

**Secondary Students'
Union of Northern Ireland**

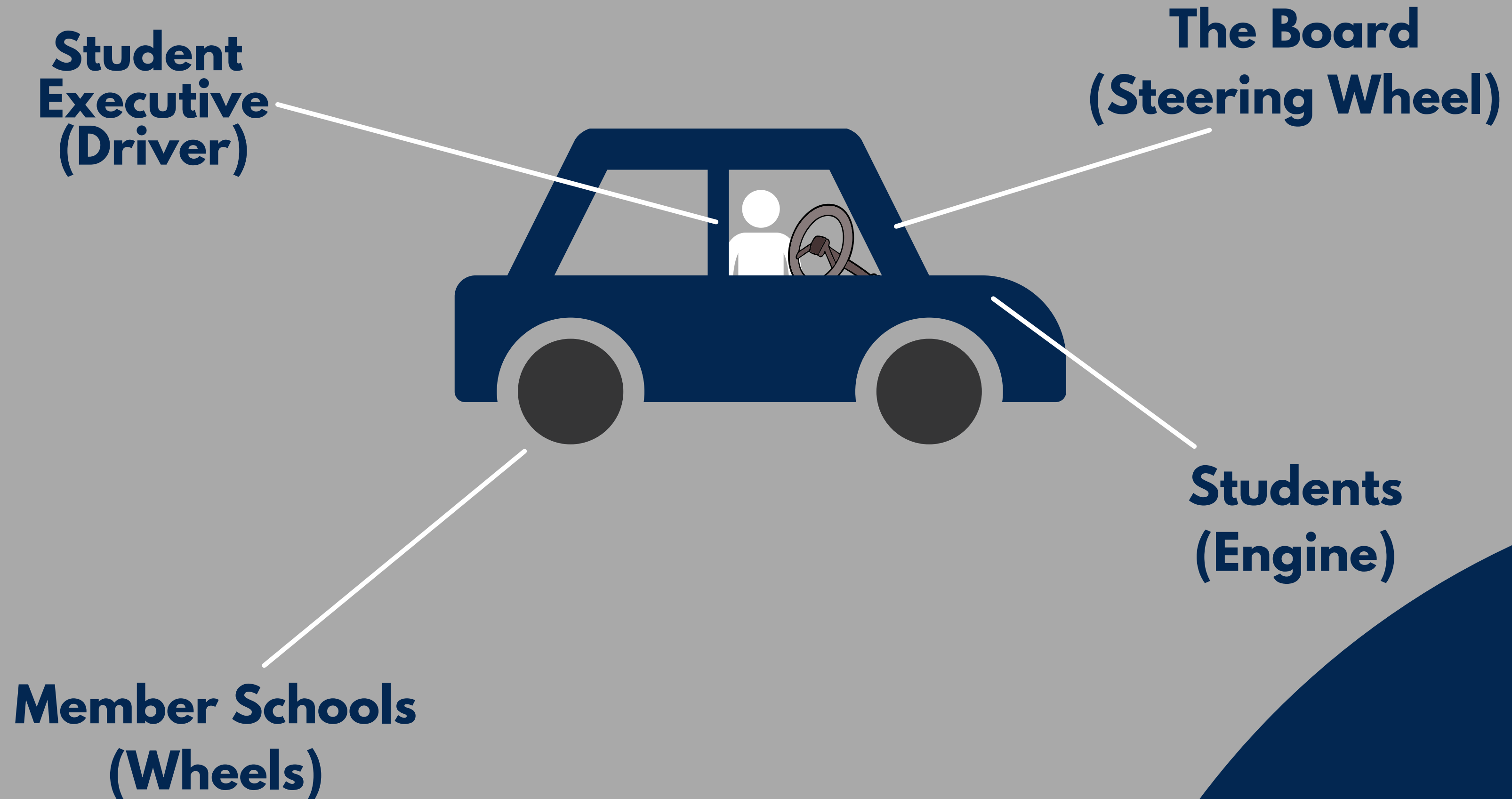
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What does a Secondary Students' Union do?

REPRESENT STUDENTS

- **Lobbying**
- **Campaigning**
- **Working Groups**
- **Research/Consultation**

What does SSUNI look like? (Jargon Buster!)



The SSUNI Story

A look back on 2020 with the Secondary Students' Union NI



Thank you for 2020. We'll keep working for students in 2021

Mental Health

- **Working group**
- **Survey 2,100+ students**
- **Thinktank Report**
- **Recommendations**



Mental Health - The stats

- **71% who self isolated said their Mental Health suffered**
- **20% students who had used school counselling rated it 1/10**
- **86% said more mental health education should be on curriculum**
- **84% said exam uncertainty had strained their mental health**
- **54% would not be comfortable accessing school counselling**

1,000 responses in 24hours

2,100+ responses



Mental Health - The Recommendations

- **Decisions are communicated in an appropriate & timely manner**
- **Quick, effective decision making from the NI Exec 'last to know'**
- **Young people must be consulted and feel consulted**
- **BEd and PGCE programmes must include modules on Mental Health**
- **Framework for counselling designed with students for schools**
- **At least double the counselling provided to schools**

Being presented at NI Assembly
Committee for Education



Exams

2020

- **#TrustOurTeachers**



2021

- **#CutTheContent**
- **#CancelExams**

Student Councils

- **Working group**
- **Fix existing problems**
- **Student-led**
- **Introduce framework**



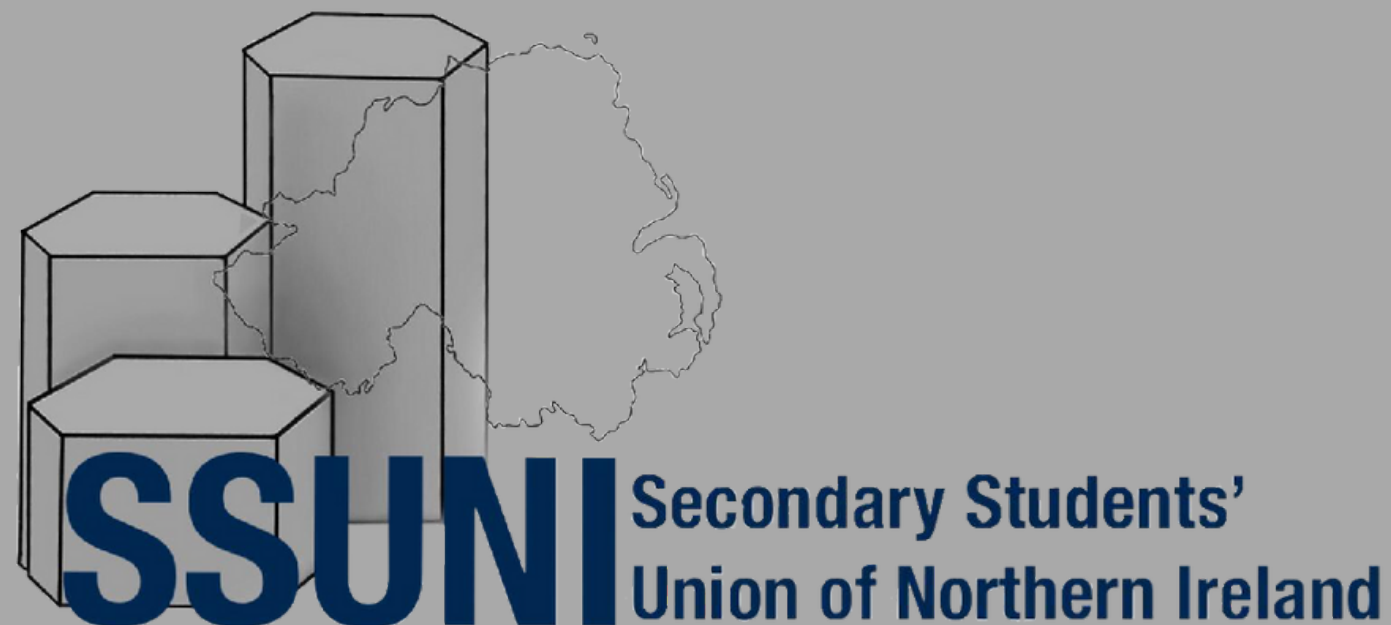
Shared Education

- **Working group**
- **£47million**
- **“By students, for students”**



Member Schools

- Opening up leadership opportunities to your students;
- Training & support for your school's Student Council;
- Giving your students an opportunity to have their voice heard;
- A helping hand when your students need it - student to student;
- Invites to all of our events for your students.
- School Development Plan: Pupil Voice



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