

VP COMMUNITY & WELFARE

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

University is about more than lectures and deadlines — it's about finding your people, your place, and your purpose. As Vice President Community, you'll help make Wolverhampton a home for every student by leading on everything that brings us together — from wellbeing and social life to accommodation, transport, sustainability, and local engagement.

This full-time, paid sabbatical role is all about strengthening the student community — on every campus and in the wider city. You'll work to make sure students feel supported, connected and proud to be part of the Wolverhampton family.

What You'll Be Doing

You'll be at the heart of student life, working on things that directly shape the experience of thousands of students. You might be:

- Working with the University and local partners to make housing, transport and student safety better.
- Planning campaigns around wellbeing, cost-of-living, sustainability, or community engagement.
- Supporting student groups, societies and volunteers to run events and build connections.
- Meeting with local councillors or community organisations to make sure students have a positive voice in the wider area.
- Helping individual students who are facing housing or welfare issues.
- Bringing energy to campus spaces — helping make the SU a fun, welcoming place where students love to hang out.

You'll also represent students in key University meetings, ensuring that the student experience — both inside and outside the classroom — stays front and centre in decision-making.

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.
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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.

MAKE YOUR MARK

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
Salary and Scale:	£23,500
Hours:	35 hours per week
Responsible to:	Trustee Board / Student Council

Primary Responsibilities

1. Lead on building a strong and inclusive student community across all campuses.
2. Develop and support student societies, ensuring they have the resources, training and recognition needed to thrive.
3. Encourage collaboration between societies, student groups and faculties to create a diverse range of opportunities for students to connect.
4. Promote student volunteering and involvement in campus activities and community projects.
5. Champion the use of Students' Union social spaces to bring students together.
6. Represent students' interests on issues related to accommodation, housing quality and affordability.

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

General Responsibilities

1. Uphold and promote University of Wolverhampton Students' Union core values: democracy, diversity, equality, sustainability and integrity.
2. Work closely with fellow Sabbatical Officers and SU Staff to deliver Wolves SU's strategic aims.
3. Attend relevant committees, identify emerging student issues, and report back outcomes to students.
4. Support students in disciplinary or academic appeal processes.
5. Help make SU spaces welcoming and inclusive across all campuses.
6. Participate in training, development, and performance review as required.
7. 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
8. 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

What we're looking for

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