

Scotland Representative

The Scotland Representative has the primary responsibility of supporting the development of a student community for students living in Scotland and, where necessary, representing their views to the Central Executive Committee and the Open University.

The Scotland Representative:

- Is the first point of contact and a public face of the Association to students studying in Scotland and are prepared to communicate with students through a range of platforms.
- Supports students in providing local events such as online meet ups, volunteer projects and other initiatives. Takes a lead role in coordinating Freshers activities in their area.
- Closes the feedback loop on matters affecting students which are specific to those studying in Scotland, using a range of appropriate media to ensure content is engaging and available to a wide range of students.
- Supports the delivery of training to Community volunteers in Scotland, working collaboratively with a range of staff and volunteers to ensure that appropriate support and guidance is provided.
- Works with the Policy and Public Affairs Manager regarding Nations external engagement, particularly related to devolved governments.
- To support the production of a monthly Newsletter for Students in Scotland.

Key skills and attributes

The post-holder will need to possess, or be prepared to develop rapidly, the following:-

- A broad understanding of Scotland-related issues affecting students.
- Commitment to develop further skills and knowledge appropriate to the role.
- A broad understanding of the Students Association and the Open University.

Training and support will be offered to any successful candidate.

Role Specific Essential information, including time commitment

This is a voluntary role which requires on average 10 hours a week, but is busier at some times, such as during Freshers.

It is important to also read the shared responsibilities document, which lists shared aspects of the roles which elected student leaders all commit to upon election to the role.

Examples of meetings attended by Nation and Area Representatives

Meetings are arranged as and when needed to provide training, host community sessions and to get involved in delivering freshers and other engaging student-led activities. Other Nation and Area Reps have found it beneficial to meet together on a semi-regular basis, along with VP Community to share best practice and ideas.

Association Staff Support Link: Community Team (Community Projects Officer)