

## U0837\_2: Nominations Form

**Role Category\*** Nation and Area Representative

**Preferred name\*** Lucy Newman

**Candidate Question 1:**

**What attracted you to stand for this role**

I feel this is an excellent opportunity to become involved as an OU Student volunteer, working alongside other Nation Representatives and The Open University, it would allow me to gain experience I would not otherwise have had. Participating in discussions and decision-making as an Area Representative, and enhancing the student experience overall fascinates me. To be able to offer positive contributions that could influence and make a difference overall to how the students encounter study with the Open University, is significant; it is very worthwhile and certainly exciting. It would be a huge honour to be an Area Representative and extremely fulfilling. To feel that I have made a small difference for the better, would make me very proud and is definitely the ultimate 'giving back experience'. To be part of a team of Area Representatives, contributing my thoughts and ideas is very special. In addition, the duties involved as a Student Representative appeal to me.

**Candidate Question 2:**

**What are the top two issues that you would want to address as part of the 2024-26 Student Leadership Team?**

1. Student Contributions

I would voice genuine and constructive concerns; this may be on the Student Forums, which is usually one of the first places students voice their concerns. I would draw together information from the Module forums where possible, as well as contact from students, and discuss those applicable and forward concerns to the relevant department. I would keep abreast of feedback regarding Student ideas raised and the resulting contributions on Student media. Participating and take an active role in meetings in any formal role in decision making as a Student Representative. I would also listen to Leadership team views of current issues and contribute.

2. Inclusivity

Inclusivity for everyone, regardless of students backgrounds, abilities, beliefs, religious or otherwise, age, gender, and disability, it is unlawful not. Students preferences, sexual or otherwise, values, or any differences whatsoever. Everyone has the right to be treated with respect and made to feel a valued member of this community.

