



Disabled Students Officer (Voluntary)

Job Description and Person Specification

Summary

Aston Students' Union (SU) is a membership organisation for students studying at Aston University. The SU is led by elected student officers supported by a staff team. It is an independent charity and company that exists to impact positively on the life of Aston University students. The SU provides a range of services to enhance the student experience. Services are varied and include advice and support, a student representation framework, over 100 clubs and societies, an accommodation service, headline annual events alongside much more.

Job Summary

To run for this officer role, you must self-define as a disabled student.

The successfully elected student should run appropriate campaigns specific to disabled student communities on campus, with resources and other support from the SU. The officer should raise awareness of the issues affecting disabled students through means of campaigns.

Principle Purpose of Job:

The Disabled Students Officer role is to represent the views and interests of Disabled students and to campaign on any relevant issues.

Work Location:

Aston University Campus: Aston Students' Union, B4 7BX

Responsible to:

Students' Union Council

Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity

Aston SU is an equal opportunity employer that is committed to diversity and inclusion in the workplace. We prohibit discrimination and harassment of any kind based on Race, Age, Disability, Sex, Sexual Orientation, Gender Reassignment, Religion or belief, Marriage and Civil Partnership or Pregnancy and maternity or any other protected characteristic. If you require any reasonable adjustments to assist you in this process, please get in touch to discuss your needs, voice@union.aston.ac.uk.

Main Duties and Responsibilities:

- A. Make themselves available and recognisable to the student population so they can bring up relevant issues with the officer.
- B. Identify and organise campaigns to raise awareness of the relevant issues affecting disabled students. The Disabled Students Officer will lead the direction of their remit, collaborate with other SU Officers, and get involved in relevant areas of the SU.
- C. Scrutinise both the Union's and University's Equality & Diversity policies to ensure that they protect the rights of and promote the involvement of Disabled students; and to ensure that the Equality & Diversity policy is properly implemented at all times.
- D. To produce campaign materials and resources to inform and educate all students about Disabled Students' issues.

General Responsibilities:

- A. Any other duties reasonably required by the SU Council, Executive Committee or Disabled Students Committee.
- B. Attend relevant meetings within the SU, with the University and other internal stakeholders.
- C. Ensuring activities embrace sustainability and reduce the impact upon the environment by minimising waste and maximising recycling; saving energy; minimising water usage and reporting any electrical faults, water leakage or other environmental concerns to the facilities or line manager etc.

Standards

- A. The post holder will be expected to both professionally and personally, display a positive image of Aston SU.
- B. The post holder will be expected to uphold the values of Aston SU and demonstrate high standards of professionalism, respect for others, integrity and accountability.
- C. To actively demonstrate commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion.
- D. The post holder will be expected to abide by the Union's various policies such as the Equality and Diversity policy and the Anti Bullying and Harassment policy at all times.

Person Specification

Essential:

- To run for this role, you should self-identify as a Disabled student.

Applicant information

Important Dates

Key dates relating to the election process, including:

- Nominations opening and closing
- Candidate briefing and training sessions
- Voting period
- Results announcement

will be published on the Students' Union website. Please visit the Elections section regularly for the most up-to-date information.

Term of Office:

October [Current Year] – October [Following Year]

- Successful candidates will take office in October and remain in post until October the following year.
- All election dates and information will be available on the Students' Union website.

Additional Information

- All candidates will be required to attend a candidate briefing before campaigning begins.
- This is a voluntary role and successful candidates will undertake the role alongside their studies.
- No previous experience is required. All elected Officers will receive training and ongoing support to help them carry out their role effectively.

