

Sports Participation Officer

Role Profile

About volunteering with SUSU:

The Sports Participation Officer works to represent students who take part in Sporting activities while studying. This includes working to drive participation in sports across all our sites. You will also work with teams at SUSU and the University to help promote sports at Southampton.

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 Sports Participation Officer, your role in this mission is described below.

Main Purpose of Role:

- 1) Chair the Sports Participation Committee (SPC)
- 2) Drive participation by making sports as welcoming and as accessible as possible
- 3) Promote a positive culture within sports at Southampton

Main Responsibilities of the Role

Chair the Sports Participation Committee

- *Ensure regular meetings are held by the committee*
- *Lead the planning and delivery of campaigns and projects run by the Sports Participation Committee*
- *Allocate the Sports Participation Committee budget to campaigns and projects that further the aims of the committee*

Drive participation by making sports as welcoming and as accessible as possible

- *Consult with under-represented groups in sports to understand the barriers they face with participation*
- *Deliver meaningful campaigns to raise awareness of the barriers in sports and provide new opportunities for students to take part in sport*
- *Highlight any existing opportunities for students to take part in sport and promote the benefits of an active lifestyle*

Promote a positive culture within sports at Southampton

- *With the help of the Athletic Union Committee and the sabbatical officers, encourage affiliated sports clubs to uphold SUSU and Team Southampton values*
- *Support relevant campaigns to improve welfare within sports clubs, such as #ExpectRespect and Sexual Consent Awareness week*

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- *Take the lead and challenge negative behaviour such as bullying, hazing, or initiations whenever it manifests in sports*

Where can you find guidance?

- *Sabbatical Officer:* vpsports@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.

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 representation@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.

Term of office: 1st July – 30th June

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Our Values

As an organisation, our values underpin our work and guide what we live by in order to achieve our mission:



Stand Strong

We stand up for students and make sure their voice is heard.

We stand strong when facing challenges and are not afraid to be different. We think big and work to achieve great things.



Join Together

We are an inclusive and diverse community of students and staff

We join together with each other, the University, and the local community to make a positive difference.



Take Responsibility

We take action on the issues that matter to students and act with integrity.

We continually work to be more sustainable, challenge discrimination and prejudice. We strive to be a force for good for students and wider society.