

# Student Officer

## Winchester School of Art (WSA) Officer

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### About volunteering with SUSU:

The Union's mission: **unlocking the potential and enriching the life of every student**. As a student-led organisation the hard work and dedication of our student volunteers is vital to our mission.

Here at the University of Southampton we have seven campuses and as a Students' Union, we're keen to grow both our physical and strategic presence at these. Site Officers are a key part of this development, working alongside the Union President to represent the interest of all students studying at their respective sites. They will work alongside the Union's elected Faculty Officers to provide comprehensive representation of every aspect of student life, together addressing any academic or local challenges that students may be facing.

We provide full training at the beginning of the year as well as advice and support as you continue in your role. You will gain a wealth of experience through your voluntary role with SUSU, experience that you can use to improve your future employability while receiving recognition for the work you accomplish.

While volunteering with the Union as a Site Officer, your role in this mission is described below.

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  - 2) To ensure that student views on their study environment are acted upon.
  - 3) To encourage participation in site-specific initiatives aimed at enriching the student experience.
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### The main responsibilities of your role:

#### To act as the lead representative for WSA

- To lead and provide the main point of contact for all students with queries or concerns relating to their time studying at WSA.
- To obtain student feedback on a range of issues relating to the student experience at WSA, passing any academic issues on to the relevant SUSU Academic Representative.
- To report on any changes and improvements to the student body, with an emphasis on those studying at WSA.

#### To ensure that student views on their study environment are acted upon.

- To use a variety of means to collect views and opinions from students on both the Union and University offer at WSA.
- To meet regularly with the staff members responsible for managing and running WSA to discuss potential improvements to the student experience.
- To regularly review student feedback alongside the University and identify further areas for improvement.

#### To encourage participation in site-specific initiatives aimed at enriching the student experience.

- To meet regularly with other WSA-based SUSU representatives (such as Academic Reps) to discuss plan and projects being worked on.
- To encourage participation in SUSU insight activities, both at an institutional and site-specific level.
- To encourage all students to participate in events at WSA to foster a sense of community and belonging.

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### Where can you find guidance?

#### Sabbatical Officer (VP Student Communities):

Emily Harrison, at [vpcommunities@susu.org](mailto:vpcommunities@susu.org)

#### Activities Coordinator (Student Communities):

Ash Hunt, at [ash@susu.org](mailto:ash@susu.org)

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### SUSU Core Offer Calendar

There will be times throughout the year where you may be called on to help promote and spread awareness for SUSU campaigns. There will be key meetings that you must attend such as Education Zone Committee meetings but you may also be invited to attend additional meetings such as Student Forums, our Annual General Meeting or our Making Change Summits.

We have provided a calendar which shows the main campaign periods and key dates for meetings that you may be required to attend below. This provides a guide to the commitment required for this role throughout the academic year.

If at any point you find that you are struggling to balance voluntary work with your studies we understand that your degree must come first. Please, come and speak to us and we will always try our best to make things easier.

### Autumn Term

#### October:

**Training sessions**

**SSLC Meetings with University Staff**

**Student Forums**

**Zone Meeting**

#### November:

**Union Senate**

**Annual General Meeting**

**Making Change Summit**

**Zone Meeting**

### Spring Term

#### February:

**Union Senate**

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### **Student Forums**

**Spring Elections (Faculty Officers)**

**Zone Meeting**

### **March:**

**Making Change Summit**

**SSLC Meetings with University Staff**

**Zone Meeting**

### **Summer Term**

### **May:**

**Student Forums**

**SSLC Meetings with University Staff**

**Summer Elections (School and Department Presidents)**

**Zone Meeting**

**Union Senate**

### **June:**

**Zone Meeting**