



Welfare Rep

12 Month Fixed Term Voluntary Position

Role Pack

Thanks for your interest in this role at the University of Gloucestershire Students' Union. Take a look at the role pack below to find out more about the role.

Important dates

Nominations Open – Monday 5th October (9am)

Nominations Closed – Sunday 11th October (5pm)

Mandatory Candidate Training – Monday 12th October (11:30 – 1pm)

Campaigning Begins – Monday 12th October (1pm)

Voting Opens - Tuesday 13th October (9am)

Voting Closes – Friday 16th October (1pm)

Results Announced – Monday 19th October (1pm)

Role details

Location: Across all UoG sites in Cheltenham and Gloucester (Park, FCH, Oxstalls and City Campus)

Time Commitment - Approximately 4 hours a month

Training Dates: 26th October 2026

Position Type: Voluntary

Length of Term: Until the end of the Academic Year

Lead Contact: Welfare and Diversity Officer.



What is a Welfare Representative?

Welfare Representatives are elected student leaders who represent and champion the interests of specific student communities at the University of Gloucestershire. They ensure the voices and experiences of underrepresented groups are heard, raise issues that matter to their community, and work with the Students' Union and University to create positive change.

There are nine Welfare Representative roles:

- Care Leavers Welfare Rep
- Mental Health Welfare Rep
- International Students' Welfare Rep
- Mature Students' Welfare Rep
- LGBTQ+ Welfare Rep
- Parents & Carers Welfare Rep
- Students with Disabilities Welfare Rep
- Black, Asian & ME+ Welfare Rep
- Women+ Welfare Rep

What would I be doing?

As a Welfare Representative, you will:

- Represent the experiences, concerns, and priorities of your student community.
- Gather feedback from students and ensure their voices are heard in Students' Union and University decision-making.
- Work alongside other Reps, Officers, and University staff to improve equality, inclusion, accessibility, and student wellbeing.
- Lead or support campaigns that address issues affecting your community and create positive change.
- Attend Student Council meetings and contribute to discussions on matters impacting students.
- Act as a visible and approachable student leader, helping students connect with representation opportunities and support services.
- Promote opportunities for students to share their experiences and get involved in shaping the University community.

Why become a Welfare Representative?

This is a rewarding leadership role that enables you to advocate for your community, influence decision-making, and make a meaningful difference to students' lives.

The role is designed to fit around your studies and requires approximately four hours per month. In return, you'll gain valuable skills in leadership, communication, campaigning, partnership working, and advocacy, while building connections with students and staff across the University.

How do I apply?

These roles are filled through an election – that means you'll need to nominate yourself and campaign for votes. Don't worry, we'll support you with guidance and training to help you along the way.

Glossary

Election – A formal process in which students vote to elect representatives for the Students' Union.

Candidate – An individual who is running for a position in the Students' Union election.

Nomination – The process by which students put themselves forward as candidates for election, often requiring a set number of signatures from fellow students.

Manifesto – A document outlining a candidate's policies, promises, and goals if they are elected.

Students' Union (SU) – The official body representing students at the university, responsible for student welfare, events, and advocacy.

