

Are you a Course Rep, keen to step up in representing the student voice?

Are you a student who wants to make a meaningful difference to our university?

Are you looking for a voluntary opportunity to develop your skills and do something worthwhile?

Then why not become a Subject Rep?

### What does a Subject Rep Do?

A Subject Rep represents the whole group of courses within **your academic Subject**, rather than just those who study the same thing as you (like Course Reps do). This **voluntary role** is about using your unique understanding of students like you, combined with their feedback, to make positive changes to everyone's experiences.

There's great opportunity to learn more across disciplines related to your own degree, meet new students with shared experience and interests and network with senior university staff to **make real and meaningful change to students lives**.

Previously our Subject Reps have successfully lobbied for changes in assessments, teaching practice and facilities and resources. Working alongside the Full Time Officer Team, you'll lead the team of Course Reps in your Subject Group to **ensure the representative student voice can be heard** to deliver for your peers.

### How will I be supported?

Subject Reps receive an induction on how the University and Union work, with **training sessions and resources** on specific elements of the role such as your contribution to Representative Council and University meetings.

**If elected during The Leadership Race**, you will be supported by the Student Voice Team to make sure that your ideas, opinions, perspectives and experiences are understood by the University and inform their decision making. This staff team are on hand to sense-check ideas, signpost and directly support with more complex issues or projects.

Subject Reps also get access to Your Union Rep Hub in Microsoft Teams so that they can **connect with other representatives** and communicate with the Officer Team, meaning that you'll be able to tap into a network of students just like you to check ideas, understand experiences and even make new friends.

### How much of a commitment is it?

Most Subject Reps attend regular catch ups with their Course Director(s), Head of Department or Associate Dean, as well as meetings with students and Course Reps across the courses in their Subject Group. They are also an important part of your Students' Union's decision-making through our Student Representative Council – altogether, Subject Reps would usually contribute **50-60 hours of their time, spread across the whole academic year**.

We recognise that this is a significant contribution, but with Full Time Officers, The Student Voice Team and the rest of Your Union on hand to help, **you're never alone** in making change happen for student.

There are eight major activities that we look for Subject Reps to undertake, but we try to be **as flexible as possible**. If you have any questions about the role, please get in touch to ask!

Contribution	Details
Rep Hub activity	Maintaining regular communication with your fellow student reps
Course Rep Forum	Organising and hosting semesterly meetings with other reps in your Subject, providing support and helping fill in the bigger picture
Representative Council	Three council meetings a year that guide the direction of your Union by reviewing our work and discussing issues head-on
School Academic Committee	Six meetings a year attended by one of your Full-Time Officers – Subject Reps can either attend themselves, or touch base with the Officer to share their thoughts before and after
Department meetings	Keeping in touch with your Course Director or Head of Department and other senior staff – we recommend twice a semester, but you may find something else works better
Continuous Monitoring	Two sets of two 90-minute meetings that help the university ensure the quality of its teaching – good-quality student input is a vital part of the process
Better Staffs Forum	Review student-submitted ideas and the findings our latest research, and help decide how your Students' Union should respond
Members' Meeting	Review the performance of your Students' Union over the past academic year and help make sure we're as effective as we can be

What are you waiting for? [Nominate yourself now!](#)