

## U0837\_2: Nominations Form

<b>Full name*</b>	Reece Mckeown
<b>Role Category*</b>	Nation and Area Representative
<b>Candidate Question 1: What attracted you to stand for this role</b>	<p>The main reason that attracted me to the role of Area representative for Ireland was the opportunity to be the voice for the students in both Ireland and Northern Ireland. I will be finishing the second year of my History and Politics degree shortly, during this time I was away in Spain, Cyprus and now returning back to Belfast. With this I feel now is the perfect time to put myself forward for this opportunity as I understand the challenges that are faced with doing distance learning and feel I can be a help to all students for any reason.</p> <p>Another reason is I feel it is important for students to know that they have someone they can communicate with. The OU provides a lot of resources to us but being able to speak with someone in the same position is a positive resource to be utilised. If I was given the privilege to be the Ireland representative I want all students studying either in Ireland or N. Ireland to know they have someone to talk to.</p> <p>The chance to be apart of the student leadership and be the representative for Ireland is another big part as with so many things the issue of Ireland and N. Ireland can be forgotten. I would not let this happen if I were to be elected to the role.</p>
<b>Candidate Question 2: What are the top two issues that you would want to address as part of the 2024-26 Student Leadership Team?</b>	<p>The first issue I will address is making sure that no matter how big or small a issue is that the students from Ireland and Northern Ireland have their voices heard. It is a shame that for most of my first 2 years studying there was no Ireland representative. I will make sure for the period of 2024 - 2026 this doesn't happen as such a big part of the OU student community needs to be represented.</p> <p>My second issue is ensuring that all students feel they are getting the support they need and can have the confidence to ask for help when needed. Doing a degree is not easy and with day to day challenges put in as well it can become overwhelming. I want to make sure if this happens people have the resources and help to get through their issues that we will all face at some point in our studies.</p>
<b>Constituency*</b>	Area Representative - Ireland

