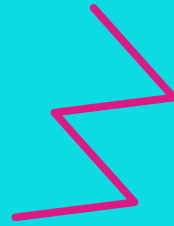




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Course Representatives ensure that the student voice is heard and valued on every course and programme in the university. With over 800+ Course Reps across all degree programmes, the largest group of student volunteers in the university has the power to shape Ulster University's teaching and learning practices in significant ways. Actively seeking student opinion and feedback, Course Reps are the official, elected voice of their course. And by collaborating with Course Directors and their Students' Union, Course Reps feed into quality assurance processes and student-staff consultation meetings.

Every year we aim to recruit and elect a minimum of two Course Reps for each course (and each year of that course), for every programme delivered at Ulster University.

KEY TASKS

- Attend UUSU Course Rep induction and additional training.
- Research and gather information on the student experience in your course.
- Liaise regularly with your classmates and other reps;
 - In person;
 - Online (email, social media, Blackboard discussion threads).
- Keep up to date with student issues.
- Attend Student-Staff Consultative Committee meetings (SSCCs) once per semester.
- Attend the Student Voice Forum on your campus.

OPPORTUNITIES AND BENEFITS

- **Leadership**
Be a student voice champion by representing a diverse student body at course level.
- **Communication**
Promote your role within UUSU and the University to students within your course. Learn how to communicate diplomatically within a connected and supportive Rep structure.
- **Decision-making**
Balance student needs with institutional policies by learning when to refer and take action to support students and other reps in need of **academic**, **wellbeing** and **financial support**.

- **Cultural awareness**

Understand and represent the needs of students from underrepresented and marginalised backgrounds. Help to create equal opportunities for all by facilitating student voices in their many forms.

- **Interpersonal skills**

Hone empathy with other students and staff through positive relationships. Become adept at managing relationships with diverse stakeholders.

- **Policy and Governance**

Understand institutional policies and decision-making processes. Apply your knowledge of organizational management to the representative role.

- **Employability**

Collaborate with University departments to enhance student employability opportunities. Develop your own CV through your representational work.

SUPPORTING YOU IN THE ROLE

You will be supported by the **UUSU Student Voice team** and by your Course Director. UUSU works in partnership with all Course Directors to ensure that you are prepared for and valued in your role. School/Department and Faculty Representatives will also support you when needed and appropriate – find out who your senior reps are [here](#). Throughout your time as a student, you are also supported by the **Wellbeing** services within the university.

TIME COMMITMENT

We ask Course Reps to volunteer an average of just one hour per week, amounting to 30 hours in total for the year. Some periods of the semester will, of course, be busier than others; and course sizes will vary from programme to programme.

