit could be talked about all da.
I do not think that too much will change.
Less regulation of dodgy business practice, less communication with the EU affecting research, less/no free movement reducing UK student access to the EU and vice versa
I do not see any benefits from Brexit. The negatives of the vote for St Andrews include the obvious issues surrounding funding and research opportunities, but also the wider implications that come from this in terms of slipping in international league tables and attracting the international community that makes St Andrews so special.
EU funding for scientific research might be cut, fewer international collaboration opportunities. Rise of xenophobia.
Less reasearch opportunities for the scientific community
Increased cost of living, international students discouraged from applying to St Andrews in the first place
Loss of diversity and quality of incoming students
Loss of EU funding for research which will have an effect on the university's reputation
The examples of the Home Office telling people who have built their lives here to leave the country sets a vary foreboding precedent for the future. We have so many students and members of staff from all over the world who do not have the security they deserve. There are also potential problems with travel, study abroad, and collaborations with universities in the EU.
Negatives include: - difficulties in applying for study abroad years due to visa requirements - possible decrease in ethnic diversity at university due to increasing difficulty in over seas students attaining visa papers and their increasing likelihood to stay in Europe for school
Funding and collaboration in EU based science projects - Increased intolerance and xenophobia - Worried about the impact on the Erasmus programme
I believe that our economy will suffer, it seems unlikely that May will be able to secure a good trade deal and as a country we don't have huge comparative advantage over commodities, so we are already in a bad position.
There are numerous benefits of Brexit, which I will outline below 1) Freedom to set up trade deals with countries around the world, and not be constrained by the biggest exclusivist trade bloc in the world. 2) Have the opportunity to invest more in Africa, the continent that has the most potential for progress in the next 50 years. 3) Help to reduce immigration to more manageable levels and ensure that public services are put under less duress than they are now. 4) Taking back sovereignty 5) Freedom for innovation in the labour and jobs market
Concerns for study abroad and for Scottish students wanting to postgrads in Europe

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Negative: less research funding, more difficult for academic movement, leading to less academic exchange. Academia thrives from and relies on the exchange of ideas and from a diverse community. I'm very concerned that these pillars of academia will suffer greatly unless given a much higher priority in the negotiations.

Another major concern is the fate of EU students once they graduate. It is a personal concern of mine which (if any) guarantees I have to be able to stay in the UK. Not everyone can secure a job right away - what happens to those graduates?

What will happen with EU tuition? And EU professors?

There will probably be a huge loss in funding, especially regarding the study abroad programme, and European students might be less likely to come here to study, too.

Freedom from EU regulation

Less integration with European partners on educational and academic issues.

Inability to travel as easily within EU

I see absolutely no benefit from leaving from either an educational, work or social view. I will always regard myself as very European even after we are dragged out of the EU.

No positives at all. Foreign students will likely stop coming to the UK to study, likely put off by the nasty, inward-looking and xenophobic attitude Brexiteers have given this country.

My partner is a final year EU student and we have no idea what he's going to do once he's finished - he no longer feels he can apply here for a Master's as fees will probably skyrocket, and depending on how these Brexit negotiations are going, we may be faced with separation. I'm incredibly angry.

Negatives:

Much less people will consider studying here, since tuition fees will be much higher, and probably the same as in England, and not a lot of people can afford studying here even at the moment.

There is already also perception of Europeans not being welcomed here, after incidents directly after referendum. So why would you go somewhere for 4-5 years if they openly don't want you there?

Less research funds affecting professors as well.

Possible visa and entry problems. Possible problems to find work after school here.

Problems with finding healthcare and insurances.

Also, no Erasmus programme which will be a huge turnoff for most prospective students.

Greater parliamentary autonomy as well as judicial independence. In terms of students: I can see a greater focus being placed on international engagement rather than simply European hegemony. Especially in a university such as St. Andrews where there is already such engagement it may be a force for discussing the university's role as a forum for issues of international discussion.

Concerned future financial difficulties will take away Scottish student tuition fees being paid for by the government.

Unfortunately I believe it will limit opportunities for living, working and studying abroad, as well as discouraging multiculturalism within UK institutions (particularly universities).

More study abroad links with universities outside Europe. Too much scaremongering by student groups on Brexit, and the correspondence by the principal too has also portrayed Brexit in an unnecessarily bad light.

Concern: costs of leaving, loss of EU immigration to UK, loss of EU funding for certain projects, political instability both in UK and Europe, overall UK stance on immigration meaning potential loss of talent, what regulations will eventually replace EU ones? No particular action by govt against increase in racially fuelled crime since vote.

Potential: new political/trade partnerships? Could relax some EU regulations? May help smaller U.K. businesses retain local customers. In long run may be good idea since EU seems to have increasing internal tension, but hard to say.

Make us more insular

Quite literally nothing good can come out of this. Literally nothing.

Because of planned immigration crackdowns, I think the university will suffer. The government plans to include foreign students in net migration, which will make it harder for foreign students to secure places at St Andrews. I also think it, and more generally the image cultivated by referendum result and behaviour of the government, create an impression that the UK is xenophobic and an unwelcoming place to be for foreigners, which may well dissuade foreign potential applicants, and not just those from the EU.

Tightening of immigration controls will also make it harder for the university to attract academics from around the world in the way it does now; academic positions require high levels of very specific expertise that universities cannot just rely on native Britons for. Restricting the travel of academics restricts the spread of ideas and viewpoints that academic culture so heavily relies on, and British universities currently face the prospect of having their perspectives artificially narrowed.

More funding for Scottish students because we don't have to fund EU students

Maybe more SCOTS here since it is a Scottish university

Less funding

Less international students (harsher immigration laws)

Cheaper tuition for international students due to devaluation of pound

I think that funding in education will decrease, our culture will be less diverse, the population will become more closed minded. funding in arts will also decrease, so are culture will take a step back. the economy will suffer a lot. my employment opportunities will be negatively impacted.

It will make it far more complex for any dealing or travel to the EU, especially for any EU students who wish to study here.

I believe it will lead to the establishment of better international relations,- focusing on not just Europe but on a more global community, including less developed countries and developing countries such as Brazil and India - who are likely to be far more influential in the coming decades.

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I see very little in the way of direct benefits to Higher Education from Brexit, in fact depending on how negotiations are handled, it could be catastrophic. The loss of EU funding and talent/collaboration in research will have major effects on universities across the entire UK. So I guess it's enough to say that I am concerned about my chosen career path over the next years as a result of Brexit.

Needless to say, the economic implications and restriction on free movement is another frustrating aspect of Brexit.

Brexit is basically all negative... Who knows how our economy is going to handle it? Are people from other countries still going to want to come to the UK and study here when we're basically saying "we want to get away from you lot"? I also think it could impact the prospect of working or studying abroad in the future which is also not good.

negative - kicked out of EU's erasmus educational programme

No benefits to brexit. Brexit will mean we loose hard working Scottish and European students. These spaces will be filled by foreign students who pay high fees and who have much lower entry standards. The university will make more money overall but will loose quality of education and academic prestige.

Only negatives. It's going to leave us all a lot worse off.

I look forward to the day when the parliamentary sovereignty my ancestors fought for is restored to the United Kingdom.

Less European students making for a less inclusive and multicultural university, and less opportunities for students abroad in the EU. I'm particularly worried about the ERASMUS programme and how this will be affected as this directly relates to my considerations of studying abroad.

more difficult to share research/study abroad

(No response)

Affects younger people's futures, no free movement and opportunities to live work and travel Europe - older people won't have to deal with the repercussions!

Negatives: a significant percentage of the budget for the University of St Andrews comes from the EU - this could easily not be replaced by the UK government upon leaving. Participation in EU wide research projects and funding organisations is vital to the success of UK science - a drop in engagement with these will only be bad for research at British universities, which rely on collaboration to make a success of big projects.

Loss of respect from other nations, probable loss of research funding, difficulties for EU staff and students, and the university may use this as an opportunity to start charge EU students international-level tuition fees.

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I really see no benefits... Only a rise in hate language and insecurity. I believe that unity and strength in numbers is the key to any success in the world.

We will have more control over where are research money goes to instead of it being handed to Europe and then redistributed.

My main concern is that it will drastically worsen international relations between the U.K. and other countries on all fronts. I think it will slow the process of important research as international collaboration will be more difficult. I also fear that people from other countries will be less likely to come to both the university and the U.K. As a whole, which would not only mean a reduced culture but also would make the UK seem like a hostile place.

Positives: de-regulation, political sovereignty, fiscal control, a more advantageous border policy

Negatives: division of the country through incorrectly labeling leave voters as bigoted

As an EU resident and international student I think Brexit will make it more difficult for international students' desire, and the availability, to study at a U.K. University. I think it will make the U.K., as a whole, a less welcoming and less diverse place.

Money worth less and more expensive imports, so cost of living increase. More difficult to travel in Europe. Poorer standards of goods, particularly food. Poorer health and safety and workers rights. Potentially loss of devolved powers in Scotland leading to a more conservative society in Scotland. Also feel that people outside of UK (and inside) now view Brits as more racist and xenophobic. Poorer country, less spending on services such as NHS and education. No positives.

Further division between nations and less cooperation. Our collective identity becomes based on nationality rather than humanity.

My biggest concern is immigration. People will look to the UK as the place not to go.

- Potential to bring more staff and students from outside the EU.

I believe British universities will begin to see less and less European students and academics taking interest in coming to the UK and we will begin to lag behind our connected European counterparts.

Due to the economic difficulties that will follow Brexit, less money will go to education making it much more difficult to get one. This is a big concern to me, as I believe that higher education is one of the pillars to economic stability/viability.

Mostly negative; science funding will be cut

The UK will be free to negotiate its own free trade agreements with the emerging economies of the world as well as make its regulatory system more flexible and less bureaucratic. As a Portuguese citizen though, I'm worried about the potential changes to the immigration system and the imposition of a complex visa system.

I know of a researcher at another university who is experiencing great difficulty in securing funding for her research due to the uncertainty caused by Brexit. Certainly for sciences a large amount of research funding comes from European companies who are now avoiding UK based research centers. Brexit will also likely discourage European students from applying to UK universities.

Brexit has the potential however to improve the UK economy in the long term but in the short to medium term there will likely be only adverse effects.

Economic downturn

We'll probably see a fee rise for EU students, making the student body less diverse and furthering the university's reputation for being only for the wealthy. It will also make it harder for students to seek jobs outside the UK after graduation

Financial uncertainty while studying at a British university, especially for overseas students. Potential Visa issues or concerns.

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Taking back control. Taking back control. Take back control. Take back control. Taking back control. Taking back control. Take back control. Take back control. Take back control. Taking back control. Taking back control. Take back control. Take back control.
If the two options for post-Brexit government weren't hard left protectionists and hard-right free market mentalists, and the grown ups in the centre of politics weren't trying to reverse the vote there might've been potential.
Brexit will have a catastrophic impact on nearly all aspects of public life in the UK.
I am worried about the study abroad scheme and the opportunities students will have in the future to study in the EU.
Research funding likely to decrease
Number of international students and staff likely to decrease.
Both definitely negatives.
Less research funding, higher tuition for EU students, less EU students overall
It will restrict our opportunities for working abroad, and will also prevent new job opportunities being created in the uk.
Major concerns about tuition fees should I choose to remain in Scotland and/or the UK for a Masters degree. Similarly concerned about working rights if I want to work in the UK after graduation.
Less EU students No funding for EU students through SAAS
- I do not see any potential at all - uk-education will most likely loose in reputation among Europe
I'm worried about what will happen to ERASMUS and the EU students who are studying here.
I think Brexit has been a very divisive event and don't see how two years will be enough time to negotiate so many policies that will affect everything from education to immigration to trade. I think in the modern day, being able to study with others from different countries, cultures, and perspectives is a key advantage students gain in university (and especially our university, with students from 140 countries or something like that?! it's amazing), and I'm worried that that is a potential loss to come in the near future.
Problems with British students gaining jobs in Europe. Companies unwilling to employ British students
I see no benefits accruing from Brexit. I worry that it will degrade the rights of UK citizens in Europe, allow standards of industrial hygiene to slide, and gear the economy towards the private profit of a very small, intensely wealthy minority at the expense of the life-chances of the young, and the infrastructure necessary to maintain the civic integrity of both the British and the Scottish people.
Negatives: more conflicted relations between Britain and countries of the EU, complications in international trade, rise in prices for Britain, political and economic cleavages within the UK, more divided European community, more instability in EU economic conditions, and less focus on establishing a global community centered on cooperation and protecting and conserving our environment.
My concern is that the opinion of Scots was entirely disregarded by the chosen voting system. While referenda are advisory, this represents a blatant ignorance by Westminster and has had a knock-on effect for the question of Scottish Independence, once again making the future of Scotland's position in the UK and EU uncertain. Furthermore, I do not believe the Brexit process is being carried out efficiently since it is being enacted largely by Remainers after many pro-Leave politicians withdrew from responsibility. Overall, I think the entire process has been a sham which has the potential to harm higher education and cause uncertainty in our futures, particularly Scottish students.
The only way to continue creating jobs and increase wages is to have a competitive economy, Brexit will ensure this. How we build that competitive economy is up to us, not up to the EU.
As a free nation we have a choice of how to do this. For example, we could follow a socialist path, nationalising industry, strengthening the unions and welfare benefits. Or we limit the welfare state and massively reduce taxes and general state interference. We could have more or less migration, free trade, and investment in infrastructure. What is important is that we have the power to choose for ourselves how to run the country.
Our economy will be hit badly. There are no benefits.
Economic failure due to hard brexit decisions, loss of pound, higher customs
This university is already very homogenous. We need more students from the eu sand beyond, not fewer. Furthermore, Brexit limits the opportunities of Scottish students to study abroad!
inability to travel as easily, EU students not being able to come to study
- Less funding for research. - Student body not as international as before (I guess it could be good for UK students though, easier for them to get accepted with less competition, however, less competition could also mean a lower quality of applicants). - I think fewer EU students will consider working in the UK when they graduate. I'm a fourth year and I'm not applying for UK graduate schemes, not because I don't think I would get a work permit in the end if that's needed, but I'm not expecting the British economy to do well after leaving the single market. I'm more interested in starting my career in places like Germany, France and Switzerland. - I also think that students might not be interested in staying here because of the political climate in general, and how rhetoric and patriotism seem more important in British politics than facts and pragmatism. The general 'I'm not European' sentiment is also something I don't identify with. Speaking several languages, I also think I'll have more in common with other Europeans and fit in better in more European countries.
I think Brexit will have a negative effect on the country, making travel and emigration harder and that it will weaken the already shaky relations the UK has with other countries. As for potential their probably is some but its not be effectively communicated by our government and the effects Brexit will have on the everyday person or student are not being illustrated effectively so most people are very unsure where they stand. We have no cohesive vision for Brexit from either the Scottish Parliament or Westminster that is easy enough for everyone to understand therefore no one really knows whats going on.

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With St. Andrews being so international the impact of applying a for student visa to come here would definitely impact my choice in the future. Free movement within the EU would probably entice me to travel somewhere else to study, somewhere I am a citizen. I am a citizen of the EU and since the UK is no longer a part of this I would want to be somewhere I am regarded a citizen if I were applying in 3/4/5 years
I believe that leaving the Customs Union will put Britain at the heart of Globalisation. Britain will also be at the heart of international development using our ability to strike free trade deals with countries that the European Union Customs Union exploits will help spark a massive reduction in poverty.
It will also bring an end to a European Nationalist policy of freedom of movement which values Europe's more than any other nation. As someone who believes that Britain should be open to all, I cannot wait for this racist immigration policy to end.
Chance to charge EU students a fair rate and have enough money coming into Saint Andrews to fund its activities.
As an EU student, differences in funding in different countries mean I will no longer be getting any funding towards my degree
Benefit: Indyref2
Tuition fees will rise for many of those who struggle. Even for graduates of university, staying in the UK will no longer be a likely prospect.
Once outside the European Union the Scottish Government will no longer be obliged to treat EU students equally to Scottish-domiciles. This means that at the time of exit from the EU, the Scottish Government would be within the law to deny existing and future EU students access to SAAS funding to pay for their tuition fees. Although the current system which gives a free university education to Scottish and EU students but no such luxury to English, Welsh and Northern Irish students is far from perfect, the short term and long term impact of Brexit will negatively affect St Andrews and prospective St Andrews students from the EU.
It may wake the rest of Europe up to the pitfalls of the current EU format, but these changes won't be quick to fix so may never actually be realised. Confidence in the UK is currently pretty low. Until an agreement is reached and people realise that the situation isn't as bad as the media says it is, I think we'll struggle to maintain the intellectual exchange we currently enjoy. I believe this will return once the negotiations are concluded.
A lot of negatives. Job prospects are worrying, renting rather than being able to buy is worrying and worrying about how people around us respect (disrespect) people from abroad rather than realising the wonderful things they bring to the UK. I worry about funding and the quality of teaching we will get.
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Loss of funding / access to wider European higher education community resources
I am afraid that there will be an increase in narrow-mindedness and isolation from the international community, and that we will make it more difficult to receive people from the rest of the world, in addition to marring the reputation of Britain internationally. I am also concerned about what Brexit means for the status of Scotland within the UK, given that the majority of the Scottish vote was to Remain.
Our generation will be left with this heinous legacy. Brexit is not an opportunity, it is grossly limiting and backwards.
Tuition fees for EU students!?
Literally none.
Lack of ability to travel and share ideas and people.
Collaboration with other universities, placements, and learning experiences will be lessened. As well, we will be less attractive for qualified academics.
Brexit will impair the mobility of students and (academic) staff.
Harder for foreign people to attend the uni
When overseas students graduate they won't be able to work here, feels kind of useless. And overseas students pay much more for the University than UK students.
Less applications from European students, therefore a loss of diversity in UK universities. Erasmus programmes at risk. EU academics and students may lose right to live in the UK if they don't meet the income criteria imposed by government, and general disregard for the massive support to Remain by younger generations in the country - who will ultimately pay the consequences in long term. Overall, a very negative situation.
As a modern languages student, I worry about the future of years abroad. Without Erasmus funding they may become inaccessible for many students.
It's validated a lot of the xenophobia, racism and toxic nationalism - I feel that we will only become more insular as a nation and lose any standing on the global stage.
I believe we are opening ourselves to wider world and leaving behind the vile and undemocratic EU. I believe we can get true equality in Higher education by having EU students pay their fair share. To live up to the expectations placed on non-EU students. It is truly a wonderful and endless opportunity for our country and our university to leave tired old Europe behind and face a face moving world. Our start up success rate in the EU is terrible and this is because of the federal programs of the bloated EU.
The negatives are already here: high inflation, stagnant wages and thus falling real incomes. Growth is stagnant, too. The overwhelming majority of economists believe that Brexit will negatively impact economic growth.
One potential upside is that it may help to reduce support for the far-right in Britain. However, given that Brexit is causing - and will cause - people to become poorer, votes for extremists could become more, not less, likely.
Concern: distance from European states and weakening of the EU, which in turn would help feed far right nationalist groups and endanger cooperation, as well as the peace in Europe. Real danger of isolated and isolationist UK. Could push NI and Scotland to independence as well, breaking up the union which makes Britain important and should be a symbol of pride. Also economic costs, so lack of funds for major investment in infrastructure which required.
Benefit: Potential future economic gain. May push the EU to badly-needed reform.
Potential restrictions to the Erasmus programme are concerning, and I'm afraid EU students will find the UK a less welcoming place to study.

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I think the UK will be thrown into deep recession, will take years to recover, will damage international relations in a major way, and universities and academia will suffer the lack of opportunities from the EU and suffer from not having free movement within EU, particularly for years/semesters abroad programmes.

Benefits are the separation from the currently fairly undemocratic and beurocratic eu. Downsides are the possible impacts on business due to the period of change.

Overall I do not think brexit (or the lack thereof) will effect the uk.

Absolutely fucking nothing

I'm worried I won't be able to stay in Scotland after I finish my degree, I'm worried it will be difficult for my family to visit me while I'm studying or that when I go home for holidays it will be hard to come back because I have to go through customs or something like that.

Further economic instability, reduced opportunities to travel and study abroad (both for Scottish student and International students studying here), reduction in job prospects as a result of international companies ceasing to operate in the UK, re-launch of what we thought was a finalized Scottish Independence campaign despite the fact that there is now even more uncertainty.

Reduction in the number of EU students applying to or attending the university

I worry that the international student body of St Andrews will change to represent only the richest of countries. The overrepresentation of American students is unlikely to change. I believe students from eastern European countries will be, on the whole, less able to come. Even those that can afford tuition will be negatively impacted by a higher cost of living.

The only reason why my application here isn't affected is that I fall under non-EU for fee purposes (although I do have an EU passport). If I was EU and depended on my fee status (bound to change now), I wouldn't come to Scotland, if I was to pay, I'd pay for a uni in England that takes only 3 years of tuition fees. And even then, besides St. Andrew's, there's on average better quality unis in England, so if I'm going to pay I'm going to pay for the better (and shorter) English one

Fees might increase for eu students. Prices are getting higher for daily living goods. Finding for research might decrease

The Erasmus+ System is likely to change/St Andrews will not be included - negative

Ultimately, the University of St Andrews charge me £9,250 compared to EU students who get the Scottish rate. I find this grossly unfair and so believe if we leave that EU students paying the same as myself/more than me is fairer. I live in Britain yet feel like Scottish universities, St Andrews certainly included, penalise English students or give preferential fee status to EU students and not UK ones which is unfair. Leaving will make it fairer on the whole in regards to fee status and education, I believe.

I am worried that students from the EU will be discouraged from coming to study in the U.K, that UK students will have fewer opportunities to study and work abroad in the EU (such as on the erasmus scheme), that there might be fewer research grants for universities, that there will be negative effects on implementing policies to protect future generations (such as environmental policies) and will affect social cohesion as people disagree on what should happen during brexit negotiations (if at all)

More control over CFP and CAP which aren't particularly beneficial policies for Scotland (Although the EU govt. does its best to treat Scottish farms more fairly). Will allow for more tailored trade deals (but this is arguably worse than having EU-wide trade deals so...)

I believe it will hurt the number of students that come from the EU, since depending on the outcome they may have to apply for visas and pay higher tuition fees.

It will hit the economy HARD, which will have serious ramifications
It will be more difficult to do trade

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There may be less research funding, and there could be fewer staff and students from the EU that are able to come to St Andrews

Reduce the diversity of the university body

Negatives: A decrease in skilled workers entering the UK and an increase in UK citizens leaving to find work elsewhere. A worsening of the anti-expert sentiment that was expressed during the referendum campaign.

Positives: EU reform which could lead to a halting of the Brexit process or later re-entry.

Negatives include game to the UK economy, loss of free movement, potential for Tories to pass laws such as their new humans right acts, which will most likely not be as comprehensive or good as the EU humans rights acts.

Concerned about the Erasmus programme and study abroad programmes.

the economy will not be stable for years to come, jobs will not be secure for our generation

Much of Brexit and the consequences of Britain leaving the EU have yet to come. As such, what we have is an awful lot of uncertainty. I feel that Brexit, at the moment has given the UK a negative reputation to some members of European nations. Do they feel as welcome as they should, do they feel like they have as much of a right to study in the UK as they should, will we still be able to attract and advertise ourselves as a pro-unity establishment, that accepts global idea's and ideals? These are my concerns, whether they are founded or not remains to be seen. As a whole I currently cannot see any benefits of Brexit for St-Andrews.

Seems fair that EU students would pay the same as rest of UK students- if they come that is...Disgusting that they have to anyway! Otherwise people need to chillax- nothing is going to change. Life will still be shitty with good moments...

At this point I think it is all negative, but hopefully Scotland will gain more autonomy so it can counteract some of the incoming problems.

Issues: xenophobia; closed borders lead to worse science (recent Nature issue); research funding from EU will be gone; financial instability etc

Worse economic state

Regressive social values

Weaker public services

Damaged academic reputation

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potential benefit = lower house prices

negatives = higher living costs due to weak pound/economic recession

A great deal of university funding comes from the EU (e.g. grants and Erasmus); in the aftermath of Brexit, this funding will likely disappear. UK students who wish to further themselves by traveling to and exploring Europe will now be faced with visa applications and border difficulties.

No potential in leaving

A large cohort of European students contribute to the academic and social environment at St Andrews, and without clear measures to support their continued attendance at this university it will suffer as a centre of teaching excellence as well as research. All faculties benefit hugely from the contribution of EU students and staff, or indirectly from links to EU institutions such as Erasmus, and without these the St Andrews student experience is set to diminish.

That said, there is now the possibility that the patently unfair discrimination between rUK and EU students in terms of undergraduate fees will now become an issue which demands attention and something resembling a resolution, as whilst EU students shouldn't lose out due to the political opportunism of the Conservative party, it begs the question as to why rUK students should suffer due to similar opportunism by the SNP.

less diversity among students & staff

Benifits: Sovernty, won't be controlled by EU regulation, won't have to send money to EU so can spend it in Britain

Loss of EU funding for education, arts, and sciences. Collaborating with organisations outside the UK will become more difficult. There has already been a negative financial impact on investment in the UK. Studying in the UK will become more expensive and more difficult for international and EU students.

Concerns about the Erasmus scheme and about the multicultural society we experience in St. Andrews being lost

Many brilliant EU stundets won't even apply bc it's not worth travelling 3 hours and having to have a VISA. Also, knowing the UK citizens have chosen to leave the EU I feel rejected by not only the government but mostly the majority of its citizens.

Brexit is a fantastic opportunity for the university. It will allow us to focus on scholarship and academia more. We must not waste any time dilly-dallying over a second referendum or not. We are a democracy and we voted to leave. Therefore, we leave. The university should be positive about this.

N/a

fewer international students

We will lose a large amount of international prestige. Lose loads of research funding, this is a particular problem in Chemistry. I've had the right to live and work in 27 counties stolen from me.

A clear diminution of the international aspect of the university as propsect for unemployment for international students are even more jeopardized now that companies have to account for EU citizens visa sponsorship in the future.

Restricted ability to travel/work in Europe once graduating

Restricted chance to meet international students that come to St Andrews to study, making the university less diverse in culture and opinions

harder for students to study abroad and do placement years in EU countries, likely tuition fees will increase, I worry the Scottish government won't be able to pay for Scottish students to go to university.

The main thing I am worried about is that BREXIT will result in higher tuition fees because it will mean that St. Andrews no longer recieves education subsidies from the EU.

The restoration of accountability and sovereignty to the British Parliament. Now our politicians shan't be able to blame the bogeymen in Brussels for our ills.

All bad

I believe Brexit brings in an era of isolationism when globalisation is forcing the world the other way. It will bring more border security but whilst it does that it encourages a narrow mindedness that is counter-productive.

Students will ahve greater difficulty being accepted and getting visas to the university and the country and expenses will grow

It is quite difficult to foresee even at the highest levels, so I really can't say much with any authority. I can merely speculate that it will damage the world's view of the UK in regard to its tolerance and open-mindedness, and help further separatist movements throughout Europe no matter how many defeats they suffer.

We will lose out on the huge numbers of European Students who choose to come here to study because of the funding arrangement that will potentially be lost/change.

I can see it becoming more difficult to work in other European countries which we currently have free movement and work agreements with.

Unless the UK & EU can negotiate a really good relationship through Brexit (not very likely in my opinion), I think that the UK is going to suffer not just from the fact that travelling/living in Europe will be harder, though in careers like Medicine where there aren't already enough doctors, nurses or other professionals, there are going to be some very serious problems.

It will deter EU students from coming to St Andrews by introducing the need for visas and terminating the fee-omission we currently enjoy, thus making St Andrews even more gentrified and targeted towards the rich overseas students that we have in large numbers anyway.

Less international students due to fee uncertainty and so less diversity

Possible ties cuts with international research institutes

Study abroad and Erasmus uncertainties

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The most backwards choice of our generation. There are other ways to address economic/social/political problems than by pointing a finger at another establishment. I have concerns that restricting freedom of movement between EU citizens will affect educational and business institutions alike. The UK has now become a far less attractive country to study, live, work and invest in and I think as a British citizen, soon to graduate, I will feel the negative effects of this referendum very heavily.

10: What do you believe the University and the Students' Association should be doing with regards to Brexit? (If anything.)

Responses

To be totally honest, I don't know what they could do. Maybe just keep the university as a whole abreast of the student view so they can pass it on to higher authorities.

I don't think there's anything they can do

Hope that Nicola holds another referendum and manages this time. In all seriousness, just be as open and transparent as possible about the implications of the ongoing Brexit negotiations and communicate developments as they occur.

back jez for pm #ForTheManyNotTheFew

Encourage more people to write to their local MP or the MP of their hometown in the UK

Don't know

making sure students can get visas

I am unsure of what can be done. The Scottish Government has made its position clear so hopefully that will ease the pain somewhat.

Making sure it doesn't affect students applying if possible

The Union ought to better represent the views of ALL students. This includes those who voted to Leave. As such I think there should be no one approach taken by the Union. Rather there ought to be a more comprehensive, inclusive and positive approach.

Working with other UK universities to ensure that the voices of students, academics and higher education institutions are heard by the government and those carrying out Brexit negotiations.

To be honest, I don't think the Students' Association can do much about the situation - decisions taken on a national level will have the strongest consequences. The Association could make sure that students' voices are heard and express their opinion, but not much more. I think they should primarily try to save the international student body, as this is an important part of St Andrews, but I've gotten the impression that the university finds this important too and will do what they can.

Opposing it openly and publicly. Brexit goes against everything St. Andrews and its students stand for and value. It will damage our university and its students, as well as the rest of the UK.

Provide support to EU students, preparing alternative pricing....

The Uni and the Union should be campaigning strongly for the UK to either remain in the EU or at the very least in the Single Market. We should be lobbying backbench Tory MPs to vote against the EU Withdrawal Bill in the state that it's in and support Cross-Party Amendments that will avoid a cliff-edge Brexit and will give parliament the final say.

I think they should be petitioning the government and making sure that the voice of the youth who will actually have to deal with the legacy of Brexit are being listened to.

Supporting international and EU students pastorally and practically; expressing solidarity with international and EU students and ensuring they still feel welcome in St Andrews; and providing guidance for all students to help us navigate the changing political, financial, and educational landscape ahead.

I believe the University should inform government of any views or concerns it has about the transition and/or Brexit negotiations relevant to the University, but should refrain from politically campaigning on behalf of the private views of those who happen to represent the University.

Continue to try and attract students from all over the world to preserve the intellectual and social diversity of both the staff and student base. Annual updates on what is being done to achieve this.

Writing to government to ask to make sure the Scottish parliament doesn't interfere with full Brexit plans.

I don't think the St. Andrews university union has much to do about Brexit to be honest

Advocating for the university, so as to attempt to get it more into the public eye, so that uni will be seen to more and therefore hopefully gain the best outcome with regards to brexit.

Gaining foreign connections outside of the EU. Increasing partnerships with good American Universities

Nothing we can really do :(Protest is only option

Unsure

Try and keep things as similar to right now as they can and make the University accessible for everyone no matter the outcome of Brexit negotiations

Advocacy towards government, keep students who depend on EU passports updated on steps they have to take to continue their education

Continue to make European students feel welcome.

reassuring students regarding fee status

Campaigning for an independent Scotland who can be a full EU member.

Work as hard as it can to protect the students currently at the university from scapegoating, divisive rhetoric, and threats to their status as residents.

Reassuring EU students, especially in terms of their fee status remaining for the rest of their undergraduate studies at the uni, despite the triggering of Article 50

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Speaking up, bringing this point to light to a government which is not taking the people into account
Campaign hard for flexible working and studying visas. Campaign hard for stable funding as UK is removed from EU eligibility for research grants.
Restating the advantages of the EU and the harm that will be done to higher education upon exiting. Not really much more you can do.
Looking into the benefits that it will bring, or trying to make Brexit work specifically at a university level on the assumption that it will happen.
Facilitating positive and constructive discussion about the issue.
Not much they can do, simply make EU students feel welcome
The union should not be doing anything. The vote has happened and the union cannot change things. Resources should instead be used on more worthwhile causes at the university.
The University should be seeking a better deal with concern to having continued access to EU funding, in co-operation with other unis.
Mostly encouraging universities across the UK to help influence the debate on Brexit negotiations so that universities can remain multicultural centers for research and knowledge.
Be a strong political voice in the brexit negotiations to campaign for a high priority of higher education. If this is not possible, I wouldn't be opposed to the student's association advocating for a new vote on brexit.
trying to ease the process of students in terms of visas
Making sure students are kept as up to date as possible with how Brexit will actually affect them.
Don't increase tuition fees
Neither should do anything. It's not their place
Nothing
Encouraging leaders to pursue options to keep reciprocal higher education relations open.
Please, do not introduce high tuition fees that will make it inaccessible for people from Europe to come and get the amazing experience of studying here.
Make opinions heard, put more pressure on politicians making decisions to include what we want
Keep students as informed as possible about potential changes and uncertainties!
Little.
Set up an office to help with residence/citizenship applications & related questions, have a clear Q&A page on what the university is doing, keep pushing to make the disadvantages for students known
Let us know - what position will EU students be in??
Campaign to continue to make access to education as open as possible to all eu citizens despite brexit
Respect the will of the people
Taking into account those that voted leave. Givng both sides of the debate and not listening to the vocal remainers all the time.
They should be promoting it in a positive way.
Continue your hard work, keep fighting as you are doing! Help give information on what we can do, provide support on when leaving university about visa's.
Nothing because it'll be lefty remainder rubbish.
I'm not sure if there's anything to be done but to lobby/push for protection of EU students' rights and research funding. Perhaps educate EU students'/keep them aware of the potential implications Brexit may have for them in the future?
Possibly organising a Brexit talk or forum to keep students updated, and to field questions. I know much is not known about the details of Brexit (hence the worry...), but a proactive step in this direction would be well received.
We should celebrate the independence of the United Kingdom. Declaring that all students are against Brexit is a myth that needs to be debunked.
Continue to support EU students coming to St Andrews. Currently EU residents dont pay fees in Scotland, obviously with Brexit this will change.
For current students the impacts of this change need to be communicated clearly. For future students, new bursaries need to be put in place
I don't know how much the university and Union can/will do with regard to Brexit. Can/Will a university that continuously raises tuition fees - especially for international students - and residence fees be willing or able to increase the number of scholarships/bursaries it offers to students to continue to help students from all over the world to be able to study here? Can the Union manage to influence or do anything about Brexit when we are struggling to get our voices heard/change brought about concerning the student accommodation crisis in St Andrews? I realise this sounds a bit harsh, but I'm just questioning how much the uni and Union really have the power to do.
If you can, work with the MSP and see what helps.
I think at this moment it is difficult for the Students' Association to do much other than to prepare for and create contingencies involving how to assist students once Brexit date arrives. As for the University, it is difficult to say if they wish to carry on a political opinion with regard to this topic, but trying to find out how to approach EU students once Brexit occurs will be key.
Pursuing a radical remain agenda.
The SA should try to lobby the government to get student voices heard
Inviting guest speakers from all sides to encourage debate and encourage conversation internally. The student union should NOT try to influence the governments decisions either way

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Anything and everything possible. Take a stand against what is very clearly an incompetent conservative government who are more concerned about power and tax breaks than their own people.
Though you represent people both for and against Brexit, the rights of EU citizens already here are being disregarded and it is partly your responsibility to defend and protect those who you have invited to work and study here.
Lobby government on Brexit issues affecting the uni
Advocate on behalf of the students. Work to ensure EU partnerships and funding are either maintained or replaced.
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Ensure that students from the EU continue to pay a low tuition rate. If switched to the rest of world tuition rate, European students will refrain from applying and becoming students at our University. We benefit from a diverse and connected University, we should do all in our power to keep it that way.
Lobby for continued financial and political backing and maintain the voice of a small but integral academic institution that has done so much to shape the current social, political and cultural landscape.
Giving students all the information possible, guaranteeing a fixed price for students when entering the university
Ensuring that students' interests are represented without opposing result of the referendum
Not much you can do with people like Liam Fox or Boris Johnson in power, they've had enough of experts.
Not sure.
Voice up the concerns. If all universities do the same, they might consider it in négociations.
Taking a common sense strategy on remaining inclusive. Encourage European passport access for those who wish to remain.
I believe that they should lobby the British Parliament at the very least, pressuring for a second Brexit referendum. At most, they should advocate Scottish Independence in order to safeguard the continuation of our standard of excellence in research and pedagogy which seems clearly dependent on a multi-racial, international community of researchers and educators in our institution.
I think the university and the students association is already doing its best to work for the rights of its students, and should continue to put pressure on the government to make sure our voices are heard. It would be helpful to have regular updates so the student are kept informed about any progression.
Lobbying for a second referendum along with student associations all over the UK as not enough student voted in the original referendum. Moreover, the Students Association and university are responsible for raising Brexit awareness among students who often avoid politics because "its complicated".
Unsure what can be done, but this survey is an excellent start
If possible, petitioning to the PM and government to try and make them rethink Brexit negotiations as it has such a profound effect on students and universities. Not sure that there is that much that the University and Student's Association can really do.
I think the students' association should have advocating for the uni to remain as international as it is and to push the university to not reduce the number of places available for European students post-brexit
Not a goddamned thing
Perhaps try and offer current students from abroad information about how their residence status will be affected, when the UK government actually makes up their mind about the status of EU nationals.
Staying out of it altogether. Take an unbiased, non-partisan approach.
Conveying all information they receive about how they are planning to handle the fees and specific cases of European students already at the university to the students.
Elect Willie Rennie as rector - he has the right idea regarding Brexit.
Lay out clear guidelines for internationals wishing to study here. Openly ensure that all staff feel welcome and able to stay. Target areas within the University which could fall short as a result of Brexit - for example, determining how the loss of European funding will be addressed. Ensure that students who wish to participate in Study Abroad still have access to that opportunity; this works on both sides of the equation, with St Andrews leaving, and with other students visiting. Actively fight the negative impact of Brexit, and keep the doors of St Andrews open to the world.
Nothing, allow the process to continue
Keep the students up to date with changes (particularly when it comes to tuition fee changes).
Make a firm stance that you believe in remaining. It's the common sense option and if you keep not putting a logical stance forward then people are going to become disenfranchised with the University.
-University should appeal to government to address these concerns ASAP -Reassure students and staff from EU that they are valued -Prepare for any loss in funding without excessive job losses -Prepare for potential loss of EU researchers/other staff -Prepare for less EU students applying to study - ways to reassure potential students that they are welcome etc -For students within the UK those of working class backgrounds will be worse off financially. The university already has a large problem with accessibility, will there be more bursaries/financial help?
Not sure what you can do tbh
Ensuring that at the very least, UK retains access to single market and customs union in the event of Britain exiting the EU

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Information!! What legal rights do (EU) students have to remain in the UK after brexit? Both in terms of study and work. With negotiations undergoing and changing all the time, it is very difficult (stressful, emotionally draining) to try and piece together what is going on from the news. Perhaps newsletters sent out to all affected students? Information sessions? access to legal advice? Many are very concerned and feel the future is uncertain. Support from the University and from the Association would mean a lot

To try and keep the students updated on issues that are going to affect us directly.

Inform politicians of student opinions on Brexit

Try to gain assurance from other universities across Europe to protect study abroad opportunities

Approaching the European Union directly and campaign their in the university's interests.

Keep us informed on how brexit may affect our future.

This University is one of the most diverse and open universities in Britain, because of the different backgrounds students have. Therefore the SA should do everything to advocate for an open and diverse society. By extension it means opposing Brexit, because Brexit is synonymous to a closed and intolerant society.

- Fighting for freedom of movement for staff and student
- fighting for research funding to be secured
- Lobbying the government to take international students out of the migration target when we leave the EU and gain greater control over immigration

Lobbying for freedom of movement, trade
Maintaining EU academic partnerships in full

Lobby for the interests of students in government.

Pressure the government to give students clarity about what will happen to higher education institutions and how international students will be affected by changed (e.g. Visas and funding)

Encourage future students from EU to still apply for universities in Scotland by ensuring financial support and support in general (welcoming, hospitality)

Appeal to higher organisations to listen to uk students of which the majority preferred to remain in the eu

Reassure students. Get involved in helping to shape the government's decisions regarding the above.

Pushing diversity in education as a conversation. Speaking to politicians and campaigning loudly for diversity in education

Campaign to return to the EU.

I am not sure.

I think we should be continuously lobbying the government to listen to students' voices in negotiations. I think regular surveys are essential as whilst a majority of young people voted to remain St Andrews does have many students who voted to leave and we should not ignore their input. There should also be a greater engagement of the student population in these efforts in addition to representations made by the Students' Association President and by the University. The Students' Association should look into creating some kind of action group or task force, although perhaps more than one might be necessary to represent the multiplicity of opinions, to mobilise and enable students' action.

support EU students

Trying to raise the concerns of students across the UK with the national government. Attempting to reach agreements and promises for the future security of foreign students in the UK.

Admitting the same amount of EU and non EU students as before.

Providing a platform for student opinions to be heard on a higher level

Little, other than helping students with subsequent changes to any regulatory or technical matters. Whilst I personally voted for Remain (and wholeheartedly wish we could still do so) I don't think it's appropriate for the Students' Association to take a strong stand, either way, on the principle of Brexit more broadly. Just as it would be inappropriate to endorse a particular political party at a general election. So my personal view is that the Union should focus on helping students deal, where relevant, with the consequences of Brexit and, if it is to make public comments, only opine on specific aspects of the negotiations related to the interests of our students. (The Prime Minister suggested in her Florence speech that she wishes the UK to continue to participate in future EU programmes and policies that promote education - so unless that position changes Brexit shouldn't be an issue that takes up much of the Association's time.)

Further encouragement and protection for foreign (especially but not only EU) students, more vocal decrying of the government's current position. Protect our current and future students.

There's enough coverage of it really, no need to do anything.

I think the Association and the University ought to refrain from trying to steer the government towards a situation where they are encourage to leave the EU only de jure whilst remaining part of many of its institution. Obviously both have the duty to represent and express the legitimate initerests of students and academics, but the same cannot and ought not be used to undermine the democratic choice of the British electorate by means of a bureaucratic death by a thousand cuts.

Ensuring that current/applying students and beyond after the brexit vote will be given all the same consideration and support that has been available in the past.

Try to ensure that EU students are still coming over to study here

Continue to work with supportive representatives including fantastic local MP Stephen Gethins as part of the Foreign Affairs and European Affairs group at Westminster.

Coordinate with other universities to make concerns known publicly.

Stay an opening and welcome university to students form around the world

Lobby the government to keep Scottish universities in the Erasmus scheme, keep tuition fees for EU students at home level, provide support for EU staff and students, speak out

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Promote ties with the EU, although Britain will leave the EU, St Andrews should remain in spirit and promote the ideals of the EU
There is a limit to what they can do while negotiations are in such chaos. Regularly asking for students' opinions and relaying them to relevant government officials may be helpful.
They should be lobbying to ensure that HE becomes an important discussion topic in Brexit negotiations
Unsure.
I'm not sure how much they can do to be honest? Make sure that students' voices are heard at a national level? Can you do that?
Promote European students interests (esp in eventual visa processes).
Not sure if there is anything that can be done at this stage... Lobby for softer Brexit maybe.
- campaigning for fairer terms for us - freedom of movement for students for study abroad opportunities?
Maybe try to push for an easy way for EU students to apply to study in the UK.
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I believe the University should be voicing the clear problems Brexit poses in regard to higher education and the collaboration of different EU higher education/research institutions. Additionally, I believe the university should advocate for itself and point out that its position as a leading research institution is jeopardised by Brexit due to things such as less interest from gifted European and foreign students.
Not quite sure you can do anything until the government gives more details as to what exactly is going to happen.
It isn't necessarily its job or place to do anything about it, but education about the subject is always a good thing.
Advocate for the defence of EU students in order to keep the university accessible to UK and EU nationals.
Campaign to stop Brexit happening
While I understand the importance of the university remaining politically neutral, I hope the university will be vocal about the main issues which it and its students feel are important throughout the negotiations and that it shall fight to have our voices and concerns heard and acknowledged. Additionally while I have no doubt believing that the university will continue to be an open, welcoming and diverse institution regardless of the outcomes of Brexit, I hope the institution and the Students' Association will be candid and open about potential impacts. Both should be supportive of students' concerns and welcome discussion on the matter.
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It should be fighting to ensure the standards we are currently at are kept the same and the costs are kept the same
Ensure the current tuition fee agreement will stay.
No idea
Make sure students' rights are respected and that students' opinions are heard and taken into account.
Nothing, don't waste a second of your time on it.
Both should be playing a bigger role in standing up for students. Because of Brexit, many EU nationals like myself are reconsidering our future place of employment. The university should stand for inclusion, not indifference or the xenophobia which has infested this country.
Reaffirm the rights of EU students to study here exactly as under previous agreements.
Try to protect overseas students
Increasing bursaries available to poorer students and reducing the cost of living by reviewing rent in student accommodation. It's already unaffordable for the poorest here and it's they who most likely will suffer when the economy in the future suffers
Inform/reassure EU students on what will change after Brexit is set in place re. Fees, visas etc. So
Leave it to Sally
Open discussion/debate
I think the fight for ERASMUS should be at the forefront of the discussion.
Making sure that students are considered throughout the talks.
Pressing the Government for more clarity about their intentions with Brexit.
The university is probably quite limited in what it can actually do, apart from provide students with more information about how it might affect them.
I would like the Student's Union to make an effort to reassure students from abroad that they are still entirely welcome within the university and St Andrews itself, as well as making student dissatisfaction regarding the government's conduct in the Brexit negotiations heard.
Lobbying to whatever relevant persons about preserving students' rights. Advocating for a cap on tuition/relevant interest rates. Working to make textbooks, study spaces, and medical care more accessible and affordable, particularly working on advertising its efforts for these.
- Recruit more students from EU-countries - keep the tuition fees for eu-students on the same level as for home-students - position itself clearly that it will be committed to stay aside by the eu-students in St Andrews
I think that it would be wrong for the students' association to campaign against Brexit. Although I initially wasn't a fan of the idea, I have since come to the conclusion that it is happening whether we like it or not, and actually there are a lot of good things that could come out of this (we have the power to choose, remember!) At the end of the day, it would be profoundly undemocratic if the students' association campaigned against Brexit because the people of Britain made their choice in a democratic vote. It would be outrageous if the association tried to campaign for a particular side in the general election, and this really is no different.
However I'm not saying that the students' association has to be vocally for Brexit either. Perhaps a neutral position (while advocating favourable Higher Education policies) would be wise. It would be wrong to alienate certain groups of staff and students by picking a side.

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Encouraging discussion and making student concerns known

Continue to offer support to EU and foreign students to make sure they feel valued as part of our community.

try to form a pact with other academic institutions/pressure the government to maintain affordable education - literally all other european countries manage to provide basically free university education without lacking quality! look at germany with its leading universities, scandinavian countries, france, switzerland ...!!

I think the University needs to be a stronger voice opposing Brexit. The opportunity to coordinate with the Scottish government must be explored further, and I think it would be beneficial to have had a body of students (elected by their peers) as a Brexit committee for St Andrews. The university and the Students' Association have not been effective enough in maintaining Brexit as a top priority for discussion in our community.

Gather informational about general student attitude and respond accordingly

Continuing to strengthen International links so that travel opportunities remain open to students and that International students are able to study here.

Unless you know exactly how the student body feels about Brexit there isn't much you have a mandate to do

Making information available and accessible, confronting people fears post brexit and making it absolutely clear that all students have every right to be here to live and study.

I think it would be a lot better if the University moved away from its anti-Brexit stance. There are undoubtedly tricky times ahead, and there might be some tough times for higher education in this country but the decision to leave was taken by 17.4 million people in a DEMOCRATIC referendum. The University and the SA taking the official line of opposing Brexit is a complete slap in the face to all the students here who voted to Leave. Voice your criticisms all you want, but do not take a stance that specifically isolates a sizeable group of your student population. It's insulting and makes me in particularly feel unwelcome in a University that has previously been so welcoming.

There's not much you can do.

Shutting up and realising that nobody (especially David Davis) gives a shit what Sally Mapstone (a Scottish literature professor...!) or anybody else at this Uni or any other has to say... As Michael Gove said, the British people are tired of hearing expert opinions...

Strongly advocate that the law regarding higher education doesn't change, i.e. no EU student visa obligation, keeping tuition fees low.

They should inform students about students' interests and how Brexit will affect them.

Keeping quiet. Not promoting a partisan view, or presuming to speak on behalf of the St Andrews student body; as 100% of us won't fill out this survey, it is statistically meaningless.

Raising awareness of the students point of view to government.

I think that the University should be using its voice to defend the rights of foreign students attending St Andrews as best as it can, and ensure there's a place for foreign students at St Andrews in the coming years.

The University should be giving examples of the initiatives it has been able to run through the EU and within EU bodies to government and emphasising the fact that collaboration and unity is stronger than division in a plethora of fields and this cannot be allowed to be overlooked in Brexit considerations.

The opinions of as many students in the UK should be gauged and a report should be produced

The University and Students' Association, alongside other institutions across the country should be everything in their power to make sure that the voices of Higher Education institutions are not left out of the negotiations. The effects of Brexit on research and international applications to universities could be huge depending on how it is handled and every measure should be taken to insure that the negative effects on such areas are minimised to the best of the governments ability.

Raising concerns that students have about Brexit publically and lobbying MPs.

I think the university needs to put more pressure on MPs and the government to have serious discussions with representatives from higher education and research institutions to examine the effects of Brexit and devise a realistic plan to minimize the damage. I know that St. Andrews is already collaborating with other universities to bring these issues to light. I just wish people would listen more to you. Maybe advertise the issue more in newspapers, online, in television ads, etc. to force a more national conversation.

Fight for the survival of Erasmus, show different levels of government how beneficial it is for students' education and later life. And inform students about outcomes of Brexit negotiations, help them to understand what their status is, help international students acquire rights to stay in the UK.

I think it's important for all universities in the UK to stand by their EU students and staff, and to help them as much as they can with any personal concerns they have regarding Brexit. I also think that any institution of higher education should be advocating exchange and cooperation rather than isolation and nationalism, and that they absolutely mustn't tolerate any form of anti-intellectualism or counterfactual political campaigning.

Try and find out what's actually going on?

The University and Students' Association should be as accommodating to both points of view as possible. Whilst the student population may sway in the direction that is different to the public vote, it is important to remember that all students, as a privilege of being a member of the SA, must be represented. Further, I believe that the University/SA has the responsibility to formally present the results of such surveys as well as implement in person consultations with students to politicians and MPs. Higher Education is an area that has been largely neglected by the negotiations and brushed aside. In order for the wellbeing and viewpoints of students to be represented, I think that a formal document should be produced by the end of the negotiation 2 year period of what St Andrews students view to be important issues for them.

Supporting Brexit. The people have spoken. Sharing petitions to halt Brexit doesn't respect that.

Since the effects of the vote is not within our control, the only thing that can be done is that we work towards promoting progressive stances regarding the future of the UK. We need to make sure that Brexit is used to improve conditions for British and foreign workers and not just the employers.

N/a

Just campaign for us to still be able to welcome international students to the uni, although I wouldn't be prescriptive about a number

Firmly defending EU students and their right to be here, and guarding their fee status. The union could also help equip graduating students for applying to jobs and graduate degrees outside the uk

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The crucial thing for universities to do is make sure they make a good case for getting part of the extra money that will be available post-Brexit. Also it is sensible to reassure European scholarly partners that we will still be interested in joint-research while also looking for new opportunities with North America, Asia and Commonwealth countries.

Advocate for non reciprocal trade barrier reductions. Milton Friedman was correct.

It is good that the university is providing provisions for EU students and staff, e.g. Visa help

Nothing.

Prepare and implement plans to ensure students (esp EU students) can continue to study in the UK.

The university should take a clear position defending its international values. It should also publicly grant its EU students the right to complete their higher education under the same conditions as they entered the university.

Lobbying for access to EU science and space programmes and insisting that the UK remain a member of Euratom. Also ensuring the UK maintains its part in the Erasmus programme

Petition for another referendum

Campaigning to stop it.

Participate as much as we can in negotiations!!

Giving more information about how different brexit outcomes might affect students and the future of the university

Staying inclusive and open to all.

I think that we need to have easy-to-access, concise updates on Brexit in regards to higher education, so we can stay updated with how it will affect all of us. It might also be a good idea to have a specific 'go-to' place/email for concerns about it - or, if there is one already, make it more public!

Reassuring students

Voicing the opinion of students.

I think there is very little they can do.

Information is the key to any situation. If there is anything discussed within the Brexit negotiations that will directly affect the lives of anybody involved with the university they should inform the student body, as many people like to get political without knowing all of the facts or not having the correct facts. Ensure that the views are politically neutral and only the facts are stated.

Nothing. I believe institutions of education should be independent to that of politics.

The Association should focus its efforts on lobbying for the rights of its EU-based members and EU students across the country and ensuring that its current students are able to finish their courses with the same expectations as when they started, whilst also looking to secure the attendance of future EU students.

Joining with other UK universities to highlight student concerns to the UK government

Reassuring international students about their positions within the U.K. and here, at university.

Depends on the consensus of this survey.

I don't feel that there is much the university can do at this stage whilst the process is still taking place and the path to exiting Europe is still on progress.

Guaranteeing study abroad options, creating more international opportunities

What the SA shouldn't be doing is having its president promoting the idea of reversing the democratic vote to leave the European Union. Likewise with Ming Campbell, although he's a Lib Dem so that's to be expected.

The university and the SA should be more outspoken when it comes to the benefits of Brexit, seeing as it's no longer a choice, but rather an inevitability.

Finding alternative sources of funding to replace any lost through leaving the EU. Establishing close research networks and relationships with EU higher education institutions so that collaboration continues and is in no way adversely affected by leaving the EU. Lobbying government to clarify what the status and fees of EU students will be after Brexit--if possible before the UK actually leaves.

Collaborate with other uni's. Make our voice too loud to ignore. Explain to the general public why its important.

Lobby University to do more

The University and the students association should lobby the government to ensure that an uninterrupted continuation of studied will be possible for EU students studying at St andrews, and the ensure that degrees completed in st andrews will count in the EU after brexit.

continue to keep tuition fees low for EU students and keep accepting a diverse range of EU students

I think the Union should recognise that Brexit is a reality and that there is no going back. Recognising the challenge is better than pretending it does not exist. Secondly, the Union and the university must work alongside government officials to ensure that the British university industry will not suffer from Brexit. In other words, you must lobby the government as much as you can, engage politicians and diplomats and make sure our interests are taken into account. One important issue is preserving Erasmus.

Keep students informed about any developments in Brexit talks.

Making students pov be heard

The University and Students' Association should not be doing anything at this point. The referendum has already taken place and the decision to leave the EU, in its entirety, should be respected.

not sure

The University should be vocal and use facts and figures to make the case (to the government or any any relevant bodies) for why current EU policies work and how Brexit must continue those as much as possible - it is not a case of easily improving upon what we have; must stands to be lost, and the focus should be on ensuring we do not fall off a cliff of uncertainty in the next 5 years or so.

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make sure the university has an official policy. it is very confusing as an EU national - it is very unclear what is going to happen.
Lobbying for a softer Brexit or none at all and for the government to consider students and potential students, higher education and research in their decisions and discussions. This would happen as part of a larger organisation of student unions and universities. I do not think the government would listen however.
The University and Students' Association should be calling their local and national politicians and telling them that most students do not agree with Brexit. The politicians of today leave behind a world that will be ours tomorrow. So I would suggest: appeal for change! Nag the people with power and try to get them to represent young people more.
The University can encourage people to be interested in how the negotiations are going to take place. Publish what the University wants to see from Brexit or provide advantages and disadvantages of the types of Brexit being commonly discussed. Most importantly, do not attempt to undermine the referendum, whether we like it or not the result we got is the result we have. This is a democracy.
The Student Association can provide a voice of reason. Preferably a positive one, not a cry the usual doomsaying catchphrases and attempting to increase tensions or stress people out about it. Students have enough to worry about as it is.
Staying quiet - it's too polarising and conservatives are tired of being mocked
Continue to reassure EU students that their place is safe and take steps to continue having access to funding and grants from Europe.
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It's very difficult to know what to do/ for Student Associations across the country to feel that they have any power in influencing Brexit-related negotiations and decisions being conducted on a national level. I think the best action to take is to make sure that international and EU students still feel welcome as the highly valued members of our community at they are, to continue to celebrate diversity, and to make commitments to promoting the University on visiting days as a thoroughly international community, just like it was before.
Educate if anything
Make sure as best as possible that St Andrews remains open and welcoming
The SA should use their voice to make clear that Brexit was not what students voted for, but will negatively affect them the most.
Strengthening ties with non EU institutions
(No response)
If you want to keep your EU students in the future, you need to make sure they know 1. You exist, 2. they are welcomed here, 3. There are study abroad options available 4. They can still get a proper health care here, 5. There are scholarships available. Many of these things are now highly uncertain, and the Brexit date is coming quickly. What is the progress? When we will know? Demand answers. Create a webpage with all these information. Or online discussion forum with university staff and representatives.
Regarding point 1: most of the students in Scotland from EU I know decided to come here because they knew about current students studying here and they could get information from them about everyday things. And this channel of communication will be highly severed more and more into the future if less and less students will start to come. I didnt even know St Andrews existed until almost UCAS deadline. Regardless of what you may think, St Andrews is not a known university in most EU countries, and that is a shame. Put St Andrews out there and reach the prospective EU students if you want to keep them.
Listening to student interests
I think the student association should take active role in educating people about the importance and consequences of Brexit so they are well informed enough to choose a stand. The campaigns for the Brexit referendum was awful, little information was provided to British citizens to make a good choice.
Please help keep us informed of what is going on and what our rights are and if we need to do anything. I'm especially worried because I am not from an EU country but I was classified as "home" for fees because of some EEA regulations and it's always difficult to know where I stand.
Keep on saying that the university strives for diversity and inclusion.
There is nothing much to be done until the outcome of the negotiations can be foreseen. Only then can the union evaluate what the outcome will mean for the university and then act upon it.
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Representing all students of all backgrounds to MPs and MSPs to voice opinions To talk to other Scottish/UK universities to build strong arguments that can be representative of a wider student body
Talking about it with the students.
The University and Students' Association should work together with other higher education institutions to lobby the Scottish Government and secure a guarantee that the tuition fees for students from the EU midway through their course at the time the United Kingdom leaves the EU will continue to be paid for by SAAS for the duration of their course. Clarity and transparency should also be sought from the authorities as to the eligibility of EU students starting their course after the UK has left the EU.
If any opportunity presents itself to the University and Students' Association to oppose Brexit, that opportunity should be taken.
Keeping the dialogue open and being open to ideas. Avoid taking sides one way or the other, but do campaign for student safety for those nervous. Try to work what is best for everyone on a level with the university, as well as, if possible, other student associations. This doesn't mean campaigning against Brexit (the referendum was held and a decision has been decided), but it means advocating for the protection of students and student systems that should encourage research and discussion.
I honestly have no idea what exactly the Students' Association and the University are capable of doing. A good thing would be maybe to reach out to EU/Overseas students so that they actually do feel welcome here
Easing EU student fears (which i know they are trying to do, but it's hard when so little has been confirmed by govt)

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Account for economic and security concerns

I don't really see what you could do. Reassuring EU students may be a way to go but the university are just as in the dark as them.

The University should lobby for research and study scheme safeguards. The students association should vehemently stay apolitical as it a supporting role for all students, and therefore shouldn't misrepresent those who voted to leave. However providing information and support to future and existing students about the impact of brexit is important.

Campaigning for a 2nd referendum due to the lies told in the first one

Continue to promote that St Andrews University is open to everyone regardless of where you were born or what race/culture you were born in to.

The University should be making statements about the repercussions of any deal (positive or negative) for Scottish Universities.

The Students' Association, if the majority of students are anti-Brexit (and specially if they believe it is not the result of a legitimate democratic enterprise) should take action to prevent Brexit actually happening.

It is quite hard to do anything without polarising students, I would say reassuring current and prospective students is the most important thing.

Making sure opportunities for foreign students aren't diminished too much

Strengthening connections with EU universities over future partnerships in science cooperation and such

Potentially coordinate with other universities to effectively and coherently bring the views, opinions and concerns of UK university students to the government and the press to ensure the 2 million or so students in the UK aren't ignorable in the coming two years.

Putting pressure on the government for answers.

Protect rights of current students and fight for same right to future EU students.

Protect the Erasmus / EU exchange programmes.

Just accept it. Remainers holding country back

The university should seek assurance that it will be able to accept as many, if not more EU students, and that the UK government will make up any EU funding the university might lose. The university should also attempt to make sure the UK remains a member of Erasmus; Iceland, Turkey and Norway are all non-EU member of Erasmus. There may be an opportunity to charge EU students more after brexit.

Do its best to avoid a restriction of the study abroad facilities that European students have in the UK and UK students in the EU (such as Erasmus program).

Do its best to promote the circulation of people between the UK and the EU.

I don't think there's anything anyone can do at this point.

Fighting for the rights of students to study both for EU students here and UK students abroad. Protecting Erasmus.

I don't know

- Expressing our concern as a student body

I suppose providing support to the international students who will be most affected.

I believe that the University needs to make students from the EU aware of any changes in law that may affect their ability to study here.

Liase with Scottish government

Absolutely nothing. The Students' Association should stop the gesture signalling and phoney outrage on a topic it has and should not have any control over.

Our power is fairly limited, particularly since the Tories are unlikely to want to lose a general election. Engaging with students and everyone of the possible costs of Brexit can always help, and any pressure that can be applied to the government would be good. Realistically we will be leaving unless there's a seismic shift in public opinion (which would probably only happen if we left and it went bad) but we can at least try and make sure the government is sensible in terms of the transition period and trade. The university needs to make it clear to the government that this stuff matters, but again I doubt they'll listen. You're already doing some talks I think so more of them. And for the longer term hope that the university doesn't create another load of politicians like those who got us into this mess. It is also crucial to remember some of the factors that caused this, and so making sure the university pays all staff (and contractors) the real living wage is an example of how we can make a difference and create a fairer society to help in the future. Also pray that Boris Johnson does not become PM.

I'm not sure what there is to be done, other than advocate loudly and persistently to ensure as far as possible that funding and other EU benefits continue to benefit students and research at St Andrews and other UK universities

Representing a view of students, nothing more.

Assuming the results of the survey show opposition to Brexit, the Student's Association should do all it can to reach a larger proportion of the student population, and depending on the level of support, work with other universities' student associations to campaign against Brexit. The University should decide its own position.

The University and Students' Association should be throwing consistent vocal support to political figures who oppose Brexit in the way that the student populace overwhelmingly did during the referendum. This is the most important political phenomenon of the day, and we need to be unified behind the issue.

Working with the university to ensure that any students coming here can continue to do so under the same or similar conditions after 'Brexit'.

I do not believe it is the Students' Associations place itself to campaign for pro-remain causes, if members of the University would like to advocate for the sensible options of the single market or not leaving then I would happy to see them do so.

The shortened visa length for graduating students should be extended to allow more time to gain employment. In addition, the starting salary requirement to staying the UK is ridiculously high for first time employment. The University could/should be supporting more reasonable parameters for foreign graduates.

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Arguing vehemently to anyone who will listen (MPs, MSPs, MEPs et al.) that movement for Higher Education should be as free as possible so as to not diminish our vital EU student and staff population.
trying to maintain links with European universities
The University should publicly take a stance against Brexit
more information sent to eu students on their rights and keeping them informed about any changes in their visa/funding/etc documentation
Working close with Stephen Gethins in ensuring we have a great relationship with him. Invite him to events, make him a bigger part of the university because he has power to fight for us if needed.
I think we need to ensure that prospective students from the EU retain the same respect and opportunities as they have pre-brexite. EU funding needs to be replaced instead of dropped altogether. The consequences of Brexit could severely impair research in the UK, and it needs to be ensured that we don't allow this to happen.
They are doing every that can be done considering the lack of information on Brexit. We all have the same information and most students/prospective students are most likely worried about tuition fees and the opportunity to come here naturally.
I am aware the keeping low fees for EU students is a complex task. However some simple actions could reassure EU students, such as information sessions about the recognition of a degree of the University of St Andrews in Europe after the Brexit.
Continually re-affirming commitment to inclusivity of all types; making international students feel welcome; promoting awareness of other cultures. Collating student opinions and trying to find a platform for that? Helping students get access to help if they are worried about their position or future. PhD funding for non-UK students will probably really suffer (already really bad for North Americans)--try to make people feel welcome and support them finding a way to come here.
Campaign for softer Brexit.
Ensuring that the students voices are heard and our concerns as seen to. Also keeping students updated with any changes to brexit that may affect students at the university.
Definitely not change the tuition
Educating the student body on political matters and giving them the tools necessary to not be politically brainwashed.
Try to make sense of it for Scottish, British and overseas students so everyone knows how it will effect them and steps they may have to take because of it.
Nothing will make any difference to the government or Brussels. All one can do is wait and see what deal emerges. Leave international politics to the politicians and diplomats and instead focus on things you can impact like housing, student fees and education.
Campaigning for our voice - European teacher benefits to stay here
safeguard EU tuition fees
Lobbying the government to give more attention to the effect this will have on EU students and overall the diversity and internationalism of the university. Making sure young voices are heard as we may not have a platform otherwise.
Whatever we do will have no effect as the government seems more concerned with tearing itself apart than actually doing anything productive.
Find ways to interact with Europe outside of the EU. Maybe information of how to get EU passports now Britain is leaving...
V hard to say. Lobbying won't change anything, perhaps detailing the effects upon the university that will happen after brexit.
Accepting democracy and support the Government in getting the best deal possible which represents the voice of the British people.
They should support as many students as possible but also respect the decisions of those who voted to leave. They have a democratic right and have used it even if the universities general standpoint is agains their decision.
The university and students association should work with the student body to make the best of what may or may not become a better or worse situation.
Campaigning for migrant's rights and the protection of public institutions that help maintain student welfare (e.g. NHS). Also campaign for better housing rights - a lot of ours currently come from EU law, and half of the current government are landlords. You can see where this is going.
Making the students voice heard.
Campaigning and politically engaging. It has never been more crucial that we make the student voice heard.
prepare the students for the change
Continuing to engage internationally to maintain and increase the university's global reputation. For the university to engage with students who will likely be impacted by the restriction of freedom of movement, and support Scottish students by keeping the fees and living costs affordable. University should ideally be advising the government politically, economically etc which I am sure it is already doing. If the majority of students here voted remain, and would continue to support this decision, then the university should reflect that opinion in it's stance on Brexit.
Putting more pressure on politicians to get our voices heard
Campaigning Against it.
Ensuring the University doesn't massively hike EU tuition if they're allowed.
Trying to ensure the option to study in Scotland stays open as a possibility to as many people as possible, regardless of nationality etc.
Reassuring international students and maintaining international outlook
Campaigning for a deal to be made so that universities and students will not lose out as far as possible.
They should be pointing out brexit is not about isolating the uk, but actually about becoming a more global participant- not just a part of the Eu.

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No idea.
Pray
Ensure that the departments are unaffected as possible and ensure any staff or students from the EU are welcomed.
No.
Ensuring that it regularly keeps students up to date with Brexit negotiations. Trying their hardest to make sure the opinions of the students are heard in the grand scheme of things. Publicising our opinions on Brexit.
Voicing concerns and suggestions through the proper channels to ensure all perspectives are evenly considered during the negotiations. Making a scene and demanding consideration loudly can only lead to a poor response in my mind.
Maintain an optimistic approach towards Brexit. Regardless of what you voted Leave won and the democratic process is being carried out and this should be celebrated. If anyone should be "blamed" for the referendum it should be Tony Blair. Who encouraged and conducted several of them allowing their convention to become engrained within the political system.
Giving assurances to current and prospective EU students that they will still be very welcome here
It should be the patriotic duty of the Student Union to push for the Brexit the people voted for in June 2016. We voted leave and we must respect this choice. We must live up to the demands placed on us by society to make a clean break from all levels of the EU. We voted leave and we meant it!
Sit back and relax
Campaigning, research, debates
Campaigning for the rights of foreign students, especially to not be included in the immigration statistics which harms ability to study here.
Also to not give EU students free tuition like Scottish students. Very unfair on students from the rest of the UK, especially England. Will be a moot point once the UK has left if this policy continues, could seriously alienate ROK students.

11: Is there anything else you would like to add?

Responses
This University has done a lot with regards to Brexit already; we have portrayed an air of defiance and outward thinking, rather than being shunned and clueless in the face of Brexit. Everybody is fiercely proud of this University, and as such we must work to get the best deal in the worst political time.
In asking for staff and student opinions and not keeping everything to the University Court or the Principal's Office, it already shows that the University care about the opinions of its members, no matter their background or political stance.
It is an absolute pleasure to be part of this, and we should share it with the world as much as we can.
The University should embrace the opportunities of Brexit rather than moaning that the British people voted the way they didn't agree with.
For the above questions regarding positive and negative affects or Brexit, I wanted to click a "both" option because the situation isn't that clear cut. Because there are positives and negatives I selected neither to prevent my answer from swaying any other, stronger held or more informed beliefs.
Hopefully I've got it all wrong and the £350 million will be coming soon, but I doubt it so let's do what we can to clean the mess up.
I would personally favour a second referendum given the number of lies associated with the Leave campaign at the time.
I only decided to fill in this survey to offer my opinion for the above question.
To advocate opposition to Brexit is harmful because it ignores many students who voted Leave but have fear of speaking out for being ostracised, and secondly it is not conducive as the UK will leave the EU and student representatives should play a role in that outcome rather than blindly opposing the UK leaving, which is in vain frankly
Sad.
Obvious one, but policy should be evidenced based.
Brexit has changed how I view Scottish independence. I would rather live in an independent Scotland that was part of the EU than a British union outside the EU.
Keep things like this happening! Discussion is the best way to understand the student voice on these large issues. Don't assume student thought, assumptions are rarely ever accurate, and more then likely people hold mixed views on issues, and unique ideas about events. This seems like common sense, but it always bears reminding, and forums like this allow the diverse views of ALL students to be heard and discussed civilly.
I am still hoping that Britain decides to revert the decision to leave Eu, as in my opinion there are almost no benefits to the decision and will damage Britains standing in the International community. When the full extent of the economic damage that Brexit will do, I hope that public opinion will change
Higher education must be a focus for Brexit negotiations
Throughout my time here so far I have had to be quiet in regards to my political beliefs as Conservative Leavers are looked upon by the majority of the Student body like Nazi's. This is unacceptable and I believe this should be addressed in regards to student welfare.
Thank you for doing this survey! It's great that there's a platform for students to express their viewpoints on Brexit.
I think the question of how someone voted should not be relevant to the University, and even less so whether they would change their vote. Furthermore, if the turnout on this survey ends up being as low as I imagine it will be, I do not believe it will be representative of the views of the majority of the students at St Andrews, but only of those with a strong view on the matter. Also you left off a very important option in Question 3, namely "I would not vote"... I know people that have voted remain who said to me that they would not vote if there was a second referendum held.

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there needs to be another vote at the end of Brexit negotiations as the Brexit people were 'marketed' isn't the Brexit they're getting, politicians lied throughout and then changed their minds as soon as the votes were counted. The views of students and young people are being totally ignored, we have no security about travel or working in the EU any more. The double standards are also ridiculous when Scotland had an independence vote the SNP government were required to have full post split plan for finance and re entry into the EU, the tory government were not made to do this! Which now means we have two years of the EU countries turning down our requests cause they're pissed off!

Tell the lecturers to adopt a position of impartiality, as they are all so obviously biased.

I think that this whole exercise by the student union is political grandstanding and utterly pointless. I believe it is only for the benefit of the Stabs C.V. I think that this is only meant to promote their own personal political agendas. I believe that you are wasting your time and you know it but don't care because it helps your CV. I think you should leave execution of the democratic choice of the people to the leadership of this country. What you are doing is pointless virtue signalling and its a waste of time.

The questions on this survey regarding Brexit Negotiations are currently irrelevant. The EU has stayed very clearly that they are not willing to negotiate anything else until we have reached an agreement on Citizens rights and the so called "Brexit Bill". Therefore no other negotiations have taken place, so these questions do not make any sense.

Though I am an EU citizen and thus could not vote in the referendum itself, I ardently supported and actively campaigned for Vote Leave. The multiple choice questions in this survey only measure attitudes to Brexit among British voters; it therefore feels that the Association is not giving views such as mine sufficient attention.

Fuck Brexit.

As a EU student I don't feel represented or protected by the university in such uncertain times. I was able to come to study here thanks to European financial help which might not be granted anymore at any time. The university hasn't assured me that I will be able to complete my studies here if European financial help stopped being available. Even if this were the case, the university should at least let their students know in advance to allow them to arrange their academic future.

N/a

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I believe that the only option after negotiations is a second and final referendum in which I would like truth to win out. I think those that voted leave were lied to and given the opportunity again there would be a remain vote. This referendum was only done to suit a minority of moaners within parliament and especially to shore up an ailing Conservative party/vote. They do not and never will speak on my behalf.

Brexit is a joke

Would now vote for Scottish independence

Most frustrating thing is that young people, who will suffer the effects, don't have our voices heard, as you know. Anything you can do to give students and younger people more voice is great. The situation is terrible and it's hard to have coherent thoughts on it.

16-17 year olds should have been able to vote it's our future after all!!

Hopefully we can make the best of it, are there any new opportunities?

The university has been very attentive to this issue throughout - well done!

Certain British politicians should let go of their pride, nationalism, and obsession with tradition, and instead accept that this world is one we live in together. We should be helping each other and cooperating, not cultivating a fear of outsiders and culture of careless inhabiting of this planet. (P.S. I like vegan cookies)

Ensure that all opinions are respected, opinions are never wrong, they are merely misinformed.

I am appalled by the vice principle and president of the students union signing a petition to stop brexit and using official social media to spread it. This was a disgusting abuse of powers, and flies in the face of the will of the people shown both by the referendum and GE2017 where 78% of voters voted for parties who promised to leave the single market

'Brexit means Brexit' is about as empty of meaning as Brexit itself.

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Even now, I am encouraging students from the U.S. to apply to St Andrews so Brexit has not dimmed my opinion of the school. What it has done though, is cause many parents to be concerned about their sons' and daughters' future prospects. The thinking is that what good is an international experience if you can't fully utilize it upon graduation? Perhaps their child would be better off going to university in the U.S. This may affect application numbers in the future.

Maybe it'll make it easier for Brits to get into top unis as there might be less competition, don't know. Don't know if that's necessarily good either

If I can't take my nan's fresh pesto past the new border I'm leaving.

I'm just baffled that the government is actually pushing this through even though no one really wants to deal with any of the consequences.

Thanks for reaching out to students to hear their views. ??

This survey is a great idea thank you for consulting the students!

Not sure if of relevance, but Brexit has made me far more likely to accept a PhD offer in the EU rather than stay in Britain. It is the single most depressing political decision this country has undertaken in my lifetime.

We really have no idea how the negotiations are going, so making any judgments now its almost entirely pointless.

Severely disappointed in Brexit result, but happy that students in general were unified to remain.

Exit from Brexit.

Not completely related to Brexit but the 20k tuition rate for students from the rest of the world is excessive. Universities should be about higher education; not squeezing every available penny out the pockets out of students. Many of whom who do not have such funds and have to turn to loan sharks such as SallieMae for aid, which in turn essentially doubles tuition when interest is given account.

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St Andrews University Conservative Association were still campaigning at the union this year.
A debate about this might be fun
Do your best.
Brexit is shit and only for Tories
I believe that the debate has focused too much on the reactionary right wing opponents to the EU, as opposed to the progressive left wing movements that also oppose the single market. The debate was too much focused on refugees (who can still be accepted just fine without the EU), as opposed to the neoliberal policies that are undemocratically forced onto countries by the central EU council.
Brexit is a great idea on which students had their vote, just like everybody else.
Leaving the European Union will be the best thing to happen to the UK since it elected Attlee.
Can't barrage the FarrrrrrrAAAAGE
No
(No response)
I think that UK will lose on the Brexit more that the actual Europe herself.
Yes. The Students Association should campaign to make June the 23rd a national bank holiday called Independence Day! Happy Brexiting, folks.
Brexit was spectacularly stupid but I guess we need to get over that and make the best of a bad situation. But also, I'm really worried about the instability this will cause in the next 5 years or so, especially if a second Scottish referendum enters the fray. At the moment I'm looking into options to do a PhD abroad, possibly in Canada. Leaving the country for a few years while the dust settles seems really quite appealing.
The reassurances that the University of St Andrews has put out regarding Brexit so far are really great and very important in times of uncertainty such as now.
Why is Boris foreign secretary?
I think the Brexit vote was a gut anti-Cameron and anti-Tory vote. It was ill-explained, and the idea of Brexit so stupid that many assumed it could never happen seriously. Working in England, rents are so high that you slave to pay rent in order to be able to work - like, what's in it for you? You end up with nothing after hard, honest graft! This is modern slavery. Brexit will exacerbate this already ludicrous state of affairs.
At university we should be challenged about our beliefs. Thus, we should engage in the debates surrounding Brexit and interrogate our own ideas.
Jeremy Corbyn is a terrorist sympathiser, this is not even a joke, he invites members of Hamas and Hezbollah to the House of Commons and loves the IRA. If he becomes Prime Minister I am going to quit my PhD and move to a desert island. LORD HELP US ALL
I think it is extremely important for the university to be cautious in how it talks about Brexit. St Andrews is lucky to be a diverse political place put sometimes it feels like the statements by the Principal are showing too much of a political agenda - and it is frustrating when the university assumes too much such as that all Scottish students will be pro-EU. On the other hand it is also important to protecting relations with European partners, so I acknowledge Brexit is a difficult issue for the university to manage.
Pointless survey.
I do not think leaving will overall effect Britain, but I do believe that we need to advocate for the best possible outcomes now that we are set on leaving
t a k e . b a c k . c o n t r o l
The diversity of nationalities represented in both the student and staff body at St Andrews and other UK universities is astounding and a big part of the reason for their success. Brexit looks likely to directly make it harder for people from abroad to come and go in this country, which could be a disaster for our ability to attract the top talent and mix them with the cream of the crop from the UK. This facet of university life in the UK, above all, must be preserved in future years.
I'll miss the EU :(
This generation of students/young people and those coming after us are the ones who will feel the full brunt of Brexit- those who majorly voted to leave have made a rash decision that will not massively effect them.
Brexit would be great if it wasn't orchestrated by a bunch of xenophobes.
Please keep students informed as to what St. Andrews is doing and any affects Brexit will have on us. For example, if tuition fees will change and if so, for which class years. Or how students can start applying for visas if necessary and if there are any organizations that can help pay for the visa costs for students who cannot afford it. Or how this affects our possibility of applying for UK citizenship and our career prospects if we would like to remain in the UK after university.
It does not worry me too much because regardless of the outcome of the Brexit talks, St Andrews will continue to function as a world-class institution.
The Union should work closely with the University to establish the approach that I have suggested above and should be responsible for the communication of this to the University.
Just that this has really hurt me and many EU citizens and I am considering leaving after my degree
As mentioned in the above responses I didn't actually vote in the first EU referendum, despite it being an issue I am passionate about. I was simply distracted by other aspects of my life at the time and didn't quite believe it was a possibility. I'm extremely disappointed in myself that this is the case and think that my regret is reflected in many others who didn't vote.
I think the Brexit campaigns were unfortunately exercises in media manipulation and fear mongering rather than democratic exercises rooted in fact. I hope that going into the future we reconsider and failing this secure the best deal that protects the people who live in Britain, regardless of nationality.
Thanks for the option to fill this survey. Good luck in the future!
Never stop waving that EU flag;). #EUwillalwaysbeinmyHeart

Draft Statement:

The Student Representative Council is the legally recognised body of the University of St Andrews Students' Association, elected annually to represent St Andrews University students in any relevant areas that may affect them.

It is the opinion of this council that exiting the European Union is not in the best interest of the University of St Andrews, or in the best interest of Higher Education nationally.

Brexit threatens the diversity of our student population, the welcoming nature of our University community, the ability for EU students to continue to study here, our participation in study abroad programmes - particularly Erasmus - and our ability to access EU research funding. All of these compromised features of our University are now thrown into question, and the loss of any one of them would irreparably damage our HE environment.

In addition, University of St Andrews students do not believe that our voices are being heard thus far in Brexit negotiations. We demand that a clear line of communication regarding Brexit & Higher Education is formed, working to relay information to the student population as it emerges and ensuring that the student population become part of the discussion.

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