

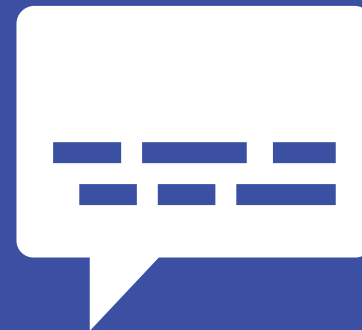


Welcome

Volunteering and Representation team

Welcome & Icebreaker

Please introduce yourself in the chat box...



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.



This session will be recorded



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Feel free to participate in the chat

This session will cover...

- Welcome from VP Student Representation, Head of Volunteering and Representation team and staff that support Student Representatives.
- 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.
- Establish an understanding of the committee meeting structure and how your role and participation impacts the student voice.
- Understand the values and behaviours required.

Welcome Session 1– Wednesday 14 August 2024 10am-12pm.

Full programme details are available on Volunteer Zone.

[Link to all afternoon sessions - Click here to join all sessions](#)

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10:15	Values and Behaviours	An overview of the way volunteering works, expectations and support.	Jazz Simpson, Policy and Representation Officer
10:20	Introduction to Institutional Governance	Information about your committee, board, assembly or group and how your role impacts student voice.	Gareth Jones, Volunteer and Representation Officer
10:40	10-minute break		
10:50	A practical session – being a student in the room	An interactive quiz covering topics covered in your training so far, answers provided by current student reps to provide their perspective.	Current Student Reps
11:20	Next Steps	Summary of your next steps- Communication, briefings, Slack, email, forums, and upcoming events	Gareth Jones, Volunteer and Representation Officer and Jazz Simpson, Policy and Representation Officer
11:30	Q&A	An opportunity to ask questions about your role and anything from the Welcome Session and Training.	Student Reps and staff
11:45	Closing		

Welcome Session 2– Wednesday 14 August 2024 6.30-8.30pm.

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Introduction to the

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Allan Musinguzi
Head of Team



Nicola Powell
Senior Officer
(Training and Wellbeing)



Gareth Jones
Volunteering and
Representation Officer



Tracey Bates
V&R Admin



Reiss Miller
Events and Projects Officer



Jazz Simpson
Representation and
Policy Officer



Pourush Dixit
V&R Admin

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
- Strategy and Insights
- Digital Communications
- Business Services (Finance & Resources)
- Volunteering and Representation
- 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