

Connect students. Shape change.

Student Network Representatives



**Seven
new roles**



**Approximately
4 hours per week**



**£200
per term**



**October 2026
to 30 June 2027**

RECRUITMENT PACK

A Welcome from Your Student Officer Team

Thank you for considering becoming a Student Network Representative at UWS Students' Union.

Student Networks bring together students with shared identities, experiences and interests. As a Student Network Representative, you will help students connect, encourage them to get involved and ensure the issues that matter to your Network are heard.

You will also join our new Executive Committee, working alongside the President, Vice-President for Education, Faculty Vice-Presidents and other Student Network Representatives to help shape the Union's priorities and turn students' ideas into action.

You do not need previous representation experience. We are looking for students who listen well, work with others and want to make a positive difference. Training and support will be provided throughout the role.

We hope you will consider applying.

Akriti Shyam
Vice-President
for Education

Olakunle Stephen Adedoyin
President



How to Apply



Complete the Application Form and Diversity Monitoring Form on our website and email them to recruitment@uwsunion.org.uk.



We cannot accept CVs.



Closing date: Monday 12 October 2026 at 10am



Interviews: Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 October 2026

About the Union

**YOUR VOICE,
ONLY LOUDER**

UWS Students' Union is an independent, student-led charity. We exist to represent UWS students, support them through university and create opportunities to connect, get involved and make change.



Representation

We help students raise the issues that matter and influence decisions across UWS.



Advice & Support

Our independent Advice Service helps students with academic, housing and wellbeing issues.



Community

Societies, events and Student Networks help students connect and feel that they belong.



Opportunities

Students can build skills through representation, campaigning, volunteering and leadership.

Our Values



Welcoming



Innovative



Student Led



Equality & Diversity



Our Mission

To be the voice for students at UWS, effecting change and maximising the student experience by creating a sense of belonging and offering opportunities to improve students' lives.

**STUDENTS
SHAPE CHANGE**

About the Roles

DIFFERENT
STUDENTS
BRIGHTER
TOGETHER

Student Networks bring together students who share particular identities, experiences or interests. We are recruiting representatives to help build these Networks, encourage participation and ensure students' collective views are heard.



Women's Students' Representative

Champions the interests of women students and supports work on equality, safety and inclusion.



LGBTQ+ Students' Representative

Builds an inclusive Network, challenges discrimination and promotes LGBTQ+ equality.



Disabled Students' Representative

Raises barriers affecting disabled and neurodivergent students and promotes accessibility.



Black and Ethnic Minority Students' Representative

Represents racially minoritised students, challenges racism and promotes racial equality.



International Students' Representative

Raises issues affecting international students and helps students from different cultures connect.



Sustainability Representative

Encourages student action on environmental issues and supports the Union's Green Impact work.

STUDENTS
SHAPE CHANGE

About the Roles

Different
Students
Brighter
Together



What You Will Do

All Student Network Representatives will:



Help build and develop their Student Network with support from Union staff.



Create welcoming opportunities for students to connect and participate.



Listen to students within their Network and identify the issues that matter to them.



Bring their Network's collective views and priorities to the Executive Committee.



Keep students informed about discussions, decisions and progress.



Support relevant campaigns, events and awareness activities.



Work with other representatives, elected officers and Union staff to turn students' ideas into action.



Help challenge inequality and make the Students' Union more inclusive and representative of the UWS community.



The Executive Committee

Student Network Representatives will join the President, Vice-President for Education, Faculty Vice-Presidents and other student representatives on the Union's Executive Committee. The Committee helps carry forward decisions made by students, coordinates work across the Student Voice system and ensures progress is made on students' priorities.



Who We Are Looking For

These are appointed student representative positions rather than employed staff roles or elected officer positions. Representatives must reflect the collective views of their Network fairly and should not rely only on their own experiences or opinions.

You do not need previous representation experience. We are looking for students who understand the experiences of the Network they are applying to represent, listen well, work with others and want to make a positive difference. Training and ongoing support will be provided.



**Approximately
4 hours per week**



**£200 stipend
per term**



Your Network
A Stronger UWS

Guidance on completing your application

At UWS Students' Union, we are committed to equality of opportunity. To ensure fairness, all identifying personal information is removed from applications before they are passed on to the shortlisting panel. This means that it's essential that your application focuses on your skills and experience, as well as the information you wish to share with us about why you're the right candidate for the role.



Completing Question 6: Meeting the Person Specification

Question 6 is the **most important part of your application**. This section asks you to outline your general experience, and it's your opportunity to demonstrate why you are the ideal candidate for this role.

- **Demonstrate how you meet the person specification:** Provide clear and detailed examples to show how you meet each of the **essential criteria** outlined in the person specification.
- **Use specific examples:** Avoid general statements, explain what you did, how you did it, and what the results were.
- **Include all relevant experience:** This can come from your current or previous employment, voluntary work, or any other activities that have helped you develop the skills and competencies required for the role.

Tips for a Successful Application

- Ensure your application is **clear, concise, and well-structured**.
- Avoid using **ALL CAPS**, as it can be difficult to read.
- Make your points stand out with clear headings or bullet points where appropriate.
- If you need to include additional pages, make sure to clearly mark them with the **job title** and the relevant **application form section** at the top.
- Send your application in a **Microsoft Word** document.

Please note: **CVs will not be accepted** as part of the application process.

Person Specification

Applicants must meet all of the essential criteria below. Criteria 1 and 2 are eligibility requirements. The remaining essential criteria will provide the basis for assessing applications and interviews.

ESSENTIAL CRITERIA

1. Be a current UWS student and expect to remain a Student Member until 30 June 2027.
2. Meet the eligibility requirement for the specific role. For roles representing a particular group, applicants must self-identify as having the relevant identity or lived experience. The Sustainability Network Representative role is open to any eligible UWS student.
3. Ability to communicate effectively, both verbally and in writing, and represent student views confidently, clearly and fairly in a range of settings.
4. Engage students and encourage them to participate in a Network, activity or discussion.
5. Work collaboratively and respectfully with students, representatives, staff and University colleagues.
6. Organise activities and manage responsibilities alongside their studies.
7. Demonstrate a commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.
8. Desire to work within a democratic student-led environment

DESIRABLE CRITERIA

9. Experience of student representation, campaigning, volunteering, societies or community involvement.
10. An understanding of how a students' union or another student-led organisation works.

Our Commitment to Sustainability

At UWS Students' Union, we are proud to align our work with the 17 United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. These goals guide our approach to equality, wellbeing, climate action and community impact, helping us build a fairer and more sustainable future for all students.





Best of luck with your application!



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