

Student Officer

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender+ (LGBT+) Officer

About volunteering with SUSU:

The Union's mission: **unlocking the potential and enriching the life of every student**. As a student-led organisation the hard work and dedication of our student volunteers is vital to our mission.

As a Student Officer, you will be responsible for representing a particular cohort of students. Your role will be to be a key point of contact between these students and the Union. This might mean seeking out their feedback on issues that might affect them, promoting relevant events or activities, or just being a visible point of contact for the students you represent.

You will have regular 1:1 meetings with your relevant Sabbatical Officer who will be able to support and advise you in the work that you want to do. We provide full training at the beginning of the year as well as advice and support as you continue in your role. You will gain a wealth of experience through your voluntary role with SUSU, experience that you can use to improve your future employability while receiving recognition for the work you accomplish.

While volunteering with the Union as the LGBT+ Officer, your role in this mission is described below.

Eligibility: Please note, to run for this position you must self-identify as LGBT+

The main purpose of your role:

- 1) To act as the lead representative for LGBT+ issues
 - 2) Work to promote the interests of LGBT+ students
 - 3) To collaborate and work with relevant student and community groups
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The main responsibilities of your role:

To act as the lead representative for LGBT+ issues

- To identify any issues LGBT+ students are experiencing by consulting the relevant student cohort
- To feedback these issues to the relevant Sabbatical Officer, Union and University staff.
- Work with relevant Sabbatical Officers and staff to ensure that the needs of LGBT+ students are reflected through the activities of the Union

Work to promote the interests of LGBT+ students

- To work with the VP Welfare & Community on planning and promoting cultural and awareness events, such as LGBT History Month
- To be the key point of contact between the Union and the LGBT+ student community
- To be the lead on other campaigns that are topical and relevant to the LGBT+ student community

To collaborate and work with relevant student and community groups

- To work alongside societies which represent LGBT+ students to promote and support their activities
- Promote links with other similar groups and organisations, within the local community, regional area and nationally

Where can you find guidance?

Sabbatical Officer:

Isabella Camilleri, at vpwelfare@susu.org

Activities Coordinator (Student Life):

Ilona Bartlett, at i.bartlett@soton.ac.uk

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SUSU Core Offer

There will be times throughout the year where you may be called on to help promote and spread awareness for SUSU campaigns. There will be 6 key meetings that you must attend, but you may also be invited to attend additional meetings such as Student Forums, our Annual General Meeting or our Making Change Summits.