I’m in admin hell get me out of here: Support for Liberation Officers

What we will do:

1. To mandate the Association Executive to review the support that the Students’ Association currently provides to Liberation Officers.
2. Following from this review, to mandate the Association Executive to seek to build upon existing structures and potentially create new ones to improve support for Liberation Officers.

Background to this:

1. Lots of students’ unions/associations such as UCL have full time officers for some liberation roles, indicating the high workload for a liberation officer. At Edinburgh, liberation officers work on a voluntary basis alongside their studies, however the role is still very time consuming.
2. A large part of the role is administrative tasks such as sending emails, drafting social media posts, organising logistics for events, promoting events through different channels; this is a large amount of work for officers who are also students to undertake.
3. Additional support for Liberation Officers would reduce heavy administrative role of liberation officers.

Beliefs and motivating actions:

1. The Liberation Officer role is a demanding one, often taking up several hours each week, which can be stressful and time consuming.
2. Support which would reduce some of this administrative burden would enable the officers to take on more projects throughout the year to the benefit of marginalised students and the wellbeing of the officers.
3. The more support Liberation Officers have, the better they can work for the students from marginalised groups they have been elected to represent, taking on more projects to support and engage with them.

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