



WSA Welfare Rep

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.**

The committee is chaired by our WSA Officer. The committee exists to represent your academic interests, to plan and deliver social events and to ensure that your voice is fed back to the Union and the University.

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 SUSU as our WSA Welfare Rep, your role in this mission is described below.

The main purpose of your role:

- 1)** Make positive changes to the day-to-day life at WSA
- 2)** Make the WSA student voice heard at both Winchester and Southampton campuses
- 3)** Ensure student welfare is taken into consideration in all decisions made by the WSA committee

The main responsibilities of your role:

Make positive changes to the day-to-day life at WSA

- Consult the WSA student body, VP Welfare and Communities and the Advice Centre to find out about any issues concerning student welfare, and contribute to discussions on how to make improvements
- Be the point of contact for any questions or ideas concerning student welfare, and be able to signpost to the appropriate service and make sure support services are signposted



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- Awareness of support services offered by the University/SUSU and work with the Activities Coordinator to improve service provision at WSA, including housing support

Make the WSA student voice heard at both Winchester and Southampton campuses

- Attend all WSA committee meetings
- Be the point of contact for any questions or ideas concerning student welfare (as above)
- Direct students to the correct staff or services and escalate larger issues with the Activities Coordinator and Vice President Welfare and Communities

Ensure student welfare is taken into consideration in all decisions made by the WSA committee

- Ensure that there are activities and events revolving around welfare campaigns (e.g. University Mental Health Day, Don't Rush to Rent, You Are More Than Your Hand-Ins...) for all cohorts

Where can you find guidance?

Sabbatical Officer:

president@soton.ac.uk

Activities Team:

activities@susu.org

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 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

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.
