Activities Representatives: Role Description

What would I be doing?

As one of our Activities Reps, you’ll be responsible for representing one of our categories of student societies.

You’ll need to gather feedback from office bearers and students on any issues which arise, and you’ll also be responsible for providing advice and support to societies within your category.

You’ll have a seat on Activities Executive where you’ll be responsible for approving new societies and shaping the regulations that determine how societies and volunteering groups run.

Why should I stand?

Last year, 86% of our Activities Reps said they’d recommend the role. They reported feeling more connected with the University community as a result of being elected, and said the role had helped them develop leadership skills and increased their confidence.

From helping establish new societies, to securing additional funding, and improving the Students’ Association’s guidelines relating to student-led groups, last year’s Activities Reps made a real difference to our societies and you could continue that work.

What would be expected of me?

Our elected rep roles are flexible and designed to fit around your academic work.

There will always be opportunities to take on additional responsibilities, but we’d be looking for you to do the following:

- Gather feedback from societies within your category and communicate any issues arising to relevant staff and Sabbatical Officers
- Prepare for, attend, and participate in relevant Students’ Association meetings including Activities Executive and Student Council
- Ensure that relevant Students’ Association news is communicated to society office bearers within your category

What support would I get?

We want to help you get the most out of your role, so we offer the following support to our Activities Representatives:
• Comprehensive training, early in semester one, to ensure you have all the knowledge and skills you’ll need for the year ahead
• Access to skills-based training for student leaders throughout the year
• Regular contact with our Vice President Activities and Services Beth, who can support you in raising or escalating any issues
• Regular contact with staff in our Academic team, who can offer practical support and advice relating to your role

What if I have questions?

If you’d like to know more about the role, or want to check something before standing, just email elections@eusa.ed.ac.uk and we’ll get back to you as soon as possible.

Once you’ve nominated yourself, we can also arrange for you to sit down with a relevant staff member to discuss your campaign.