Student Voice Week Ambassador

The Open University works in partnership with the OU Students Association to put together a week of interactive events and activities for students to engage in. This year we are offering a unique opportunity to contribute your ideas and creativity to make that happen, to develop your skills, and to make sure we offer the type of experiences that you want to get involved with.

Student Voice Week will take place 7–13 November 2022 and will deliver interactive activities that will enable you to share your views on a whole range of issues relating to the student experience. There will also be activities designed to enable you to engage with the wider OU community, to promote wellbeing and to empower students from across our diverse student body.

We are now recruiting Student Voice Week Ambassadors to contribute to the development of the event and develop and enhance your own skills in the process. The full role description is below.

If you’re interested, please complete the form at http://www3.open.ac.uk/forms/SVWA2022/ by the end of Tuesday 19 July with up to 800 words on you would like to be a Student Voice Week Ambassador and the skills you would bring, particularly in reference to your own experience as an OU student.

Any questions: please contact student-voice@open.ac.uk.

Role Description

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<th>Role</th>
<th>Student Voice Week Ambassador</th>
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<td>Aim of the role</td>
<td>To work in partnership with student reps and staff to support the development of Student Voice Week (SVW) 2022 taking place 7–13 November 2022 and to increase student engagement in activities taking place during the week.</td>
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<td>Number of volunteers sought</td>
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<td>Commitment</td>
<td>Approximately 1.5 hours per week from 1 August to 30 November 2022</td>
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<td>Location</td>
<td>Online (with potential for opportunities to visit the OU’s Milton Keynes campus to be confirmed – expenses for this will be covered)</td>
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<td>What does it involve?</td>
<td>1. Attending online meetings and/or participating in an online forum. These meetings are likely to take place every 2-3 weeks, sometimes during office hours, but students will also be able to participate via email or online forum. Some meetings will be organised outside of traditional office hours. Those recruited will be consulted about availability for meetings.</td>
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The content of the meetings/forum will include:

- Discussing ideas for activities to take place during Student Voice Week;
- Feeding back on ideas for SVW activities put forward by The Open University and the OU Students Association;
- Contributing ideas and reviewing online content for promoting Student Voice Week.

2. Becoming an advocate for the promotion of Student Voice week to the student body – sharing content online and sharing feedback from online spaces back to the OU and OU Students Association.

3. Potential for contribution to SVW promotional materials.

### Benefits to self

- Increased sense of engagement with the OU and Students Association community.
- Increased knowledge of how the OU and OU Students Association work together to plan events.
- Learning and/or increasing skills in relation to –
  - Communications
  - Creative digital literacy
  - Event management
  - Collaborative working
  - Stakeholder management.
  - Problem solving

### Benefits to others

A SVW Ambassador will provide insight for the SVW Planning Group in how to meet the needs and interests of the student body in relation to Student Voice Week.

### Training and development within the volunteer position

- General introduction to Student Voice at the OU and OU Students Association
- General introduction Communications at the OU and OU Students Association
- Equality, Diversity and Inclusion briefing.

### Support

- You will be part of a team led by the OU Students Association Vice-President (Engagement).
- OU staff from the OU’s Student Voice Team will be on hand to answer any questions or queries.

### Reward

- All students contributing will receive a £100 thank you voucher to support study-related costs.

### What happens next

Student and staff representatives from the Student Voice Week Planning Group will consider all submissions and decide on which students will be offered the roles available. You will be notified by the end of July whether you have been successful or not.