

# Winchester School of Art (WSA) Officer Role Profile



## About volunteering with SUSU:

The WSA Officer works alongside the Union President to represent the interest of all students studying at WSA Campus. You will also work alongside the Union's elected Faculty Officers to provide comprehensive representation of every aspect of student life, together addressing any academic or local challenges that students may be facing.

In order to apply for the role, you must predominantly be based at WSA campus. When applying for this role you are confirming that you meet the eligibility criteria for the role.

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.

## Main Purpose of Role:

- 1) To act as the lead representative for WSA.
- 2) To ensure that student views on their study environment are acted upon.
- 3) To encourage participation in site-specific initiatives aimed at enriching the student experience.

## Main Responsibilities of the Role

### To act as the lead representative for WSA

- *To lead and provide the main point of contact for all students with queries or concerns relating to their time studying at WSA.*
- *To obtain student feedback on a range of issues relating to the student experience at WSA, passing any academic issues on to the relevant SUSU Academic Representative.*
- *To report on any changes and improvements to the student body, with an emphasis on those studying at WSA.*

### To ensure that student views on their study environment are acted upon.

- *To use a variety of means to collect views and opinions from students on both the Union and University offer at WSA.*
- *To meet regularly with the staff members responsible for managing and running WSA to discuss potential improvements to the student experience.*
- *To regularly review student feedback alongside the University and identify further areas for improvement.*

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**To encourage participation in site-specific initiatives aimed at enriching the student experience.**

- *To meet regularly with other WSA-based SUSU representatives (such as Academic Reps) to discuss plan and projects being worked on.*
- *To encourage participation in SUSU insight activities, both at an institutional and site-specific level.*
- *To encourage all students to participate in events at WSA to foster a sense of community and belonging.*

## **Where can you find guidance?**

- *Sabbatical Officer: [president@soton.ac.uk](mailto:president@soton.ac.uk)*
- *Activities Team: [activities@susu.org](mailto:activities@susu.org)*

## **How to nominate for the role:**

In order to stand as a candidate, you will need to submit a short statement letting everyone know why they should vote for you. You don't need to have any previous experience so simply focus on what you will achieve if elected.

Log in to our website at [www.susu.org/elections](http://www.susu.org/elections) and fill out the nominations form. There is no need to create a new account, just use your University credentials.

For any queries about the election, please contact us at [representation@susu.org](mailto:representation@susu.org)

## **Time Commitment and Expectations:**

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 key meetings that you must attend and you must attend relevant SUSU meetings.

If at any point you find that you are struggling to balance voluntary work with your studies we understand that your degree must come first. Please, come and speak to us and we will always try our best to make things easier.

## **Our Values**

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As an organisation, our values underpin our work and guide what we live by in order to achieve our mission:



### Stand Strong

We stand up for students and make sure their voice is heard.

We stand strong when facing challenges and are not afraid to be different. We think big and work to achieve great things.



### Join Together

We are an inclusive and diverse community of students and staff

We join together with each other, the University, and the local community to make a positive difference.



### Take Responsibility

We take action on the issues that matter to students and act with integrity.

We continually work to be more sustainable, challenge discrimination and prejudice. We strive to be a force for good for students and wider society.