Role Title
Association Historian

Overview of role:
In 2019 the Open University celebrates its 50\textsuperscript{th} anniversary, and in recognition of this the Association, which has supported the University for most of those 50 years, would like to mark the occasion!

We have several plans in place following our very successful ‘Archive project’ in 2017-18 and would like to build on this success by creating meaningful articles, blogs, interviews and videos to support the timeline our volunteers created.

We are looking for volunteers with great journalistic, historical or written skills, as well as the capacity to undertake research of primary sources e.g. copies of the student magazine SESAME from across the years, documents and campaign material. These skills will be put to use during a day in the Association’s and OU’s archives and at home to produce a piece of content up to 1000 words in length.

Not only will this opportunity give you a chance to delve into the archives and use your skills to support the Association but you will receive credit for your work, which will be hosted on our website and shared with students!

To apply for this role:
You must be a member of the Association or the Open University.

Supported by:
You will be supported by the Student Volunteering and Digital Communications teams as well as being in contact with the OU Archivists on campus.

Desired skills:
- Evidence of previous involvement in journalism, historical projects/work, research or creative writing.
- Capacity and time to produce a written report of up to 1000 words for the website (style and format of the written report to be discussed).
- Capacity to make history interesting to the readers.
- Attention to detail, including spelling checking.
- Keenness to do a little online research if necessary.
- A passion for the Association and our work.

This role may require you to attend campus for one day during the week to access resources, however, this date can be arranged at your convenience.

The topics we would most like to cover are:
Early history/formation
Representation
Degrees/types of
Funding
Disability support
LGBT support
Peer support/support services
Participation/community (societies, social, residential schools etc)
Conferences
OUSET
Elections

However, if there are topics of interest to you which are not listed, please let us know as we would really like research to be student-led.

What the OU Students Association expect from you in this role:

- It is important that volunteers respect our values by helping to create a sense of community and support wherever possible. We are committed to equality, diversity and inclusion, and our volunteers should reflect this in their role with us.
- All volunteers are expected to follow the volunteer agreement given to them upon taking on a role with the Association.

What you can expect from the OU Students Association:

- Support from the Volunteer team and Association staff team throughout your time with us.
- We will endeavour that all roles will be of real benefit to the student community and will make a difference to all those you engage with.
- Your volunteering will be appreciated and recognised for the value it brings.
- We aim to give you all the necessary information and training that you require to complete your role. If you feel you need additional support in your role please let us know and we will be happy to help.
- You will be volunteering for a non-discriminatory organisation that strives for equality and celebrates difference.

Closing date:
Monday, 7 January 2019