

Student Communities Officer

Role Description

The Student Communities Officer is a full-time employee at Arts SU and is paid a salary of £31,000 for a full academic year.

The Student Communities Officer is the lead representative of the various student communities at UAL, including sports, societies, study, liberation, and personal identity. You will work with Arts SU, fellow Elected Officers, students, university staff and external organisations. This sport/society committees, school reps, and liberation networks to encourage students to engage in creating and developing the communities which they identify.

You will work closely with these groups to make positive changes for students and lead on the development of Arts SU communities, facilities and services, and associated opportunities to ensure these are accessible for all UAL students across the University. Working with students, Arts SU and university staff, you will lead on the representation of groups covering sports, societies, creative opportunities and volunteering.

The Student Communities Officer will attend various University committees to ensure the continued support, representation and development of the different student communities at UAL.

If you're passionate about making UAL better, empowering students' voices, want to challenge and grow yourself and devise creative solutions to the challenges different student communities face, get involved.

Benefits include:

- Salary of £29,000 for an academic year.
- Connect with students and staff across UAL and Arts SU.

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- Develop skills in empowering creative voices, problem solving, communication, team working, commercial awareness, event planning and project management.
- Grow confidence in representing creatives within the Arts.
- Develop understanding of Arts education and the challenges facing students today.
- Attend socials with other elected officers and Arts SU staff and arts active events.
- Take part in training, networking and professional development opportunities and conferences provided both internally by Arts SU & UAL, and externally across the Higher Education sector.
- Shape the future of UAL and Arts SU.

What does the Student Communities Officer do?

- Gather and represents the views, ideas and experiences of student communities at UAL including study, sports, societies, volunteering, liberation and students of circumstance, to the University, and external organisations.
- Leads priorities and/or campaigns based on the needs of student communities, and supports Arts SU campaigns
- Attends and actively engages in meetings, and holds other University meetings, as appropriate.
- Works with Arts SU to shape their work on liberation, equity, diversity, and inclusion, as well as the organisational strategic priorities.

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What does the Student Communities Officer do?

- Oversees the direction, finances, staff and governance of the organisation at Trustee Board meetings in your role as an Arts SU Trustee.
- Supports key Arts SU events and campaigns such as Welcome Week, Elections, Xhibit, and Liberation Events including Black History Month, LGBTQ+ History Month, International Women's Day, and more.

What training and support will I receive?

- In-person and online training delivered by Arts SU staff, University staff, and external providers.
- Mentoring and Coaching from the Arts SU Senior Leadership Team and External Providers.
- Training Conferences & Socials internally and externally.
- Regular catch ups with Arts SU staff to provide guidance and advice for the role.
- University committee support from Arts SU staff through briefings and attendance.

How do I become the Student Communities Officer?

- You must be a current UAL student or current Elected Officer who is rerunning to stand in the elections.
- As the role is full-time and paid, to fulfil this you must either take a year out of study or undertake it after completing your course.
- No previous experience needed; just enthusiasm and passion to improve the student experience at UAL.

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- We encourage students with characteristics underrepresented in Higher Education to stand for this role, including Black UK-students, International students, disabled students, Women, LGBTQ+ Students, Trans Students, Commuter Students, Students with Caring Responsibilities and Part-time Students.
- Standing for Elected Officer roles open as part of the Arts SU Elections held in February/March each year via the Arts SU website.
- As a candidate in the election, you'll be supported by Arts SU staff through this process. You will receive guidance and resources to support your candidates.

What we expect from you

- Attend in person and online training delivered by Arts SU.
- Attend and actively engage in University and SU meetings.
- Work effectively with the rest of the Elected Officer team, Arts SU staff, and University staff.
- Work 35 hours a week, including core office hours of Monday-Friday, 10am-4pm, and occasional weekend or evening work where required.
- Comply with all Arts SU regulations, policies and protocols.

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What can you expect from Arts SU

- Comply with all Arts SU regulations, policies and protocols.
- Timely information about activities e.g. meetings, trainings and events.
- Training and an open door if you have any questions or ideas about the role.
- Regular support from Arts SU staff to develop, monitor and deliver your priorities for the year.
- Support if you are struggling – we understand this can be a demanding role and we're available to work with you when needed.

If you have any queries about the role, you can get in touch with:

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