Vice President Student Community 2018-20

Overview of role:

Vice President Student Community is responsible for encouraging and enabling a vibrant and supportive student community, enabling OU Students to engage with and participate in the Association at local and national levels.

The Vice President Student Community has responsibility for the following activities:

- Encouraging and enabling the work of affiliated societies and clubs.
- Providing support and guidance to community volunteers (Eg Meet-up Hosts) and working in partnership with the Area Association Representatives.
- Overseeing and developing Freshers’ events.
- Overseeing representation at graduation ceremonies and residential schools.
- Developing the Association presence at other events such as day schools.
- Is a director of OUSA Services Limited.
- Member of the Conference Steering Committee.
- Member of Societies Standing Committee.

Role Specific Essential information

You must also be willing and eligible to act as a company director.

You will have:

- A community and engagement focused approach, with a passion for involving students in events and activities both online and face to face.
- Passion for the OU Students Association Vision, Mission and Values.
- Willingness to engage with students, volunteers and Association staff in pursuit of our objectives.
- Good communication skills.
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team.
- Commitment to develop skills and knowledge appropriate to the role.
Time commitment

Within this role you can expect to spend on average 15 hours per week. This role offers flexibility as many aspects of the role can be completed remotely or at local events such as meet ups or ‘Meet Your Students Association’ events, however, your attendance on campus would be required for the following:

Central Executive Committee Meetings – these are held four to six times a year on weekends (dates which have been confirmed for these meetings are held in a separate document available in useful documents and the candidate zone.)

Freshers events – During Freshers there may be a cause for you to attend campus to be involved in Facebook live events or other engagement activities. Freshers takes place during Sept-Oct and Jan-Feb.

Induction Session – All newly elected representatives and trustees are expected to attend an online welcome and induction session Friday 15 March 2019 7-8pm.

Association Conference – All newly elected representatives are invited to join us for our biennial conference, held on Milton Keynes Campus June 2020.

Conference Steering Committee – This takes place in the lead up to the biennial conference, and requires attendance at two face to face meetings in Milton Keynes and participation in an online working group.

Societies Standing Committee – This meeting is held two to three times a year on a weekend, meetings last half day and are often on Saturdays.

You may also be required to travel across the UK to support volunteers at Meet-ups, Residential Schools or Day schools.

Please note that meetings often require preparation time outside of the hours mentioned. Travel time to and from meetings has not been included in our estimation of the time commitment for individual roles.

What additional support will you receive

As part of your role you will be supported by the Head of Community and the Community staff team who support with the operational aspects of planning and running events (e.g. booking venues, supplying resources).