



## Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic (BAME) Officer

### 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.**

**As a Student Officer, you will be responsible for representing a particular cohort of students. Your role will be to be a key point of contact between these students and the Union. This might mean seeking out their feedback on issues that might affect them, promoting relevant events or activities, or just being a visible point of contact for the students you represent.**

**You will have regular 1:1 meetings with your relevant Sabbatical Officer who will be able to support and advise you in the work that you want to do. 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 the Black, Asian, Minority Ethnic (BAME) Officer, your role in this mission is described below.**

**Eligibility:** Please note, to run for this position you must self-identify as Black, Asian or Minority Ethnic.

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### The main purpose of your role:

- 1)** To act as the lead representative for BAME students
- 2)** Work to promote the interests of BAME students
- 3)** To collaborate and work with relevant student and community groups

### The main responsibilities of your role:

#### To act as the lead representative for BAME students

- To identify any issues BAME students are experiencing by consulting the relevant student cohorts
- To feedback these issues to the relevant Sabbatical Officer, Union and University staff.



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- Work with relevant Sabbatical Officers and staff to ensure that the needs of BAME students are reflected through the activities of the Union

### **Work to promote the interests of BAME students**

- To work with the VP Welfare & Communities on planning and promoting cultural and awareness events, such as Black History Month
- To be the key point of contact between the Union and the BAME student community
- To be the lead on other campaigns that are topical and relevant to the BAME student community

### **To collaborate and work with relevant student and community groups**

- To work alongside societies which represent students of BAME backgrounds to promote and support their activities
- Promote links with other similar groups and organisations, within the local community, regional area and nationally

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### **Where can you find guidance?**

#### **Sabbatical Officer:**

**[vpwelfare@soton.ac.uk](mailto:vpwelfare@soton.ac.uk)**

#### **Activities Team:**

**[activities@susu.org](mailto:activities@susu.org)**

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### **How to nominate for the role:**

**In order to stand as a candidate, you will need to submit a short statement letting everyone know why they should vote for you. You don't need to have any previous experience so simply focus on what you will achieve if elected.**



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**Log in to our website at [www.susu.org/elections](http://www.susu.org/elections) and fill out the nominations form. There is no need to create a new account, just use your University credentials.**

**For any queries about the election, please contact us at [elections@susu.org](mailto:elections@susu.org)**

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### **Time Commitment and Expectations**

**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 and you must attend relevant SUSU meetings.**

**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.**

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