



Welcome

Volunteering and Representation Team

This session will cover...

- Welcome from VP Education, Head of Volunteering and Representation team and staff that support Student Representatives.
- Provide an overview of the training programme
- What to expect from your training today

Learning outcomes...

- Get to know your Student Association staff; meet new and existing student representatives.
- Build awareness of the responsibilities and practicalities of being a student representative in a distance learning community.
- Develop a practical understanding of what is required when attending committee meetings, including reading committee papers.
- Feel confident to access the student voice platforms to nurture and respond to student feedback.
- Establish an understanding of the committee meeting structure and how your role and participation impacts the student voice.
- Understand the values and behaviours required.

Timetable – Saturday 9 September 9:30-2:30pm

Time	Session name	Mandatory	Optional
9:30 – 9:40	1. Welcome and Overview of Training Day	New student reps	Continuing reps
9:40 - 10:00	2. Values and Behaviours	All student reps	
10:00-10:30	3.What is a Rep? (Part 1)	New student reps	Continuing reps
10 minute break			
10:40 – 11:10	3.What is a Rep (Part 2)	New student reps	Continuing reps
11:10-11:30	4. Next steps, using online platforms	New Student Reps	Continuing reps
45 minute break			
12:15-12:30	5. How to approach committee papers	All Student Reps	
12:30-1pm	6. Building confidence and participation	All student reps	
10 minute break			
1:10pm-1:45	7. Committee meetings – Myth busting	All student reps	
1:45-2:15	8. Q&A for all	All student reps	
Close			

Housekeeping

- We will let you know if the session is being recorded.
- Please place microphones on mute when others are speaking.
- Raise your hand if you would like to speak.
- If you participate in the chat, please be aware that we may read aloud contributions so that everyone can be included.



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Introduction to the

Volunteering and Representation Team

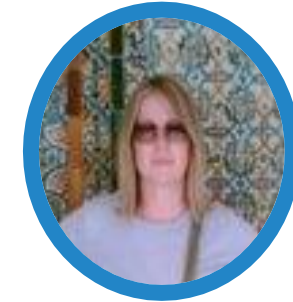
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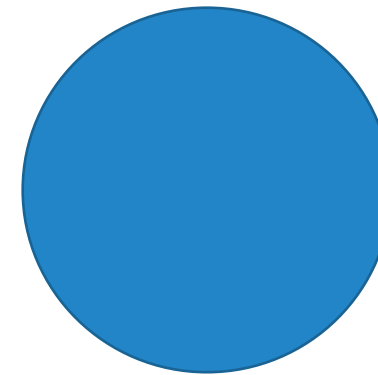
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What is the OU Students Association?

The Open University Students Association is a student's union within the definition of the Education Act 1994 and a registered charity.

Our mission is to make a positive difference for all OU students.

The Association is run by students, for students.

Every student at the OU is automatically a member of the Students Association.



What does the Students Association do?

- We run community events including online meet-up), clubs, and societies.
- We co-ordinate services such as Student Advice and Library Study Volunteers.
- We have three groups supporting students with protected characteristics
- We act as the official voice of OU students - both at The Open University and in wider political and HE circles.
- We currently have around 400 volunteering positions supported by a team of professional and dedicated staff.
- We raise funds and provide grants to students experiencing financial hardship through OUSET



Staff Team

- Student Community
- EDI and Student Welfare
- Policy and Public Affairs
- Strategy and Insights
- Digital Communications
- Operations
- Volunteering and Representation
- Resources
- Executive Support and Staff Welfare



Student Leadership Team

Our elected student leaders are elected every two years and represent students at University and national level.

We are overseen by a **Board of Trustees** that includes six elected student trustees.

Any OU student can stand for election to be a member of the SLT or a student trustee, and every student can vote. Outside of our elections, we can also co-opt student members to our SLT.





Next session

Values and Behaviours