

THE UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH. STUDENT LIFE IN THE CITY OF EDINBURGH. TRANSCRIPT

I do think Edinburgh is one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is steeped in history. You are going to university in the shadow of Arthur's Seat, an extinct volcano right in the centre of town, and you merge that with the beautiful scenery that you have living in the capital of Scotland. But at the same time, the city does not feel ancient or stagnant. It is constantly changing. It is a really nice city because it is not too big, but it is not small either. There is so much going on with art and music, there is always something new happening in the city.

Being here is amazing. There are so many different theatres, cinemas, and ways to get involved in the city where you can take a break from university life. Besides the fact that there are so many great museums and parks, there is a lot to do outside if you are an outdoor person. There are spaces like the Meadows that allow you to take your mind off city life and just relax and go for a walk.

Edinburgh University is based in Old Town, which is a really ancient part of the city. It is really nice being in a campus at the heart of the city. You really get a feel of what the whole essence of the city is like. There are so many fabulous places in the university. It is a slightly bigger university, so there are tons of places available for students to meet for coffee, hang out with friends. You also have the student union, Teviot House, which is one of the oldest operating student unions in Britain. It is a really nice space to go and hang out with friends and grab a coffee.

The good thing about Edinburgh is there are so many societies, it is unreal. Student societies have been a massive part of my time in Edinburgh. The societies were where I made my first bunch of friends. If there is something you like, you will find a society for it, and if not, you can probably start one yourself. I have been a member of the Water of Life Society, which is a whisky society, since 2009. I am a member of the Royal Medical Society, which is probably one of the oldest societies that Edinburgh University runs. I did the Female Voice Choir, which was really good, we put on shows once a semester. We organise trips to the Highlands, we will visit distilleries, we will do some hillwalking. That is always really, really good fun.

For me, it is a great opportunity to join in, make new friends, and learn a bit at the same time. The friends I made on my first trip, they are still some of my greatest friends. I think what I take from my university experience is all the friends that I have made, because I think that is undoubtedly the fondest memory that I have had.

VOCABULARY

ancient (adjective) - very old and from a long time ago.

fond (adjective) - liking someone or something very much.

stagnant (adjective) - not moving or changing for a long time.

steeped (adjective) - filled with a strong feeling, idea, or history.

undoubtedly (adverb) - used to say something is certainly true.