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Creating impactful encounters with HE throughout secondary school

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Session outline

- Introductions
- Activity
- 4 key areas of HE engagement:
 - Widening Participation and Outreach
 - Recruitment
 - Public Engagement / Research
 - Student volunteering
- Activity
- Top tips for impactful encounters
- Questions



In small groups, discuss the following two questions and jot down any responses on post-its:

- How has your school (or previous schools) engaged with universities? e.g. what activities / which year groups etc.?
- What barriers / frustrations have you found working with universities?

5 minutes



WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND OUTREACH

- Widening Participation / Widening Access / Outreach
- Addressing national statistics around underrepresented groups accessing Higher Education
- Social responsibility / Access and Participation Plans
- Local and national
- Primary, Pre 16 and Post 16
- Often targeted (school or individual level)





WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND OUTREACH

- Primary schools – campus visits / in-school visits
- Pre / Post 16
 - IAG sessions in schools / colleges
 - Attainment raising programmes (e.g. Tutoring)
 - Campus visits
- Targeted cohort-based programmes:
 - Summer Schools / Residential
 - Pathways programmes (Sutton Trust)
 - Other WP programmes
 - Bespoke work to support specific groups (e.g. care leavers / refugees etc.)
- Uni Connect programmes
- Subject-specific events organised by faculties



Experience UoS Residential

This 4 day, 3 night summer residential is a chance to experience the academic and social side of student life at Southampton. With a choice of 12 degree programmes to choose from.



Year 10 Summer School

The Learn with US Summer School is a three-day, two-night residential where you



Ambition Nottingham Post 16

Ambition is a free scheme aimed at students over the age of 16 who want to find out more about studying at university.

What does Ambition Nottingham involve?

The activities of each programme support progression and application to a university of your choice.

Examples of past activities:

- Subject taster events
- University application masterclasses
- Student life sessions

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Access

Ambition Nottingham 16-18



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RECRUITMENT

Activities to promote specific universities, aimed at Post 16:

- UCAS fairs
- Higher Education / Careers fairs
- Talks about specific universities / courses / student life
- Webinars
- Open Days



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Increase Impact



For your students:

- More than just a 'bigger school'
- Missing link between curriculum & every day life
- UCAS personal statements



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Cantell School
Yesterday at 16:41 · 🌐

Miss Bazlamit and Miss Cox have just got back from day two of delivering Hospital Heist packs in their Pioneer House orange clothes and loved seeing lots of our current and future students.

#UoShospitalheist #UoSactivitypacks #solvethecrime Public Engagement with Research

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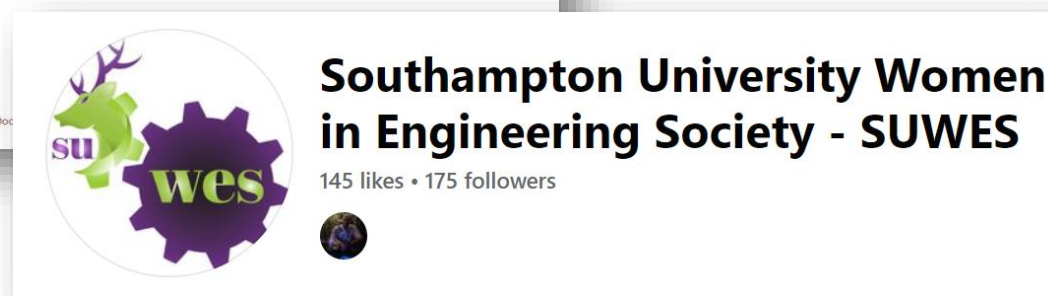
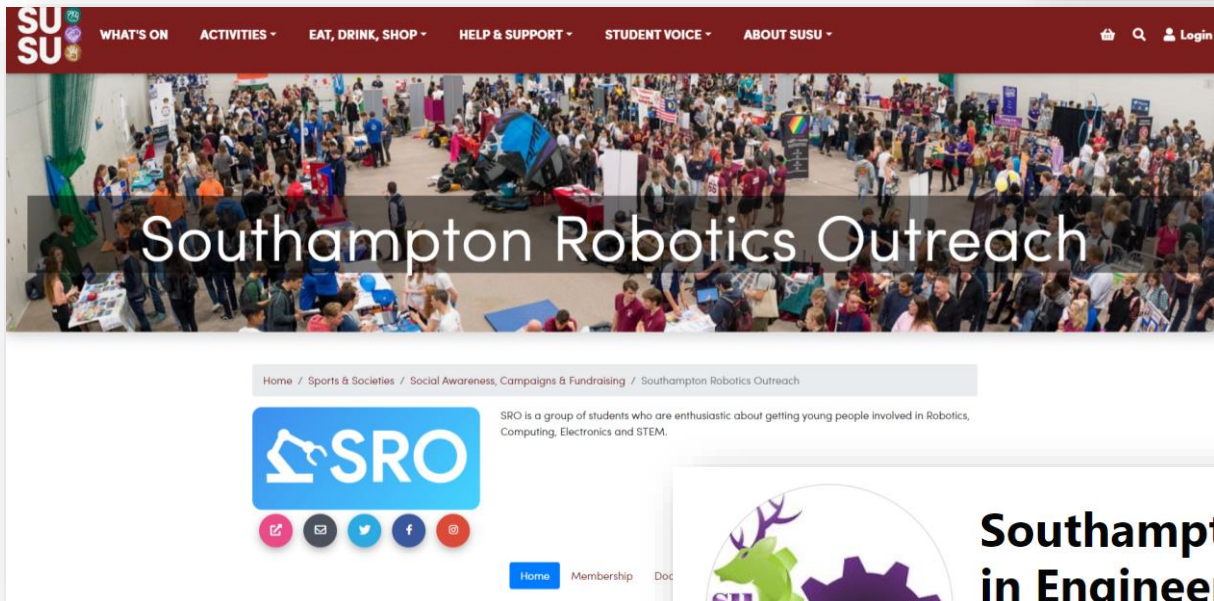
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STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

For your students:

- Academic support/mentoring
- Wider opportunities at university

IntoUniversity





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- What has worked well for you in terms of school / university partnership working? What top tips can you share with others?

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Top tips for creating impactful encounters with HE

- Develop a plan for each year group – progression of knowledge and understanding
- Preparation and de-brief are key
- Don't hesitate to ask!
- Try to secure SLT buy-in for School-University activity
- Look further than just local
- Look for opportunities with more than just one-off activity
- Sign up to newsletters for regular offers of activity
- Be selective – everyone may want to work with you!
- Stay positive! Things may not always go to plan or in a direction you were expecting – but ultimately everyone wants the best for your students and will do their best to support them!





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Thank you

Any questions?