



**Are you interested in affordable student housing that is high quality and democratically run? Care about sustainable business models? Do you want to gain and develop a range of skills and experiences?**

**We are looking for students to join our working group and make SEASALT Housing Co-operative in Brighton a reality!**

**SEASALT** is a group of students from the University of Sussex and the University of Brighton working to set up a student housing co-operative in Brighton. We are a student-led initiative for affordable housing, democratic living and long-term sustainability. **SEASALT** stands for South East Students Autonomously Living Together.

## **What is a housing co-operative?**

A house that is owned and managed by its residents (Yup, the **students**)! **Sounds like a dream?** It's already happening - with 3 student housing co-ops in the country, even more internationally, and many more on the way!

## **What do volunteers do?**

**SEASALT** is in the process of acquiring a property and getting everything ready for when we have a house. There is a range of tasks to get involved with and volunteers can either focus on one or lots of areas! We are always open to new ideas and there is flexibility in what volunteers do. Some examples of tasks are provided overleaf -

**Online/IRL presence:** raising awareness of the project and wider coop movement, linking with local coops and student housing coops nationally

**Raising investment for the property:** reaching out to the student community, potential investors, designing marketing flyers/videos,

**Policy writing:** Drafting internal house policies, checking legal compliance

**Finances:** recording financial transactions, paying tax, filing annual accounts, encouraging sustainable housing finance (training provided)

**Events:** planning (online) events, collaborating with other groups

## What do volunteers commit to?

There is no minimum or maximum number of hours per week that volunteers work.

We have a meeting every week with the **SEASALT** committee and a separate weekly meeting with the **CLT**.

## What do volunteers gain?

- Knowledge and experience in the housing and cooperative sector
- An opportunity to gain and develop a range of skills
- Teamwork with a friendly and dedicated group of students
- A chance to help set up the first housing coop in the South!

## So, what's next?

Email **hello@seasalthousingcooperative.com** or like us on Facebook and message us to express your interest in getting involved -

**<https://www.facebook.com/seasalthousingcoop/>**

One of our volunteers can then give you a call to answer any questions you may have and discuss the volunteer role.

