City Students’ Union

Opportunity Profile

This opportunity profile is designed to give you an idea of what your position with the organisation will involve. It highlights the commitments, skills and benefits you can expect taking up the role.

**Role:** Disabled Students’ Officer

**Department:** Student Voice & Democracy

**Opportunity:** To act as the primary representative for Disabled students at City University London, within the Students’ Union, the University and beyond, and make sure that their issues and concerns are a core part of the decision making of the Executive Committee and the Students’ Union and taken into account in University decision making.

**Benefits:** Training & development, skills development, some expenses, positive and creative working environment, teamwork

**Duties and Responsibilities:** To be an Executive Committee member and represent the needs and opinions of disabled students to the committee; To convene and chair the Students’ Union Disabled Students’ Committee; To attend the NUS Disabled Students Conference; To act as the recognised spokesperson for the students with disabilities and to encourage the participation of these students in the work of the Union and the life of the University; To ensure that the Union is effective in its representation of students with disabilities within the University and to outside bodies and that the Union is sensitive to these students’ needs and issues; To be an advocate for disabled students in giving effect to change within the University and beyond; To advocate and engage students in Students’ Union campaigns as set out by the Executive Committee; To sit on Union appeals panels when invited; To take an active role in Union decision making as a member of the Union Executive Committee & to attend Students’ Union Council; To attend appropriate University meetings, in particular the Student Community Working Group; To raise awareness and effect change amongst the University community of issues affecting students with disabilities through means of campaigns and policy; To attend relevant meetings and events organized by students with disabilities and associated Societies; To be aware of and consider participation in the work of NUS disabled students’ campaign; To run appropriate campaigns specific to disabled students on campus, with resources and other support from the Students’ Union.

**Training and Support:** The post holder will benefit with ongoing training through the year, including on things such as campaigning, communication, chairing and meeting management. The post is fully supported by professional staff within the Students’ Union and also works in collaboration with University staff.
Skills gained:

☒ Written Communication
☒ Teamwork
☒ Organisational skills
☒ Verbal Communication
☒ Time management
☐ Marketing
☒ Delegation

☐ Financial management
☒ Citizenship
☒ Decision making
☒ IT skills
☒ Community awareness
☒ Problem solving
☒ Leadership
☒ Cultural awareness

☐ Numeracy
☒ Networking
☒ Creativity
☐ Environmental awareness
☒ Project management
☐ Learn a new skill
☐ Other: Click here to enter text.

Time commitment: As the position is voluntary, we recognise that this position is held by students alongside their studies and make allowance for this. We would recommend allowing at least 2 hours a week plus time at meetings. There is administrative and Sabbatical help and support for all elected students to enable them to carry out their role effectively. The Post’s term is 12 months from July 2017.

Qualifications/ Experience Required: An interest in representing Disabled Students. Candidates should self-identify as having a disability and be a registered student at City University London

Method of appointment: Election

Venue: Various

Responsible to: Students’ Union Council

Operates alongside: The Executive Committee, Students’ Union Staff, University Staff.

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