

We believe that through partnership we have a shared responsibility to:

1. Ensure all members of our University's community feel a strong sense of belonging

Through:

- Co-creating opportunities to connect with others, both on-campus and online
- Adopting a holistic and embedded approach to equality, diversity and inclusion
- Creating opportunities for everyone's voice to be heard
- Showing respect and empathy in our interactions with one another
- Taking a proactive approach to positive mental health and wellbeing
- Tackling racism and racial inequalities in our community and structures
- Building positive connections with students from their first engagement, throughout their studies and continuing after they graduate

3. Enrich our wider GCU experience

Through:

- Recognising the wider transformative effect of a university experience in developing our students' confidence, transferable skills and peer networks
- Taking a holistic approach to student support, incorporating academic, mental health, wellbeing and career development
- Developing our students' employability and success in their future careers through a wide range of curricular and co-curricular activities and work-based experiences
- Valuing our students' engagement with clubs, societies, networks and extra-curricular activities within the University, Students' Association and wider community
- High quality student facilities, social spaces, library and student accommodation

2. Enhance our high quality learning, teaching and research

Through:

- Using the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals as the framework for our transformative education and impactful research excellence
- Developing inclusive communities of learners within the University to co-create, challenge and share knowledge
- Ensuring that the student voice remains central to shaping learning, teaching and the wider student experience at the University
- Providing more opportunities for personalisation of our learning experience, for example mode of study and pace of learning
- Empowering our students to set their own goals, reflect and effect positive change

4. Enact positive change in our communities for the Common Good

Through:

- Our strategic commitment to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals
- Taking a proactive approach to the development of inclusive societies, healthy lives and a sustainable environment
- Developing our people to make a positive change in society through seeking solutions to real world problems
- Nurturing our community to become global citizens equipped with key intercultural skills and open to international experiences
- Adapting to a fast-changing world; demonstrating resilience in the face of global challenges



Student Partnership Agreement

The University and Students' Association are committed to the continuous enhancement of the student experience at Glasgow Caledonian University. Student engagement and partnership working are at the heart of all that we do. Together we form a strong partnership built upon trust, mutual respect and our Common Good mission. We are proud to have a strong and recognised track record of involving students as partners in all aspects of their learning and wider student experience.

The whole of the GCU community - students, staff and the Students' Association - is responsible for partnership working in practice. Through shared values and mutual respect, all members of the GCU community are empowered to contribute to, and enhance, the student experience. This commitment to partnership working is outlined within the University and Students' Association strategic plans and is central to the delivery of our Strategy for Learning.

We encourage students to become actively involved in providing constructive feedback about all aspects of university life. Student representation is a key element of student engagement. The University and Students' Association have co-produced the Guide to Student Representation at GCU.

Our Student Partnership Agreement outlines how we will work together to achieve this; it describes the culture of partnership working at GCU, rather than a list of actions to be taken. Our priority actions, and the focus of our joint activity, is captured through strategic and operational planning, underpinned by open and collaborative working practices.