

VICE-PRESIDENT COMMUNITY

Full Time, Paid

The Vice President Community (VP Community) is the full-time lead officer for social activity and events that bring students together, representing the views of students within the campus community and the local community.

Community Relations | The VP Community works to ensure that the positive contribution students bring to the Guildford community is properly promoted, striving to improve the perception of students. They attend regular meetings within the community to build up a rapport with local residents and work with the Union President to raise issues with local council members and campaign for change if necessary.

Entertainment | This VP and the Community Zone are responsible for 'bringing students together'. Making sure that student interests are taken into account when it comes to deciding on the entertainment provided by the Students' Union including Rubix. The VP Community leads on the planning of events for Freshers' week and the End of Year Show.

Showcase Events | The VP Community is the lead officer on major showcase events such as Student and Society Awards Ball and the One World Week, also working closely with the VP Activity on Varsity and Colours Ball. It is important that these events reflect the student community as a whole, with as much student involvement as possible.

Volunteering | The VP Community will work with full time Union staff and the VP Activity on community and local volunteering, helping ensure that students are aware of the volunteering opportunities available to them, including the Duke of Edinburgh scheme. This VP will also organise the recruitment of student volunteers to be Community Reps, and support them in their role throughout the year.

RAG | The VP Community will encourage all students to take part in fundraising activities. They must work closely with the RAG Chair to ensure that RAG is a key part of student life on campus and ensure that the RAG Chair is fully supported in their role.

Sustainability | The VP Community is the lead full time officer on sustainability within the Union. As such, it is their job to promote sustainable actions in all activities as well as sit on the University Sustainability Group. The VP Community is also responsible for the actions of union sustainability group whom its membership is made up of interested Part Time Officers.

Campaigning | The VP Community works with the VP Support on cross-campus awareness and change campaigns, and with the VP Voice to ensure that these campaigns reflect the views and passions of students. This Zone endeavours to make sure all parts of the campus community feel welcomed to Surrey, and ensure that the University deals with any issues specific to any particular groups within the community e.g international students, postgrads etc. The VP Community also works towards ensuring all parts of the campus community are as engaged as they can be with the Students' Union.

University Panel Member | Each of the full time sabbatical officers sits on several University Committee meetings, making decisions at the highest level and having a real impact on the student experience. The VP Community is a member of: USL Governance Group, Equality and Diversity Committee, one of the Faculty Learning and Teaching Committees, the Simply Fresh Management Group, Wellbeing strategy group, Executive Sustainability Steering Group, Learning Spaces Steering Group, LGBTQI+ Equality Group, Accommodation Allocation Committee, Public Engagement Meeting, the Faith Forum and the University and Students' Union Committee.

Union Committee Roles | All full-time sabbaticals become University Panel Members, joining senior University staff in making decisions regarding academic appeals, complaints, disciplinary hearings, fitness to study and fitness to practise. Officers receive full training and support with this role.

COMMUNITY ZONE MEMBERS

Part Time, Voluntary

Each zone is led by the respective Vice president assisted by a committee of five students who are elected together and sit within a Zone Committee. On the Community Zone, as one of the committee roles is taken by the RAG Chair, out of all of the students running for positions within the Zone, the four candidates with the highest votes will secure a position within the zone committee. Out of these four winners, the candidate with the highest number of votes will also be the second Community Zone member on the Union Executive committee, the leading committee of elected students, leading the political direction of the Union.

RAG (Raising and Giving) Chair | The RAG chair is a part-time member of the Community Zone and also sits on the Union Executive. As a member of the Community Zone, the RAG Chair represents and promotes the interests of RAG and charity within this zone, as well as co-present the views of the Community Zone in Union Executive meetings where they can vote on what should or should not be Union Policy.

Other responsibilities include co-ordinating with the VP Community to organise RAG Week and taking a lead on Union activities during this week. To work closely with the sabbatical team to decide on the unions chosen charities each year. Working closely with the Team Surrey and Societies Chair to inspire and aid all Sports Clubs and Societies to be fundraising and donating to Charity. To promote and raise awareness for RAG on and off campus.

Community Zone Members (x4) | The Community Zone operates within the areas as defined in the VP role description as well as broader community and campaign issues, for example housing. Students with a passion for events, entertainment, building community relations and volunteering should consider standing for the Community Zone.

All Union officers are asked to participate as part of a team in activities that enhance the Students' Union's engagement with its members.

At the beginning of the year, the responsibilities within the Community Zone will be distributed between Zone members by the VP Community. Members of the Community Zone will work together on community outreach, public relations, fundraising, entertainment and volunteering.