

Dear Student,

Thank you for considering standing to be a council member on Glasgow University's Students' Representative Council.

Getting involved in the SRC is a great way to meet new people, build your CV and help improve the student experience for everyone. Whether you're running to be a School Representative or College Convenor, one of our Equal Opportunity Officers, or a General Representative, the decision to get involved and represent students may be one of the best decisions you've made at university.

The Students' Representative Council represents students on a large number of university committees at different levels. From University Court to the Student Experience Committee, we deal with issues relating to student welfare, learning and teaching, accommodation, study spaces, the digital experience and much more. Please contact us if you would like a full list of the committees on which the SRC has a seat.

Although representation is a key focus, we do a lot more than that. Our sabbatical officers and council members organise a range of exciting and engaging events, which are focal points within the University's calendar, and these aim to benefit students alongside the wider community. Some of our big annual events include our Raising and Giving week, the Student Teaching Awards, the Volunteering & Clubs and Society Awards, and many more. We also lead on a number of campaigns, such as around preventing Gender Based Violence, mental health awareness and suicide prevention, as well as promoting crucial calendar dates such as International Women's Week and LGBTQ+ History Month. Council members are also invited to a wealth of social events, ranging from Christmas socials to the Annual Council Dinner in spring.

There are a number of other ways you can get involved in the work the SRC does, such as through Volunteering, Student Media or helping with Welcome Week. I hope that your interest in supporting the student body on a wide range of issues will continue, and that you will involve yourself and engage with the SRC and its varied events and opportunities throughout the year.

Being part of the SRC is a truly unique experience; I have loved my time on council so far and I'm so thankful for the skills, experiences, and friendships I've gained along the way. I would recommend the opportunity to everyone - you won't regret it!

Best of luck with your campaign and remember, if you have any questions don't hesitate to email elections@src.gla.ac.uk with any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rinna Väre', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rinna Väre
SRC President

ELECTION INFORMATION

GUIDE TO POSITIONS AVAILABLE

WELFARE AND EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFICERS

SPONSORS REQUIRED – 15

SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY

- **must be a fully registered student of the University of Glasgow**

POSITIONS - 9

Positions Available

1 x Age Equality Officer
1 x Disability Equality Officer
1 x Environmental Officer
1 x Gender Equality Officer
1 x LGBTQ+ Officer
1 x Race Equality Officer

Job Descriptions

There are nine Welfare and Equal Opportunities Officers elected to Council. It is the responsibility of Welfare and Equal Opportunities Officers to represent the concerns of all students that sometimes fall out with academic representation.

Each Officer handles a particular portfolio, and all matriculated students of the University are eligible to vote and stand for these positions. The nine Welfare and Equal Opportunities positions are listed below, with a brief description of their portfolio:

LGBTQ+ Officer

Represents student issues pertaining to sexual orientation. The LGBTQ+ Officer must liaise regularly with the VP Student Support.

Race Equality Officer

Represents student issues on race equality. The Race Equality Officer must liaise regularly with the VP Student Support and may be expected to attend relevant University committees.

Gender Equality Officer

Represents student gender issues on campus. The Gender Equality Officer must liaise regularly with the VP Student Support and University Gender Equality staff. They may also be expected to attend relevant University committees.

Age Equality Officer

The Age Equality Officer acts as a representative to all students on issues relating to Age Equality. They are expected to regularly liaise with the VP Student Support and representatives of Mature Student groups on Campus.

Students with Disabilities Officer

Represents all issues pertaining to students with disabilities, including accessibility and support. The Students with Disabilities Officer must liaise regularly with student groups and the VP Student Support and where appropriate the Mental Health Equality Officer.

International Students Officer

Represents students on a wide range of issues. The International Students Officer is expected to liaise regularly with the VP Student Support and various International groups across the University. They may also be required to liaise with the SRC Volunteering Coordinator.

Charities Officer

Liaise regularly with the VP Student Activities to help run and facilitate the organisation of events throughout the year with the RAG committee, particularly the annual RAG Week campaign, in addition to further supporting clubs and societies with their own fundraising initiatives.

Environmental Officer

The Environmental Officer works closely with the VP Student Support as well as representatives from the wider community outside of the University. They are tasked with facilitating student responses to environmental issues of local and national importance.

Mental Health Equality Officer

Promote and facilitate campaigns and events which are in line with the "See Me" pledge objectives of reducing stigma and discrimination of mental ill-health. Raise awareness of the support which is available on and off campus to students. The Mental Health Equality Officer must liaise regularly with the VP Student Support and where appropriate, the Disabilities Equality Officer.

In addition to these responsibilities, Welfare and Equal Opportunities Officers are expected to attend all meetings of Council. Opportunities will also arise for election to various University committees and positions.

SRC Committees and Working Groups

The SRC may establish sub committees or working parties to consider certain areas of its work and sometimes consider policy motions. College Convenors may participate in the work of such committees and groups (and can suggest the establishment of new groups or committees).

University Committees

Council votes in autumn to elect members to sit on a variety of University committees, including Library Committee, Museums and Galleries Committee, Senate, Senate Disciplinary and Student Support Development Committee. Please contact the PA to the Permanent Secretary for a full list of committees.

CHECKLIST

PLEASE CHECK YOU HAVE:

- Completed an online nomination form and submitted the form by 12 noon on Friday the 30th September.
- Checked that your sponsors are all fully registered students of the University of Glasgow and eligible to sponsor the position you are standing for. **We recommend that you add additional sponsors to help you meet your quota in case any of your selected sponsors are not eligible.**
- Made sure all your sponsors are confirmed by 4pm on Friday 30th September.
- Submitted an electronic photo to the elections email address by 4pm on Friday 30th September.
- Submitted your manifesto (no more than 200 words) as an attachment to the elections email address by 4pm on Friday 30th September.
- Read the job description.
- Read and understood the election rules and regulations.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Deputy Returning Officer, on elections@src.gla.ac.uk

<https://www.glasgowunisrc.org/representation/elections/>