



Role description for Student Reps



In the role there is the potential to work with the Representation and Democracy team of KU to participate and run campaigns. These campaigns can be directly linked to academia or may go beyond this to campaign on issues which can indirectly impact students' academic performance (i.e. mental health provisions, BME attainment gap, LGBTQ+ issues, women in academia and so on.)

The role of a Student Rep is a diverse one, and in becoming a Rep you have the chance to shape the role for yourself and future Reps. This is an exciting time for Kent Union. Students are integral to this, without Reps and other volunteers, the Union would not be as successful as it is. Join the journey and represent the student body.

Role and Responsibilities:

- To make your job easier in collecting feedback, you are mandated to use the new Digital Rep system for an hour every two weeks. Using it even more would be great!
- To engage with and support other Reps and students and to contribute to your group initiatives
- To attend and participate in relevant meetings
- To participate fully in the handover period.
- As an elected Student Rep you will be expected to attend the training provided for you at the beginning of the year, as well as any subsequent training required in order for you to carry out your role effectively.
- Student Reps will be expected to attend regular meetings with their school or department (often in the form of SSLCs), in order for the students they represent to have a voice of change.
 - For these meetings there will be full support from both your VP Education and KU staff (emails at the bottom of the page).
 - Through training you will be fully equip to deal with these types of meetings and effectively represent the views of students.

Benefits:

- Student Reps will have the opportunity to regularly meet with their School Reps and, less frequently, their Faculty Reps. In this space it will be down to you, as a team of reps, to decide how you use the time. You can use it to catch up on your experiences, make Actions Plan for upcoming meetings, discuss potential campaigns or whatever else feel appropriate for the space (this could even simply be having a chat and making new friends!). The space is yours to enjoy and utilise as a team.
- Develop new skills, such as communication and teamwork  
(www.kentunion.co.uk/toolkit for more information about employability skills and how you can record these.



- Use your role to log time towards the Kent Student Certificate in Volunteering Award [KSCV] www.kentunion.co.uk/volunteer-resources

Volunteer Agreement

- You can find a copy of the Volunteer Agreement at <https://unionkent.wufoo.eu/forms/kent-union-volunteer-agreement-201617/> and on the Kent Union website. This agreement sets out what you can expect from Kent Union and what we hope from you.

Available Support

- All volunteers will be provided with staff and sabbatical support (contact details in the Volunteer Handbook accessed at www.kentunion.co.uk/volunteer-resources).
- Please find further specific information on the Student Reps section of the Kent Union website (www.kentunion.co.uk/representation/rep)

Expenses

- You are able to claim back expenses relevant to your group's aims and objectives; these must be agreed in advance with the relevant staff member.

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The journey starts today.