

BUCKS STUDENTS' UNION OPPORTUNITY PROFILE



This opportunity profile is designed to give you an idea of what your position with this Bucks Students' Union will involve. It highlights the commitments, skills and benefits you can expect in taking up that role.

Role: Student Trustee

Department: Trustee Board

Opportunity: The position of Student Trustee of Bucks Students' Union is a unique opportunity to be part of the team driving the strategic direction of the Union.

As a registered charity aiming to improve the education of students at Bucks New University, the Trustee Board has final sign off on the Union's biggest plans. Working alongside Officer Trustees and External Trustees you will ensure that the charity with a turnover of over £2 million a year meets its objectives and continues to operate in the best interests of its members. You will have the opportunity for networking within the Union as well as with other professionals and representatives in the not-for-profit sector.

Benefits:

- Considerable opportunities for networking
 - Excellent career experience
 - Out of pocket expenses paid
 - An opportunity to work within a dynamic student led organisation, making a real difference for students at Bucks
 - Working in a vibrant fun and exciting environment
 - Opportunity to represent the Students' Union at external events and social, celebratory occasions.
 - Invited to the Union Awards ceremony.
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Duties and responsibilities:

- Be a Trustee of Bucks Students' Union and sit on the Trustee Board
 - Have optional involvement in other committees (e.g. Finance & Staffing , Governance, Remuneration)
 - Be responsible for setting the strategic direction of the Union and communication with key stakeholders
 - Receive reports from officers and staff regarding the operations and progress of the union
 - Receive reports based on the local and national student movement and the future direction of Higher Education.
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People who like this opportunity may also be interested in the following positions:

- President
 - Vice President Education & Welfare
 - Vice President Student Involvement
 - NUS National Conference Delegate.
 - Executive Officer role if relevant
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This section is merely a guide for you, as to experiences which may be helpful. Novices are more than welcome.

Training and support: A comprehensive programme of induction and ongoing training and development is a part of this position. You will also learn a lot 'on the job' from our external trustees, officers and other stakeholders.

Skills gained: Participating in this opportunity will enable you to develop and practice the following skills.

written communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	citizenship	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	languages	<input type="checkbox"/>
teamwork	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	decision making	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	physical fitness	<input type="checkbox"/>
organisational skills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IT	<input type="checkbox"/>	networking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
verbal communication	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	community awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	creativity	<input type="checkbox"/>
time management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	problem solving	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	environmental awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
marketing	<input type="checkbox"/>	leadership	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	project management	<input type="checkbox"/>
delegation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	cultural awareness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	mechanical skills	<input type="checkbox"/>
financial management	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	numeracy	<input type="checkbox"/>	learn a new skill	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other (as specified below):

You will become a fully trained and experienced charity trustee. As there is a national shortage of young experienced trustees, when you leave you will be able to use your skills to get high quality voluntary experience as a trustee in many fields and industries to support your career aspirations.

Time commitment: Trustee Board meetings take place a minimum of 5 times per academic year. Most meetings will be held in the evenings. Some extra time for correspondence between meetings may be required.

Flexible: There is considerable flexibility in the correspondence between meetings and meetings can normally be scheduled to meet the needs of the group.

Fixed: The role may involve participation in meetings which operate on a fixed calendar.

Committees Attended:

- Union Committees
- Trustee Board.

Optional involvement Sub-committees:

- Finance & Staffing
- Governance
- Remuneration
- Appointments.

Qualification requirements: No formal qualifications required however a passionate interest in representation and having a positive impact on students' time at bucks will help.

Method of appointment: This position is elected by the students of Bucks New University.

Venue: Bucks Students' Union Offices including the Uxbridge Campus and potentially Partner College campuses.

Responsible to: Trustee Board of Bucks Students' Union.

Operates alongside: President, Vice President Education & Welfare, Vice President Student Involvement, Senior Management Team and Trustee Board of Bucks Students' Union.

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