

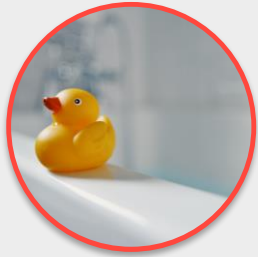


THE  
SU  
VOICE

# Academic Rep Training

Refresh edition

# Meet the SU Education Team



Taibah

Student Voice  
Coordinator  
(Postgraduate)



George

Student Voice  
Coordinator (Academic  
Representation)



Ryan

Education  
Manager



RE-ELECTED FOR 23/24

Jura

Postgraduate  
Officer



NEW FOR 2023/24

Amber

Education  
Officer

# By end of this session, you will...



...reflect on your experience as a Rep last year.



...be refreshed on the role and responsibilities of an effective Academic Rep.



...be reminded of the meetings you attend as a Rep.



...know about what is new in the SU and for representation.

# Time to Reflect!



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**Name something you achieved as a Rep last year that you're proud of.**

① Start presenting to display the poll results on this slide.

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**Was there anything last year that you needed additional support with?**

① Start presenting to display the poll results on this slide.

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**Is there anything you're  
keen to achieve or learn  
this year?**

① Start presenting to display the poll results on this slide.



# Role Refresher



# What do Academic Reps do?



Collect and represent  
students' academic  
feedback from your  
cohort

# What do Academic Reps do?



Highlighting  
positive and negative  
feedback to  
academic staff



Signposting students  
to appropriate  
services



Collaborate on wider  
issues to make  
greater change

# The SU Voice Structure



**Other online spaces (e.g., WhatsApp, Instagram)**

**Face-to-face chats online or in person**

**Hands up  
before/after class**

# **How could you collect feedback?**

**Emails**

**Surveys**

**Lecture shout outs**

**Post-it notes in tutorials**

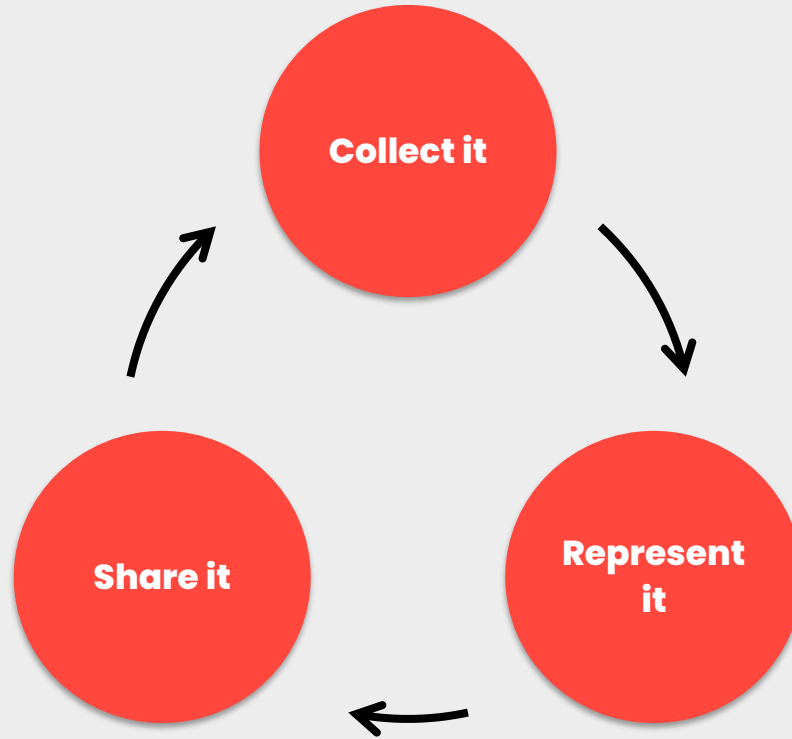
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# Feedback Topics Ideas

- Curriculum transformation
- Teaching on your course
- Assessment and feedback
- Learning Community
- Unit Evaluations
- Academic Support
- Learning Resources

**Unsure what topics to ask for feedback on? Here are some ideas...**

# The Feedback Cycle



**Collect  
it**

Collect feedback from **all students** within your year group

**Represent  
It**

Present 'evidenced' feedback in a balanced and timely manner

**Share It**

Communicate and share any outcomes from the meeting



We operate on the approach of...

# Majority **rules**, minority **rights**

Which is an “important principle in democracy according to which public policy is determined by a majority of citizens, but the majority may not rightfully use its power to deprive minority groups of their rights”.

# As a Rep, you hold a lot of power!

A good Rep is

## unbiased

[adjective] “showing no prejudice for or against something; impartial.”

It is important that you remain impartial when collecting feedback. When asking questions to students it is important that you do not ask **leading questions** when collecting feedback.

# Signposting Services

## SU Advice & Support Centre

- Housing advice e.g., contract check and issues with landlord
- Academic appeals, review and IMCs
- University complaints, harassment and discrimination

## University Student Services

- Wellbeing Service
- Therapeutic Services & Mental Health (previously known as Counselling Service)
- Disability Service
- Student Money Advice
- Student Immigration Service

# SU Meetings





# Education Councils

- Meeting with all Academic Reps
- Go to your adjacent council e.g.,
  - Undergraduate Academic Council
  - PGT Council
  - Doctoral Council
- Led by your Officer and Faculty Reps
- Discuss current themes and concepts happening for students
- Build a community of Reps
- Refreshments provided



# UG Faculty Forums

- Meeting with Academic Reps from your Faculty
- Chaired by your Faculty Reps
- Opportunity to escalate feedback from SSLCs
- Discuss key/shared issues affecting departments



# Doctoral Lunch

- Space to engage with other Doctoral students
- Enjoy free food!
- Remember to promote this among the students you represent

# What's new with the SU?





## Your SU Officers



Officers are elected representatives who work full time to represent you to the university. They sit in key meetings, lobby on your behalf, and support students in representing themselves.

They are elected in Spring and can serve up to two terms (term = year) in their role. Many students choose to run for a position in their final year of university, but all students can run and take time out of their studies to be in the role.

## Humanities & Social Sciences



Ahmad Mahmood Alkuchikmulla  
Undergraduate



*Vacant*  
*(By-Election in Autumn)*  
Undergraduate

## Science



Miranda Yafi  
Undergraduate



Ffion Gould  
Undergraduate

## Management



Kara Signh  
Undergraduate



*Vacant*  
*(By-Election in Autumn)*  
Undergraduate

## Engineering & Design



Nathanail Georgiou  
Undergraduate



Caitlin Grainger-Spivey  
Undergraduate

# PGT Faculty Reps

**Humanities &  
Social Sciences**



*Pending*

**Science**



*Pending*

**Management**



*Pending*

**Engineering &  
Design**



*Pending*

# Doctoral Faculty Reps

**Humanities &  
Social Sciences**



Name

**Science**



Name

**Management**



Name

**Engineering &  
Design**



Name

# Senate Rep



Vacant until  
Election in October

The Senate Representative is elected by all students once a year and represents students at University Senate and also is a member of the SU Academic Executive Committee.

# REP

of the

# Month

- Winner(s) every month announced in the Rep newsletter
- Prize
  - A Rep of the Month mug
  - An article celebrating how amazing you are
  - LinkedIn Skill Endorsements

— The University of Bath & The SU Bath —

# EDUCATION AWARDS



Our annual event to recognise and reward the outstanding contribution that students and staff make towards the rich education community at The University of Bath

# If nothing else remember these

- ★ ABCDE your feedback
- ★ Make sure you raise issues in a timely manner
- ★ Be inclusive
- ★ This is a partnership; work with your academics, your fellow Reps and The SU
- ★ Don't be afraid to ask for help!



**THANK YOU!**