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SU ELECTIONS '27

VP COMMUNITY & WELFARE

Building connection, belonging, and a better student life for all

Why You'll Love It

If you enjoy getting involved, bringing people together and improving the world around you, this is the role for you. You'll:

- Make a visible difference: From safer housing to greener campuses, you'll lead real change students can see and feel.
- Build your leadership skills: Learn to plan campaigns, collaborate, and speak up for what matters.
- Connect with people: Meet students from every background, and work with staff and local organisations.
- Shape your Students' Union: As one of the Union's Trustees, you'll help steer its future and make sure it reflects the community it serves.
- Have fun while doing it: You'll be at the centre of events, projects and partnerships that make campus life vibrant and inclusive.

Helpful Skills

You'll develop lots of transferrable skills as VP Community, but you'll find campaigning and the first few months in role are easier if you:

- Are confident speaking to new people and in front of audiences
- Have experience of coaching or mentoring others, particularly students
- Can negotiate, influence, or change other people's minds
- Have managed a project before, or have other experience of turning an idea into action
- Possess creativity, vision, or ambition for the role

If you're someone who loves helping others feel at home, who wants to make student life more connected, sustainable and supportive — then becoming Vice President Community is your chance to make it happen.

Purpose and values of the Students' Union

The Students' Union exists to advance the education of its members, the students at the University of Wolverhampton. It does this through a number of activities including offering individual advice, supporting student communities, championing the student voice and delivering events.

Be Supportive - By supporting our students to get the best out of their student experience

Be Brave - By being a strong, proactive Union, trusted by students who know we have their back

Be Inclusive - By welcoming, supporting, respecting and celebrating students of diverse backgrounds, experience or identity

Be Innovative - By being creative and agile, actively seeking opportunities that will have a meaningful impact on students' lives

Purpose of Post

Lead student representative for the wider student experience at the University of Wolverhampton. They focus on building community, improving student wellbeing, and ensuring that life outside the classroom is vibrant, inclusive and supportive.

The role leads on areas such as accommodation, transport, societies, sustainability and local engagement, working closely with students, staff and community partners.
Through campaigns, events and partnerships, the Vice President Community helps students feel connected to each other, their campuses, and the city around them.

Post:	VP Community & Welfare
Salary and Scale:	£25,000
Hours:	35 hours per week
Responsible to:	Trustee Board / Student Members / Chief Executive Officer

Primary Responsibilities

1. Develop and support student societies, ensuring they have the resources, training and recognition needed to thrive.
2. Encourage collaboration between societies, student groups and faculties to create a diverse range of opportunities for students to connect.
3. Promote student volunteering and involvement in campus activities and community projects.
4. Champion the use of Students' Union social spaces to bring students together.

5. Represent students' interests on issues related to accommodation, housing quality and affordability.
6. Work with the University, local landlords and housing providers to address common student housing concerns.
7. Campaign for safe, accessible and affordable transport for students travelling between campuses and within the city.
8. Represent student views on wellbeing, health and safety within the University and wider community.
9. Build strong relationships with local authorities, community organisations and regional partners to promote positive student-community relations.
10. Represent the Students' Union in local and national forums, including NUS campaigns, on issues such as housing, sustainability and student welfare.
11. Collaborate with the University on projects that improve the overall student experience, ensuring students' voices are central to decision-making.
12. Lead and support student-led campaigns that promote belonging, wellbeing and sustainability across campuses.
13. Represent students at relevant University committees and working groups relating to community, accommodation, welfare and sustainability.
14. Listen to students' feedback and use it to inform campaigns, policy development and Union priorities.
15. Communicate outcomes and progress to students through reports, meetings and online channels.
16. Maintain a visible presence across campuses to engage with students directly.

General Responsibilities

1. Uphold and promote University of Wolverhampton Students' Union core values: support, inclusion, innovation and bravery.
2. Work according to the key principles of democracy, diversity, equality, sustainability and integrity.
3. Work closely with fellow Sabbatical Officers and SU Staff to deliver Wolves SU's strategic aims.
4. Attend and contribute to relevant committees, identify emerging student issues, and report back outcomes to students.
5. Support students in disciplinary or academic appeal processes.
6. Help make SU spaces welcoming and inclusive across all campuses.
7. Participate in training, development, and performance review as required.
8. Responsible for developing and maintaining good relationships with:
    i. Sabbatical Officers of the Students' Union
    ii. All staff across the Students' union
    iii. External stakeholders as relevant to the work of the team
    iv. SU Representatives (including Course Reps)
    v. Students
    vi. University staff
9. As a Trustee, you share collective responsibility for:
    i. Setting and maintaining UWSU's vision, mission, and long-term strategy

ii. Overseeing financial sustainability and performance
iii. Ensuring legal and regulatory compliance
iv. Protecting and managing UWSU's assets
v. Upholding the highest standards of governance and ethical leadership

Helpful skills and experience

Below is a list of skills, experiences, and personal attributes that help Officers to thrive in their roles. We hope that our candidates already possess these or would be willing to develop them while in role.

QUALIFICATIONS
Current student at the University of Wolverhampton
Training or coursework related to leadership, communication, or governance
EXPERIENCE
Experience developing or participating in student societies, clubs or community groups
Experience representing others or leading student-led initiatives
Experience engaging with diverse groups of people
Experience organising or promoting events or campaigns
KNOWLEDGE
Understanding of student life and community issues (e.g. accommodation, transport, wellbeing)
Awareness of the role of societies and extracurricular engagement in student life
Understanding of equality, diversity and inclusion principles
Awareness of local or national student issues and NUS campaigns
Understanding of sustainability and social responsibility
SKILLS AND ABILITIES
Strong communication and interpersonal skills
Confidence in public speaking and representing student views
Ability to plan, organise and deliver campaigns or projects
Good networking and partnership-building skills
Creative approach to problem solving and community engagement
Ability to work collaboratively with students, staff and external partners
VALUES
Values compatible with those of the students' union
Professional, reliable, and approachable attitude
Passion for improving the student experience and building community
Willingness to listen, learn, and act on feedback

Respectful, inclusive and professional in all interactions
Demonstrates integrity, accountability and enthusiasm

Postholders must be eligible to work in the UK for the duration of the role.