

Staffordshire University Students' Union

STARs Role

Voluntary Role:

Student Academic Representative (STARs)

Duties and Responsibility:

- Gather and represent students' opinions about the course
- Attend Student Staff Liaison Group (SSLG) meetings. A formal meeting with academic staff on your award
- Voice student opinions (positive & negative) in SSLG meetings
- Feedback to students on your course the SSLG outcomes, either through email, 1-2-1 or class shout outs
- Maintain dialogue with peers and Student's Union

Training:

- Receive STARs training and a STARs Handbook
- Skills based training throughout the year
- STARs Conference and NUS National Student Rep Conference

Responsible to:

To **STUDENTS** on your course, as you represent their opinions

Benefits:

- It will improve your employability
- Gain confidence and learn transferable skills
- Receive an engagement allowance for contributing towards Student Staff Liaison Meeting
- Receive formal recognition at the annual awards ceremony and with 'inVOLved'
- Respect from your peers and academic staff
- Structural knowledge of Union and University

Time Commitment:

- Attend one Student Staff Liaison Group meeting per semester. This may take only a few hours of your time with preparation, meeting and feedback
- Minimum of one hour per week for engaging, gathering and representing students' opinions about the course and feedback to students via email, 1-2-1 or class shout out.

Opportunity:

- Improve the quality of teaching and learning
- Voice student opinions and initiate change
- Improve the student experience

Support from Students' Union:

You will get ongoing support & guidance from:

- Student Engagement Team – Ithsham Pevrez (Stoke) & Rachel Becker (Stafford)
- Education & Welfare Officer: Kim Hargreaves

Skills Gained: Participating in this role will enable you to gain, develop and practice the following skills.

Written Communication	✓	Teamwork	✓	Decision Making	✓
Verbal Communication	✓	Time Management	✓	I.T	✓
Meeting Skills	✓	Negotiation	✓	Organisation/Planning	✓

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