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*University of Edinburgh  
Philosophy Society*

# **ACADEMIC SUPPORT**

## **Your Personal Tutor**

**Tutors  
Lecturers  
Course Organisers**

## **PPLS Student Support Office**

## **PhilPals**

## **PhilSoc**

Page: Edinburgh University  
Philosophy Society on FB

## **PPLS Writing Centre**

[www.skillscentre.ppls.ed.ac.uk](http://www.skillscentre.ppls.ed.ac.uk)

# MENTAL HEALTH + SUPPORT

## **Nightline**

Edinightline.com (messages)  
Or phone 0131 557 4444

## **Samaritans**

Call 116 123  
Or email [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)

## **The Advice Place**

[www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/adviceplace](http://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/adviceplace)

## **Disability Service**

[www.ed.ac.uk/  
student-disability-service](http://www.ed.ac.uk/student-disability-service)



## **Money Saving Expert:**

[www.moneysavingexpert.com](http://www.moneysavingexpert.com)

## **The Advice Place:**

[www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/adviceplace](http://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/adviceplace)

## **Discounts:**

UniDays

StudentBeans

Totum

## **Jobs:**

CareerHub: Accessed via EASE

Indeed.co.uk

Milkround.com

(These are also good for internship searching!)

## **Internships:**

RateMyPlacement

**MONEY + ADVICE**



## US + OTHER SOCIETIES

**You can find a list of all societies here:**

<https://www.eusa.ed.ac.uk/activities/list>

Our events:

**Mondays:** Book Club

**Tuesdays:** Reading Group

**Wednesdays:** Discussion Group

**Thursdays:** Lecture Series

**Fridays:** Pub Social

+ Logic Group TBC.

You can also check out other PPLS societies, such as PsychSoc, LingSoc and CogSciSoc.

There is also the PPLS intersocietal council which is the interdisciplinary collaboration of the four aforementioned societies, and is a great place for you to meet people within our school!

- **Three Sisters** has the Napier bar upstairs which serves £2 Tennets & Strongbow.
- **Southsider** is a cool pub where pints of Tennets £2 with a student card!
- **Banshee Labyrinth** has a really cool and spooky vibe, a free cinema & is apparently the most haunted bar in Edinburgh.
- **The Sheep Heid** Inn is a gastropub and the oldest pub in Edinburgh!
- **Dog House** has DOGS walking around and is just very cool.
- **Pear Tree** has a huge outdoor space, screens sports and is very pretty.
- **Brassmonkey** has beds to watch movies in, board games and fairly cheap drinks.
- **Cold Town House** have their own beer and a sort of beer garden upstairs.
- **Malone's** is a great Irish bar which is pretty nice for rugby games.
- **Waterloo Bar** is a small pub with lovely woodwork, very down-to-earth.
- **The Cuckoo's Nest** has ping-pong, pool tables and hosts events such as quiz nights.
- **Tron** is super nice - it offers Karaoke on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- **The Jazz Bar** offers a unique live music roster with which no other bar can compete! Reopening September 1st.
- **Stramash** hosts live music and has a cool, gothic atmosphere as well as some books upstairs.
- **Panda and Sons** is hidden in a barber shop; you have to push a book case to get in.
- **Hoot the Redeemer** is a similar bar to Panda and Sons; a dive bar with a twist.

## BARS





## FOOD PLACES

- **Dishoom** does bottomless chai until 5m. Authentic Indian dining experience with great vegan options.
- **Nile Valley** offers the best falafel wrap.
- **Africano Wrap** similar to Nile Valley and only next door, so choose either!
- **@Pizza** offers both tasty pizza AND tasty vegan pizza. Delicious!
- **Paradise Palms** offers great veggie options and has an on-site record store. Also a bar - if it's good enough for Irvine Welsh, it's good enough for us!
- **The Holy Cow** is a tiny, vegan restaurant with lovely staff and amazing food.
- **10 to 10 in Delhi** has authentic Indian fare with decent prices and a very welcoming atmosphere.
- **Kismot** is a family owned business and has amazing Indian food!
- **Taco Libre** is tucked away past Princes street and has authentic Mexican food.



## MORE FOOD PLACES

- **Noodles and Dumplings** has some of the best noodles in town and a great variety. Their vegan noodles are amazing.
- **Wings** sells chicken, beer and rum. They have some board games and offer flavours from super hot to creamy and cheesy to just plain.
- **Streets of Beijing** is an authentic Chinese restaurant in the heart of Edinburgh. The restaurant is well decorated and serves delicious Peking duck.
- **Bonnie Burrito** offers naked burritos which are gluten free. The brand started from a Mexican street food van and is absolutely delicious.
- **Piemaker** has a huge range of affordable, delicious pies.
- **Tuk Tuk** in Bruntsfield. Offers amazing Indian street food.
- **Maki & Ramen** on Nicholson Street - close to campus and tasty food.

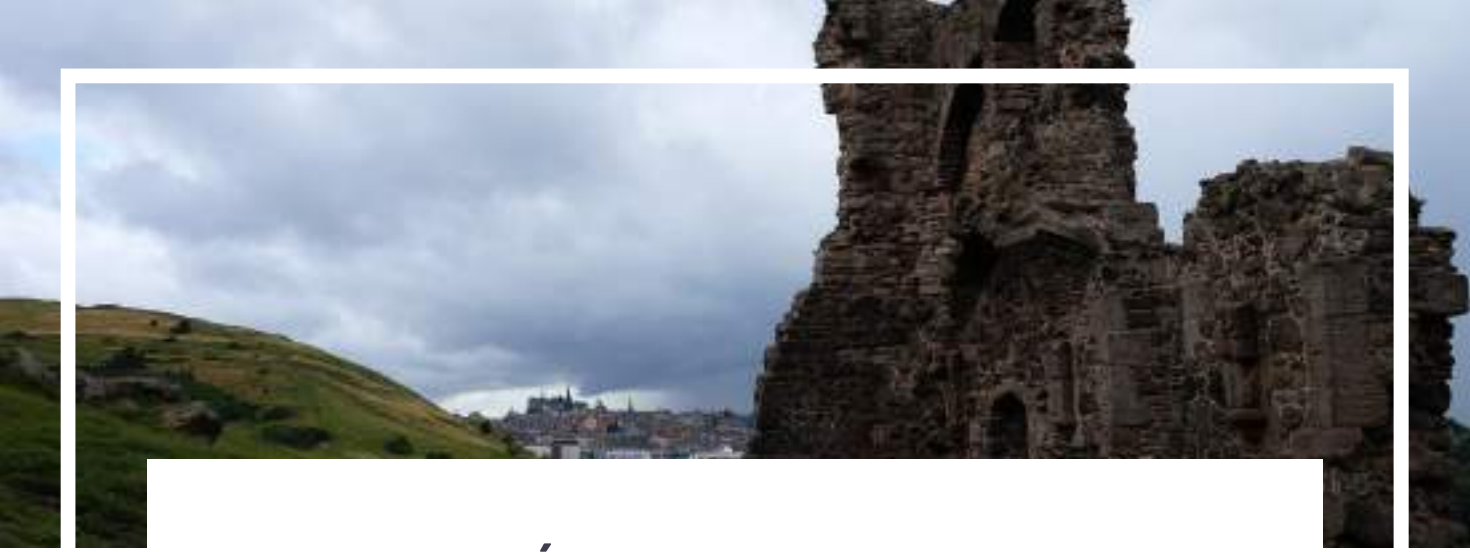






## CAFÉS

- **Considerit** has an amazing plant based range of doughnuts and ice cream. A must visit & is located right next to the Meadows!
- **Mimi's Bakehouse** has three locations in Edinburgh and offers amazing vegan brownies and offers the cutest teacup setting.
- **Honeycomb Tearoom** a lovely café with vegetarian and vegan options and delicious food.
- **Kilimanjaro Coffee** near the Tesco around campus is a chill place with some lovely coffee.
- **Greenwood** is a new queer café, offering vegan food and a 'safe sober space'.
- **Forest Café** is a lovely, vegan friendly place which is very close to campus.
- **Black Medicine** is a super hip café which is really close to campus, offering great hot drinks and food.
- **Coffee Lounge** is right near campus and has a lovely atmosphere, and great coffee!
- **Naked Bakery** has plenty of vegan options including mac n cheese!
- **Southern Cross** has generous portions, great food and lovely staff.



## CAFÉS - CONTINUED

- **Olly Bongos café** on Teviot Place – an institution, which has been there for years, serves everything from cooked breakfasts to Greek and Mediterranean dishes. Great value!
- **Love Crumb** on West Port for insanely good coffee, teas and cakes (good vegan options).
- **Mary's Milk Bar** in the Grassmarket, for the best homemade ice cream, coffee and hot chocolate.
- **Under the Stairs** on Merchant Street, a bit more pricey, but really good and interesting food, it is only open Thursday to Sunday.
- **Soderberg Pavilion** in Lister Square, Quatermile – Swedish baking and excellent sour dough pizzas. Good outside seating area.
- **Fatty Owls** has excellent art deco-meets-charity shop decor and plenty of vegan options. The owners are absolutely lovely as well.
- **Himalayan café** has amazing authentic drinks & food and a very cozy atmosphere.
- **Dai Pai** offers a free cake with their amazing hot drinks.

# SHOPS

**Hing Sing Chinese** is a Chinese supermarket which offers great values on essentials such as noodles, sauces and, most importantly, spices.

**Touch of Poland** is located near campus. It offers all sorts of delicious Polish snacks and pierogi that you can dig out of the freezer when sick.

**Mr Wood's Fossils** sell actual fossils and are located in the Grass Market, just off campus (which is a super nice area with lots of great places to eat!)

**Margiotta** has multiple locations and is a really good supermarket with a great selection of ready pastries.

**Jordan Valley** offers an amazing tea selection and tasty wraps. They also stock cupboard essentials such as dried beans and delicious Syrian flatbread.

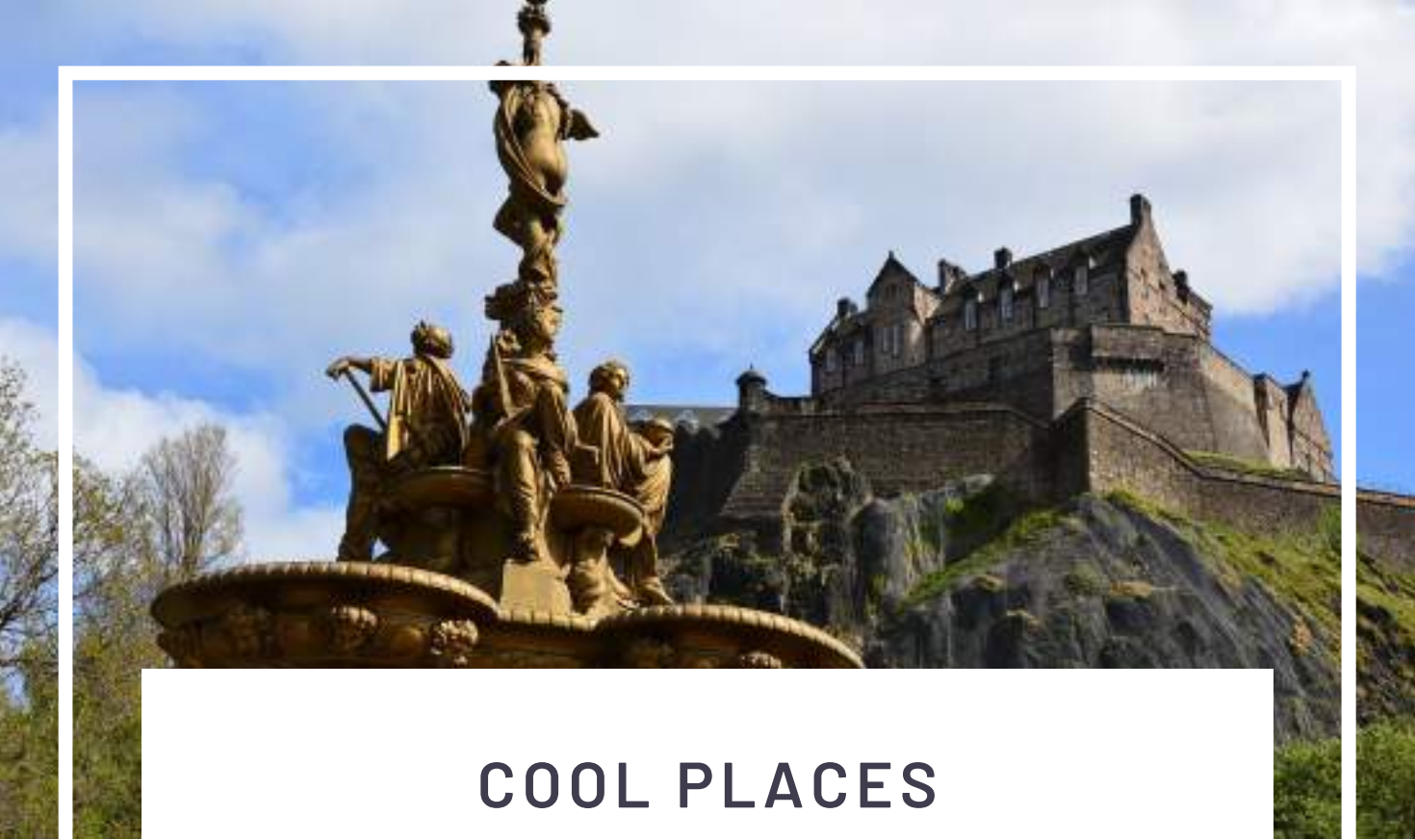
**Starlight** is one of the largest Asian supermarkets and stocks a wide range of niche items.

**Maqbool's** on Potterrow is a halal supermarket that sells ingredients for many different cuisines, including Indian, Lebanese, Kurdish, and many others. Great for buying in bulk.

**The Refillery** on Newington Road is a plastic-free grocery store with excellent options for buying in bulk. They sell everything from produce to grains to spices.







## COOL PLACES

### **The Artscience Library at Summerhall**

([www.ascus.org.uk/artscience-library/](http://www.ascus.org.uk/artscience-library/)) is a library and reading room run by Colin Sanderson. It is one of Edinburgh's best-kept secrets, for sure.

**Portobello Beach** is a lovely location, rain or shine. It's a fantastic picnic locale, and there are plenty of cute cafés and food trucks along the promenade.

**Cramond** is another beautiful beach, and at low tide, Cramond Island becomes accessible. Be sure to give yourself enough time to head back so that you don't get stuck!

**Craigmillar Castle** in south-east Edinburgh is a Medieval ruin from the 14th century. Admission is very affordable and you will be able to explore the castle as well as the grounds.

**University of Edinburgh Anatomical Museum** is rarely open, so you'll have to do some digging, but it's a very interesting visit.

**Gorgie City Farm** is a little piece of countryside right in the heart of Edinburgh, home to many much loved animals. Entry is free but donations are encouraged.

**Surgeon's Hall** is a museum located very close to campus. It's full of weird and creepy things, so not suitable for the very squeamish, but is a wonderful hour or so visit. Great student discount offered.

**Wild West Morningside** is one of the strangest places in Edinburgh, this little piece of the Wild West is tucked away in an alleyway and offers things like a saloon and stables.

**Maison de Moggy** is a café but it does not belong with the rest as cats roam the space. A treat for any cat lovers.

**The Edinburgh Chihuahua Café** has a self-explanatory name. It's the same principle as the usual cat café, but with chihuahas!

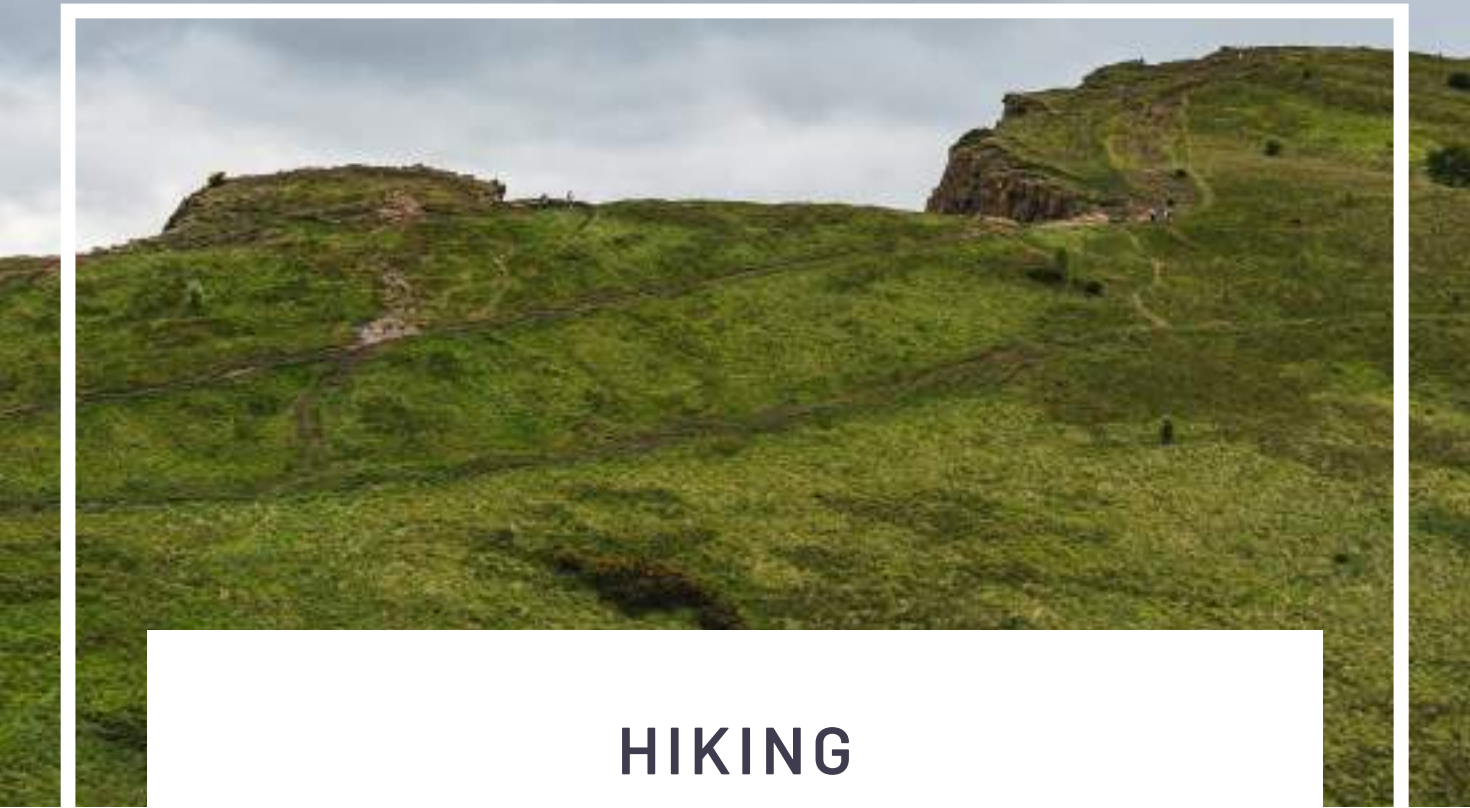
**Lighthouse at Western Harbour** is gradually falling to pieces, with smashed windows and damaged doors. It was built in the 1950s, but has since become a haunting ruin - branded an 'eyesore' by locals.

**The Water of Leith** is the main river flowing near central Edinburgh, Scotland, and flows into the port of Leith where it flows into the sea via the Firth of Forth.

**Dean village** is a bucolic village abutting a tranquil stream, with gardens, 19th-century buildings & a museum.

## COOL PLACES





## HIKING

**The Pentland Hills** are a beautiful hike just outside the city, with gorgeous views and well-kept trails.

**The Salisbury Crags**, next to Arthur's Seat, are a less lengthy hike but still just as beautiful, with a spectacular view of the city, as well as Duddingston Lake and the landscape around it.

**Hermitage of Braid and Blackford Hill** offer views over the city from hillside walking trails and a riverside valley teeming with nature.

**Craiglockhart Hill** is a combination of two summits, Easter and Wester Craiglockhart, in the suburb of Craiglockhart, Edinburgh.

**Costorphine Hill** is one of the hills of Edinburgh named for nearby Corstorphine. There are traditionally said to be seven hills in Edinburgh in reference to the Seven hills of Rome, but this figure is debatable, and as the city has expanded, even more so.



# OUTSIDE EDINBURGH

**North Berwick** is just over an hour bus ride away. However, the castle, shops and general place are lovely.

**Yellowcraig Beach** is also located in North Berwick - it's a wonderful place for some nature time.

**Highland Cows** can be seen on Swanston farm (about a 20-30min bus from Edinburgh) or BeeCraigs Park (which is an hour bus away but an attraction in itself!).

**Stirling Castle** is about a 40min train from Edinburgh but the castle is definitely worth the trip. The streets are also beautiful and it has some really nice places to eat.

**Dunblane** is a city about an hour outside of Edinburgh, with a beautiful trail meandering through its woods. It also has a gorgeous cathedral and a small museum and library. Also, excellent ice cream.

**Gilmerton Cove** is a series of underground passageways and chambers hand-carved from sandstone located beneath the streets of Gilmerton.





## FACEBOOK GROUPS

**The Meadows Share** - The Meadows Share is a Facebook group for those within walking distance of the Meadows to share resources, tools, skills, information etc. There is a lot of sister shares that they include in their "about" bit which might be useful, too.

**Black and Minority Ethnic Students at the University of Edinburgh** - offers support to BME students as well as those of mixed descent and other minority ethnic groups (including Jewish and Romani). It allows a safe space for discussion and support. This is a campaign group, too, to improve BME student experience.

**LGBT+ Students at The University of Edinburgh** - offers a safe space and support for individuals who identify as LGBT+. LGBT+ students can discuss issues affecting them and campaign to improve their experience.

**Disabled Students at The University of Edinburgh** - where self-identifying disabled students can come together, discuss the issues affecting them, and campaign to improve their student experience.

**Edinburgh Seed, Plant and Garden Share** - if you like plants, this is a sharing group where you can get advice about your plants, swap cuttings/saplings/bulbs etc. with others and hear about plant-related events around Edinburgh.



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We really hope you can join our society for some events this year. Even if you have 0 interest in Philosophy, we hope this guide will be useful to you.

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