**Wales Representative**

The Wales Representative has the primary responsibility of supporting the development of a student community in Wales and, where necessary, representing the views of students in Wales, including Welsh-speaking students, to the Central Executive Committee and the Open University.

The Wales Representative:
- Is the first point of contact and a public face of the Association to students studying in Wales and are prepared to communicate with students through a range of platforms.
- Supports students in providing local events such as meet ups, local 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 Wales, using a range of appropriate media to ensure content is engaging and available to a wide range of students.
- Works with the Policy and Public Affairs Manager regarding Nations external engagement, particularly related to devolved governments.
- Supports the delivery of training to Community volunteers in Wales, working collaboratively with a range of staff and volunteers to ensure that appropriate support and guidance is provided.
- Promote and share Welsh language, culture and history with all OU students, making students in Wales aware of Welsh language support available to them from the OU in Wales and promoting bilingual communication with OU student in Wales by the Association and University.
- Support the production of the monthly Newsletter for students in Wales.

**Key skills and attributes**

The post-holder will need to possess, or be prepared to develop rapidly, the following:
- A broad understanding of Wales-specific 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 or Student Voice week.

*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)**