

So you are thinking about standing for SU President?

The Students' Union President's role is all encompassing. They bring together all elements of The Students' Union and direct the executive team to **deliver** the overall objectives of The Students' Union. You'll be the Chair of the Union's trustee board, line manage the Chief Exec and genuinely lead the Union's work.

As a member of the Board of Governors, The President is involved in the most **important** decisions the University makes.

The significance of being the figurehead of an organisation representing 11,000 students also opens doors to work with many other important figures.

With this level of **influence** comes the **responsibility** to engage the student population and find out the issues that matter to them most. To ensure students are represented in the development of student experience at here at Worcester.

You will also be responsible for ensuring that the welfare of students is at the forefront of the University's agenda, running campaigns, raising awareness and supporting the Welfare and Liberation Part Time Officers. You will be there to **champion** the diversity, rights and welfare of Students and being able to **inspire**, understand and reach out to others are at the core of the role.

Lobbying, campaigning, surveying, researching, relationship building, negotiating and networking are just some of the tactics Presidents use to achieve their goals.

There are many methods the President can use to create the changes students think are important, knowing when and where to utilise them is an invaluable skill.

The flexibility the President enjoys ultimately gives them a huge say in the direction of The Students' Union, but with the high profile come high expectations.

All Full-Time Officers' Responsibilities

- Be a trustee of Worcester Students' Union
- Be an active member of the Full-Time Officer team and the Executive Committee and support the Part-Time Executive Officers in their work, enabling them to achieve their goals
- Be a Student Councillor and attend 8 Student Council meetings a year, producing a report for each meeting
- Represent the Students' Union and its members on key University boards and committees and attend regular meetings with the Vice Chancellor and other members of the University's senior management team
- Work collaboratively with Students' Union staff and the Chief Executive to ensure that the Union works to meet its objects as a charity
- Chair relevant Students' Union committees and meetings
- Always act and behave in accordance with the Students' Union's rules, policies and procedures
- Promote active involvement with Worcester Students' Union to all of its members
- Play an active role in the Appointments Committee, Finance Committee, HR Committee and Development Committee, in addition to other Students' Union Committees which may be established
- Develop the #TeamWorc identity and brand, so that students feel a sense of belonging



Individual Role Description

President

- **Lead** the Full-Time Officer team and **initiate and promote campaigns** to improve student life
- **Lead** on representing students on **welfare-related issues**
- **Lead** on the Union's efforts towards **environmental sustainability and Green Impact**
- Ensure that all activities and services provided by the Students' Union are for the **long-term benefit of its members** and help to advance their educational experience
- Be the **chair of the board of trustees**
- Chair the Executive Committee and other Students' Union committees/meetings as required
- **Represent the Students' Union and its members** on University boards and committees, recruitment panels, working groups etc as required
- Be the **key link with the NUS**, keeping in regular contact with NUS staff and officers and ensuring that Worcester Students' Union is represented at regional and national events
- Be a **delegate to the NUS National Conference**, together with the elected delegates, ensuring that members are consulted prior to Conference so as to represent their views and ensuring that members are briefed following Conference
- Work closely with the Chief Executive and the Membership Services Manager to ensure that the Students' Union continues to **develop and improve** the quality of its governance, democratic processes, involvement and participation
- **Take the lead on providing introductory talks to all new students** to raise awareness of the Students' Union, its function and the services it provides

Along with your individual manifesto aims and role descriptions, there will be operational activities within the Student's Union and University that you will automatically be involved in as one of the SU's Full Time Officers.

Below are a few examples of these activities that the President has undertaken, from the last couple of years:

- Supporting initiatives around student well-being e.g. World Mental Health day
- Supporting the organisation of the Housing Fair
- Supporting the organisation of the Union's Annual General meeting (called the All Student Meeting this year)
 - Helping to organise the SU Awards
 - Helping with the Union's Green Impact Submission to NUS
- Working with careers on developing employability initiatives for students

