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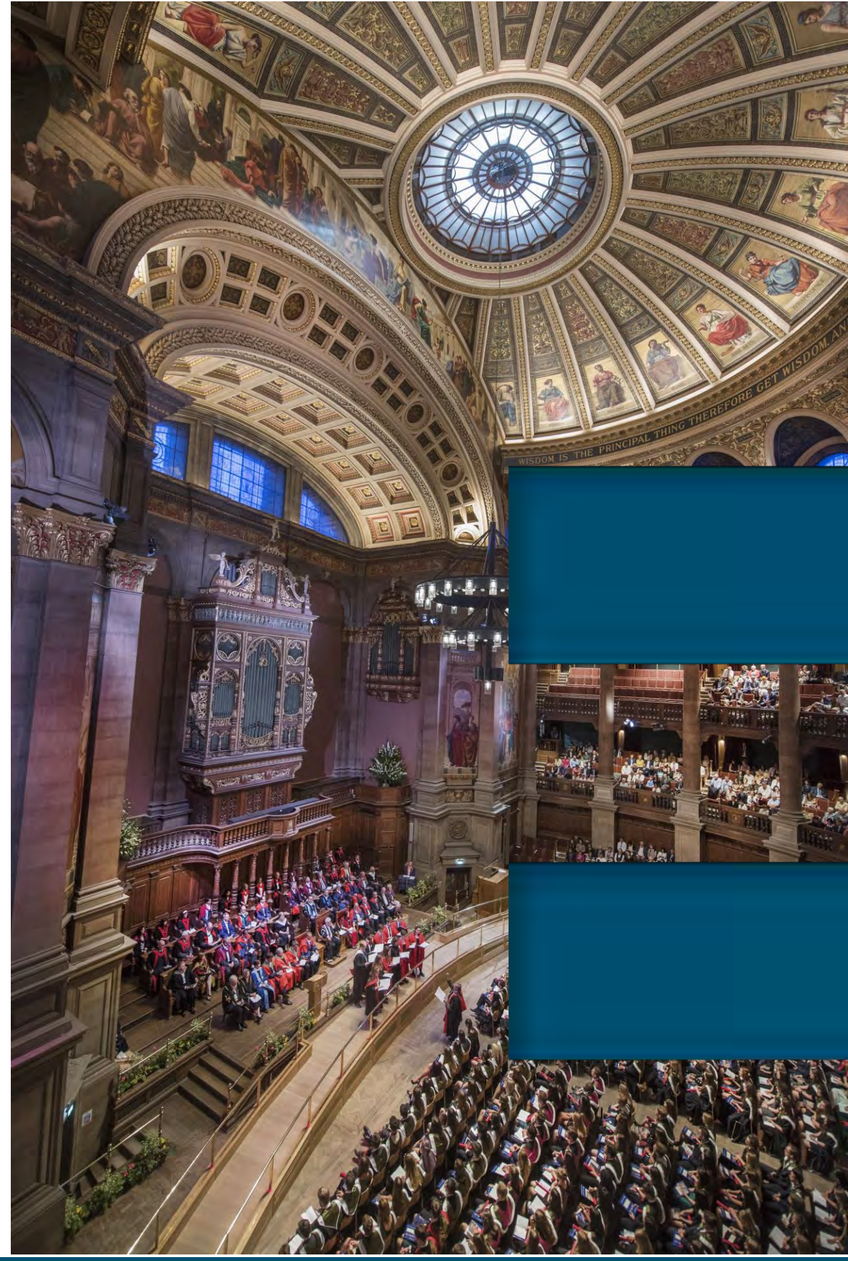
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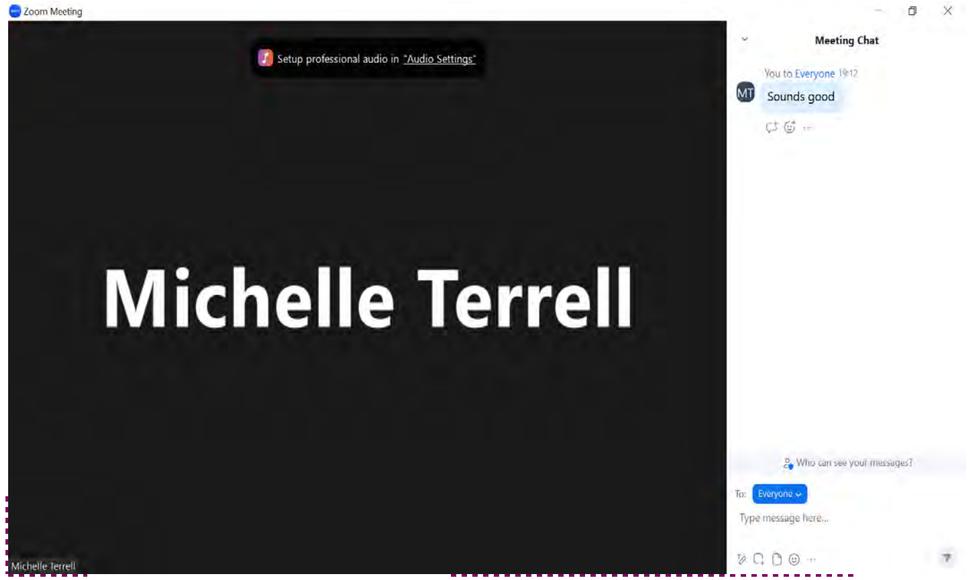
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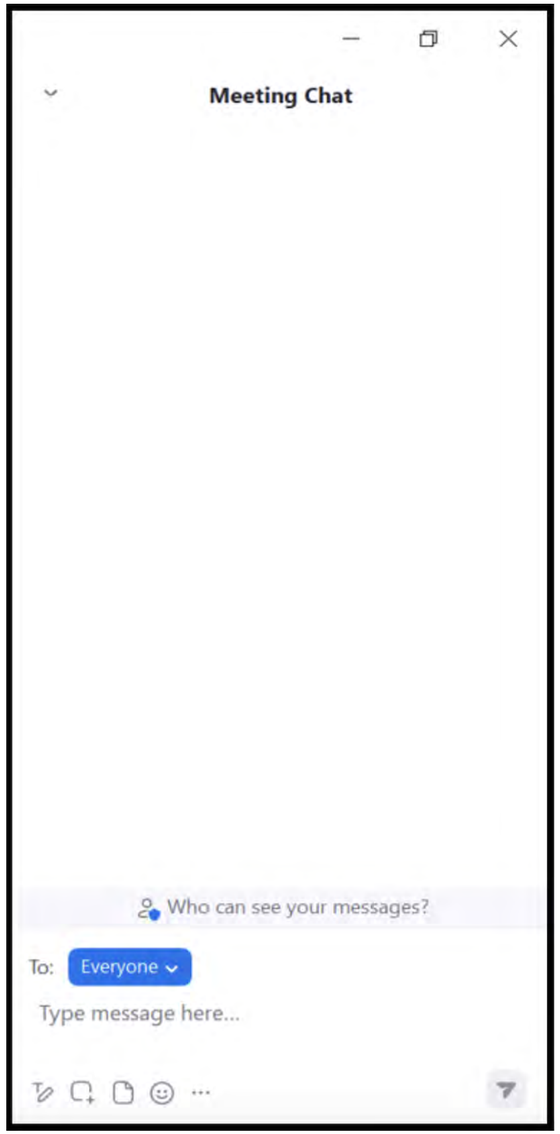
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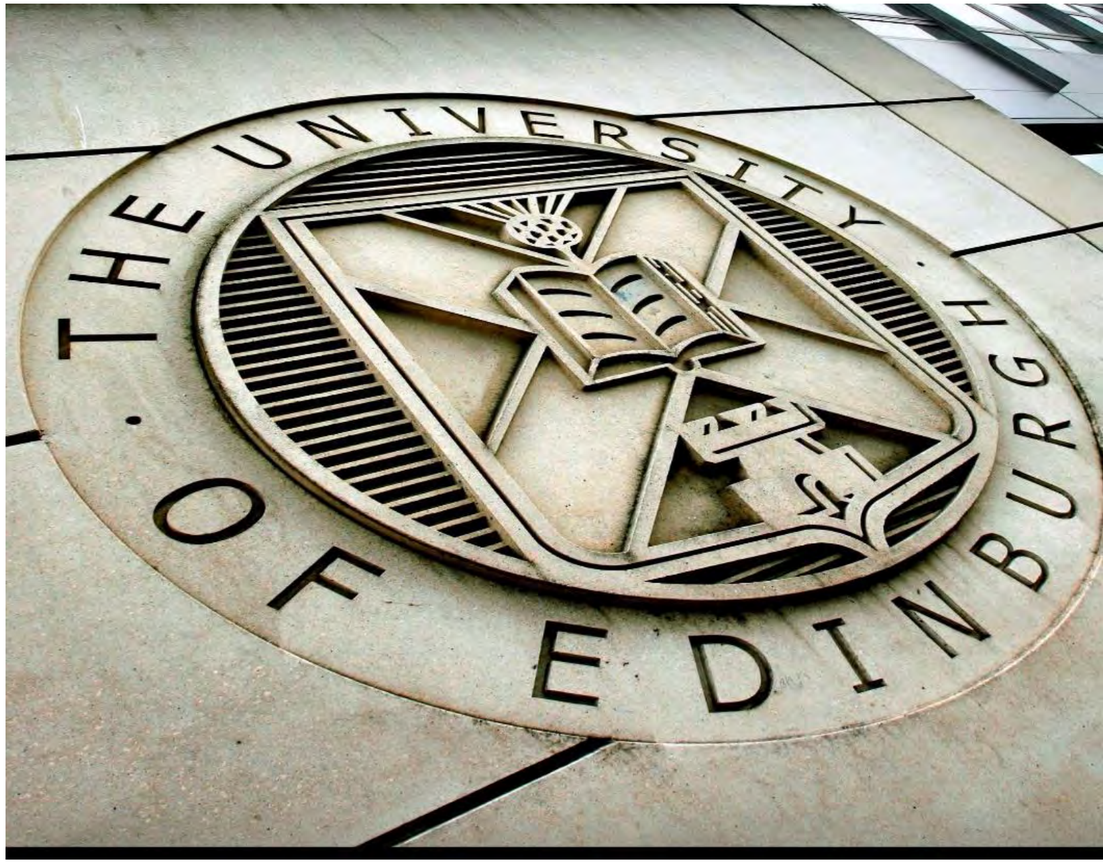
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Studying Social Work at the University of Edinburgh

- Flexible and cutting-edge programme in one of the oldest and most international universities
- A very multidisciplinary approach to social work
- Staff affiliated with the Center for Research on Families and Relationships, GENDER.ED, RACE.ED, Q-Step, the Binks Hub



Programme Structure

Social Work

“Social work is a practice-based profession and an academic discipline that promotes social change and development, social cohesion, and the empowerment and liberation of people. Principles of social justice, human rights, collective responsibility and respect for diversities are central to social work. Underpinned by theories of social work, social sciences, humanities and indigenous knowledges, social work engages people and structures to address life challenges and enhance wellbeing. The above definition may be amplified at national and/or regional levels.”

International Federation of Social Work (2014)

Social Work in Scotland

- All students qualifying in social work in Scotland are assessed against the Standards in Social Work Education. Social work programmes embed the standards throughout the taught courses and students demonstrate their knowledge and skills through academic and practice learning
- 6 social work standard in education
- Skills, Values and Knowledge

https://learn.sssc.uk.com/siswe/siswe.html

Course structure: Year 1

Semester 1:

- Social Work with Individuals and Families
- Social Work in Communities
- Working with self and others: Skills, theories and methods
- Doing Social Work Research

Semester 2

- Understanding Care and Control
- Doing Social Work Research
- Professional Social Work Practice 80-day placement

Course structure: Year 2

Semester 1

- Working with Risk, Trust and Complexity
- Professional Social Work Practice 2
- Dissertation

Semester 2

- Professional Social Work Practice 2 – 100 days
- Dissertation – topic of your choice
- Dissertation

Practice Learning- 2023-2024

Year 1

- First placement February – June 2025 (80 days)

Year 2

- Final placement November 2025– April 2026 (100 days)
  - Transitioning to practice world
  - Preparing for Interviews and Employment Fair
  - Job offers from April/ May

Geographical spread

Placements are located within SE Scotland:-

- City of Edinburgh
- Midlothian
- East Lothian
- West Lothian
- Scottish Borders
- Fife

Range of settings

- Placements are in agencies in the statutory, voluntary and private sectors.

- Children and Families, Health and Social Care and Criminal Justice

Placement implications

- Full time hours when on placement
- May involve shifts depending on agency setting
- Geographical spread may have travel implications for you
- Managing work/course/life balance
- We need to know in advance if you have any specific requirements e.g. criminal convictions, health ,disability
- Placements are allocated by the university
- Students have to be registered with SSSC before going out on placement.

Management of Placements

- All placements are set up and arranged by the university
- Formal arrangement between university and each agency for placement delivery
- Your practice will be assessed through ‘real’ work leading to a pass/fail recommendation

Dissertation

- You choose the topic
- 13,000 words – submitted May of final year
- Choice of empirical or literature-based
- Subject specialist knowledge
- Research methods teaching
- Opportunities for publication and knowledge exchange

Standard Dissertations - examples

‘How can I establish that relationship or trust with someone when they can't even say my name?’- Impact of identity on practice for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic social workers in Scotland

Engaging fathers in children’s social work services: A narrative literature review of the barriers and strategies

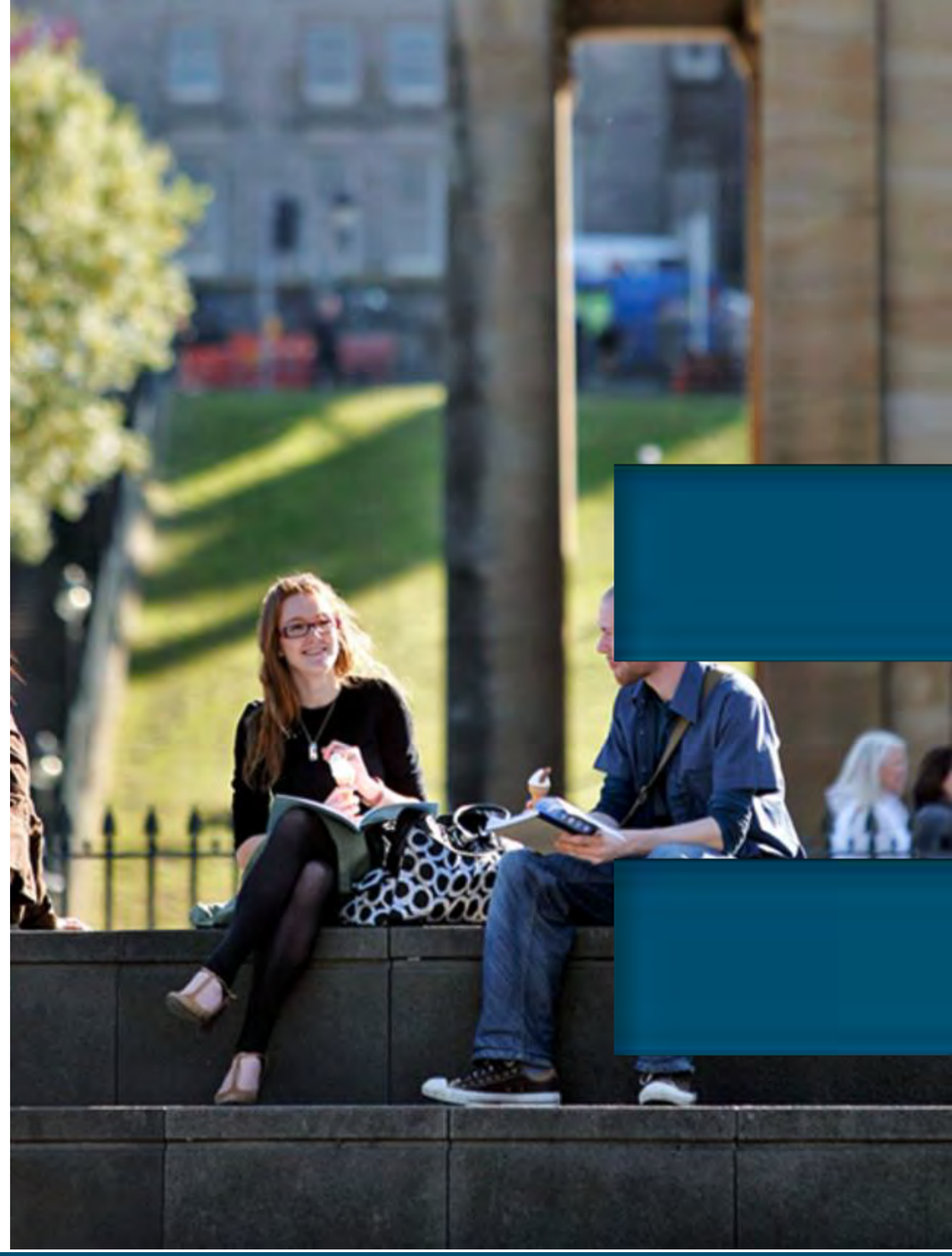
Finding words in play: exploring the effectiveness of play-based methods in social work practice, when supporting children and young people impacted by trauma and adverse childhood experiences

An Exploration into the status of animal-assisted therapy in social work in Scotland

Studying and Learning

How we study & learn

- Lectures
- Seminars
- Case studies and exercises
- Self-led/Group Study
- Independent Research
- Dissertations



Support for learning and teaching

- Programme Director
- Student Advisor
- Dissertation supervisor
- Student Development office: https://www.sps.ed.ac.uk/students/postgraduate/new-students/development-office
- Institute for Academic Development: https://www.ed.ac.uk/institute-acadsc-development/postgraduate
- Peer study groups

Life at The University of Edinburgh

- 5 elected full-time Sabbatical Officers, 5 elected part-time Liberation Officers, and 8 part-time Section Representatives* to represent your needs and interests

- Over 450 student Societies, Volunteering Groups and Peer Learning and Support Schemes

*Section Representatives represent students from the following groups: Commuter Students, International Students, Mature Students, Part-time Students, Student Carers, Student Parents, University-wide PGT representative and University-wide Postgraduate Research Representative



Once you've started in September, you can run as representative of your programme, or even the School-wide Postgraduate Taught (PGT) Rep

Life at The University of Edinburgh

- Over 70 Sports clubs and teams
- Competitively-priced student gym membership
- City-wide student discounts
- Student counselling service
- Learning support and disability service
- The Advice Place



Student Development Office

- Workshops on professional, personal and academic skill building
- 1:1 skills coaching
- Cohort Building activities
- Funding opportunities to support development
- Edinburgh Award and Professional Development Certificates
- School-wide events and activities

Summer reading

If you would like to get ahead with some reading over the summer, I'd suggest:

- Lishman, J., Yuill, C., Brannan, J. and Gibson, A. (Eds) (2018) Social Work: An introduction (2nd Edition). London: Sage Publications. https://uk.sagepub.com/en-gb/eur/social-work/book249759
- Thompson, N. (2016) Anti-Discriminatory Practice (6th Edition). Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan (https://www.macmillanihe.com/page/detail/AntiDiscriminatory-Practice/?K=9781137586650).
- Scottish Social Services:

http://www.sssc.uk.com/sssc/students/studying-social-work-or-social-care.html

- British Association of Social Work (UK)

http://www.basw.co.uk/social-work-careers/



What happens next?

- Accept and meet conditions of offer
- Visa and immigration: StudentImmigration@ed.ac.uk
- Apply for accommodation: https://www.accom.ed.ac.uk/
- Check SPS New students webpage for info on accessing your timetable, welcome week and more

(Welcome Week starts Monday 9 September)



The student perspective

Talk to a current student

- Have you got a question you would like to ask a current student in the School of Social and Political Science?
- Chat with a student ambassador here:
  - www.ed.ac.uk/studying/undergraduate/applicants/talk-to-current-students

The student perspective

- Our team of SPS student writers share their experiences and thoughts on the things that matter to them on our student blog.
- Check out the blog here:
  - blogs.ed.ac.uk/students-at-sps/

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Thank you
Any questions?

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Contact details for follow-up questions

We apologise if we did not get through all of your questions in the time allotted for this session. If you have further questions that have not been answered, please contact us:

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