



LMSU Volunteer Role Description Student Council Member

Volunteer Role:	Student Council Member
Role overview:	
<p>Student Council is the main representative body of the Students' Union and is made up of students who represent different groups from across the University.</p> <p>Student Council discusses and debates issues which are of interest or concern to students and is a brilliant opportunity to represent your fellow students and their views, decide what the Union should be working on, recommend policies to the Board of Trustees and also make sure that the elected officers are working hard to make the changes students want to happen.</p>	
Location:	London Metropolitan University: Holloway campus, Aldgate campus and some remote volunteering work
Time commitment:	Approx 3 hours per month, including attendance at all scheduled Student Council meetings and LMSU's Annual Members Meeting
Supported by:	Student Voice Coordinator (Democracy and Representation)
Training and support offered:	<p>Essential role specific training Ongoing support and guidance A variety of other training opportunities will be offered throughout the year Opportunities to attend a number of social events with other Students' Union volunteers</p> <p>The Student Voice Team will make every effort to make meetings and events accessible, however if there is ever something which needs adjusting (for example a meeting room) they can always be contacted to do this. Materials, such as the Council Handbook, can be provided in a larger font or as a physical copy, if you contact the Student Voice Team.</p>
Useful abilities and previous experience:	No previous training or experience is required, but an interest in the representation of students would be advantageous. You will need to be reliable and organised, as well as a good communicator and listener

Role requirements:	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. To attend and actively participate in all scheduled Student Council meetings2. To seek out and represent the views of students in discussions and decisions at Student Council and report back on issues discussed and any decisions that might affect them3. To vote on motions, make recommendations on policies and hold the elected officers to account4. To put forward any motions on issues affecting students when needed5. To read the agenda and any accompany papers, which will be circulated in advance6. To attend relevant other meetings relating to the post, to represent and act in the best interests of students and to report pertinent information back to Student Council7. To uphold the democratic principles of LMSU and to act in a fair and unbiased way8. To act as an ambassador for LMSU, promoting a positive image in everything that you do9. To engage fully in LMSU democratic processes and to be accountable to the student body10. To be an advocate for LMSU campaigns and engagement opportunities, including LMSU Elections and the LMSU Annual Members Meeting11. To carry out all duties in accordance with the LMSU policies designed to protect members of staff, elected representatives, volunteers or students from harassment. It is the responsibility of the postholder not to act in a prejudicial or discriminatory manner towards staff, elected officers, volunteers, students, visitors or members of the public. The postholder should also counteract such practice or behaviour by challenging or reporting it12. To take reasonable care of health and safety of self, other people and resources whilst volunteering and to comply with the SU and University Health and Safety Policies, Codes of Practice and local arrangements
What's in it for you:	<p>The role provides a huge opportunity to improve your confidence and gain a unique experience that will really make your CV stand out. You get as much out of it as you put in!</p> <p>Some of the skills you can gain include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Community buildingCultural awarenessDecision-makingDemocracyFlexibility and adaptabilityGovernanceIndependent workInitiative

	<p>Interpersonal and communication Networking skills Organisational Problem-solving Public speaking skills Representation Teamwork Time Management</p> <p>As well as offering you a chance to enhance your C.V., you will receive a certificate at the conclusion of your role and your contribution will be formally recognised on your degree transcript</p>
<p>The impact you'll have:</p>	<p>By ensuring that all elected representatives are acting in the best interests of students and within the boundaries of LMSU's democratic processes, you will be influencing positive change to the student experience of your peers.</p> <p>You will also be directly contributing to LMSU's:</p> <p>Purpose: The advancement of education for Students at London Metropolitan University for the public benefit</p> <p>Mission: Empowering students to make the most of their time at London Met and transform their lives for the better</p> <p>Vision: A connected community in which all students, from any background, receive the highest quality and transformative experience possible</p> <p>Values: Student Led Open Creative Kind Inclusive Ambitious</p>
<p>DBS requirements:</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Application and selection process:</p>	<p>Directly elected members: Elected by cross campus ballot in March, facilitated by LMSU</p> <p>Student Rep and Student Activities members: Elected by peers in late October and early November, facilitated by LMSU</p> <p>Mid-year elections may also take place if any positions become vacant</p>

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