

VICE-PRESIDENT COMMUNITY

Full Time, Paid

The Vice-President Community (VP Community) is the full-time lead officer for social activity & events that bring students together, and 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 student 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 End of the Year Show.

Showcase Events | The VP Community is the lead officer on major showcase events such as Student & Society Awards Ball and One World Week, also working closely with 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 VP Activity on community and local volunteering, helping ensure that students are aware of the volunteering opportunities available to them, like Duke of Edinburgh. This VP will also organise the recruitment of student volunteers to be Community Reps, and support them in their role throughout the year.

Campaigns | 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 campus 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 Committee Roles | 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, Equality and Diversity Committee, Accommodation Allocation Committee, University of Surrey Lettings Governance, Public Engagement Meeting, the Faith Forum and the Students' Union University Partnership Group.

University Panel Member | All full-time sabbaticals become University Panel Members, joining senior University staff to make decisions regarding the outcomes of students' academic appeals, complaints, disciplinary hearings, fitness to study and fitness to practice. Officers receive full training and support with this role.



Union Committee Roles | The VP Community sits on a number of Union Committees including: Community Zone Committee (Chair), Board of Trustees, Finance Committee, Management Committee, HR Committee, Health & Safety Committee & the Union's Executive Committee.

COMMUNITY ZONE MEMBER

Part Time, Voluntary

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.

Within the Community Zone structure, the RAG Chair sits as a member of Union Exec. This means electing this position separately to the other Community Zone Committee members (*i.e students interested in this role will need to stand for this position, rather than for the role of Zone Committee Member*).

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'. Out of all the students running for positions within the Zone, the five candidates with the highest votes will secure a position within the Zone Committee. Out of these five winners, the two candidates with the highest number of votes will also be members of the Union Executive committee, the leading committee of elected students, leading the political direction of the Union.

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.

RAG Chair (x1) - The RAG (Raising and Giving) Chair is a part time Exec role responsible for leading the Union's RAG activities and coordinating the fundraising of the Students' Union, giving students the opportunity to raise money and awareness for causes that matter to them. The RAG Chair attends the Students' Union Executive Committee as a voting member.

RAG is a fun and vibrant way of learning skills in influencing people and managing a team – and although enthusiasm for charitable fundraising is essential, knowledge of the Students' Union or RAG as an organisation is not necessary to be a successful RAG Chair – full training and support will be provided.