What are they?

Groups of alumni from a specific region/country, providing opportunities to continue involvement with former friends and classmates, build new networks with fellow alumni and maintain a connection to the University of Glasgow.

Alumni Associations hold regular gatherings to enable you to maintain and develop these connections. They also act as volunteers to help the University achieve its many objectives.

Membership is FREE and there are associations based all over the world.
How do I get involved?

If you would like to join an existing Association, contact the Coordinator listed for that Association on our global map at [www.gla.ac.uk/alumni/reconnect/alumniassociations](http://www.gla.ac.uk/alumni/reconnect/alumniassociations).

They will send you further details and add you to their mailing list.

If there is no Association in your area, you may want to become coordinator for one. We will check how many in-contact alumni we have in your region and forward comprehensive guidelines on how to get started and manage your Association.

If you would like to represent your region as a first point of contact, but don’t want the responsibility of organising gatherings and activities, you can become a Global Contact. Get in touch for further details.
Getting Started

Once you have had a chance to look through the guidelines for running your group, you will no doubt be keen to start arrangements for your first gathering.

We would recommend you draft an introductory email, which we can help you draft and will send out on your behalf. This will give you an idea of the level of interest from alumni wanting to be part of your Association.

Now you have a better idea of the level interest, you can start to plan your first gathering. Again – we'll be there to help with this when needed.
Support from us

We can help you in the coordination of all events, including forwarding invitations to alumni in your region. We’ll also help you publicise the group to local alumni by placing notices in Avenue magazine, newsletters and social media platforms.

We will keep you in touch with forthcoming activity and the latest news from Glasgow to circulate to members of the Association and in some instances, provide a small budget to help with running costs.
Suggested activity and engagement

Dependant on the demographic of your Association, there are many different activities you can arrange with your Association and costs for these can be covered by members paying a reasonable Ticket price. You should also utilise the power of social media to build a strong connection with members.

Suggestions for activity and engagement include:

- Creating a Facebook and/or website
- House gatherings and barbecues
- Pub nights or coffee mornings
- Guided tours
- Formal Dinners
- Drink receptions
Rewards Scheme

New to the University, all Associations are encouraged to take part in the Alumni Associations Rewards Scheme.

The Scheme offers our Associations the chance to earn points for activities they organise, competing to win the award for the University’s Alumni Association of the Year.

Throughout the year, points will be awarded for events organised by groups and the Association with the most points at the end of the year wins!
Feedback and Governance

To help keep us updated about activity within your Association and establish ways in which this can be maintained, we ask all Association coordinators to provide a brief Annual Report at the end of each year. An easy-to-use template has been created for you to do this and is available through the Alumni Associations toolkit on our website.
To find out more about becoming an Alumni Association Coordinator or Global Contact, and for a full listing of our active Alumni Associations, please visit www.gla.ac.uk/alumni/reconnect/alumniassociations