

# VP Welfare & Community

## Sabbatical Officer

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### About working 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.

As a Sabbatical Officer, you will lead the direction of the Union on a specific area of work, representing the views of the student body both within the Union and to the University. You will work in partnership with relevant Union staff in all areas of work, and will be held accountable to Union members for your work and projects.

A Sabbatical Officer role is a full-time, paid position, where you will hold office from 1 July for a period of 1 year. This list of duties is not exhaustive, but presents an outline of the core duties and responsibilities of the role.

If you would like to be involved in the work of the Union, you can find out more about our zones, on our website here: [www.susu.org/representation/minutes](http://www.susu.org/representation/minutes)

We provide full training throughout your term in office. You will gain a wealth of experience through your role with SUSU, experience that you can use to improve your future employability while receiving recognition for the work you accomplish.

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### The main purpose of your role:

- 1) Lead on student welfare
- 2) Lead on equality and diversity within the Union
- 3) Lead on Welfare and Community campaigns

### The main responsibilities of your role:

#### Lead on student welfare

- Promoting student wellbeing, with a focus on mental and physical health, safety and housing.
  - Ensure that student welfare is a consideration in all Union activities and promoting the support services available
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- Lobby the University to act on student feedback with regards to the support services it offers, and any wider wellbeing issues

### **Lead on equality and diversity within the Union**

- To represent, support and amplify the voices of students with protected characteristics, as illustrated through equal rights legislation.
- Lobby the university to act on feedback with regards to equality and diversity issues
- To ensure the accessibility and inclusivity of all sites and all activities there

### **Lead on Welfare and Community campaigns**

- To be the lead on welfare and awareness campaigns such as 'You Are More Than'.
- To work to support and facilitate campaigns and celebrations of events with cultural significance, such as Black History Month
- Increasing student engagement with these events and projects

### **Officers who will report to you:**

- International Officer
  - LGBT+ Officer
  - Womens Officer
  - BAME Officer
  - Disabilities Officer
  - Wellbeing Officer
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### **Where can you find guidance?**

#### **Elections Team:**

Democracy Coordinator - Katie Campling, at [katie@susu.org](mailto:katie@susu.org)

Deputy Returning Officer, at [returningofficer@susu.org](mailto:returningofficer@susu.org)

Main inbox monitored by the team, at [elections@susu.org](mailto:elections@susu.org)

#### **Drop-ins:**

We would strongly encourage you to come and speak to a member of the elections team before submitting your nomination. They can help you to

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understand more of the role, get an overview of the elections process and timeline as well as answering any questions you might have early on.

Drop-ins are taking place every **Tuesday and Thursday afternoon** between **13:00 and 17:00** throughout the Nominations Period.

You can find us in the **Representation Office**, which can be found upstairs in Building 40, Highfield Campus, next to the Advice Centre.