



Liberation Officer

WELCOME

2021/2022

The University of Portsmouth Students' Union exists for one simple reason: to have a positive impact with EVERY Portsmouth student.

As a registered charity with a turnover of approximately £1.6m, we employ nearly 40 permanent staff and over 50 student staff, delivering a range of activities focusing on our Charitable Aims of Representation, Welfare and Development.

The organisation is led by five elected student Officers; Democracy & Campaigns, Learning Experience, Academic Representation, Development and Welfare. Supported by over 15 students from around the University who have a vested interest in improving the Student Experience at Portsmouth and have a commitment to campaigning on issues that affect different communities of Students at the University.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Every Part-Time Officer has the same overall responsibilities that they must fulfil:

1. As an Officer

Acting as a leader and representative of students. This involves working closely with the University to make sure they make decisions in the best interests of students, informed by student feedback and opinions and by sector best practice. Officers will be expected to Listen and Act on the Student voice throughout their year in office.

2. As a Council Member

Attending Student Council meetings and being engaged with the democratic process. Providing accountability to full time Elected Officers on behalf of students, being available to be actioned for campaigns and providing support to other Part-Time officers on their campaigns, when able.

AS AN OFFICER:

- Represent student views to the Students' Union, University and external stakeholders.
- Work closely with the other Part-Time Officers and support Full Time Officers on priority campaigns and activity.
- Support the relevant Have Your Say Zones and the Student Council
- Provide support for and help organise, where needed, student-led campaigns.
- Proactively support the Union's work to have impact with students across the UoP community.

AS LIBERATION OFFICER:

- Be a primary representative for liberation at the University of Portsmouth
- Have a passion for fighting for equality for liberation groups, using personal experience to advance the campaign at the University
- Support campaigns led by Full Time Elected Officers and lend confidence to their mandate for their year in office
- Be available to be actioned and to lead on campaigns, supporting when necessary ideas and their campaigns from the Have Your Say! System
- Working positively, without the input of Party politics and act in good faith, with other Full and Part Time Officers, both within Student Council Meetings and when working on campaigns
- Ensure to work positively to help the Union become an Activist Organisation

Notes:

- In addition to responsibilities as a Part-Time Officer, all Officers have a privileged position within the Union:
 - Officers are individually and collectively responsible for understanding and complying with all statutory legislation and the Union's policies and procedures.
 - All Officers are individually and collectively responsible for working to the Union's values.