

COMMUNITY

20/21 APPLICATIONS

Hi!

It's great to see that you're interested in becoming a Community Rep! Student leaders are vital to making sure LUU delivers exciting things for students. If you're passionate about sustainability or housing then this is the role for you! There is loads to get involved in, whether that's running environmental events in the union, organising local community projects or delivering a housing campaign. I am so excited to hear your amazing ideas and work together to make sure every student is heard and represented. I can't wait to hear from you!

Good luck!

Lotti Morton, Community Officer 2020/21



Role Description



What is a Community Rep? Community Reps are the voice for students in their community, whether they live locally or commute. They lobby for action on issues affecting students in two key areas: **Housing** and **Environment**. They work to strengthen the sense of belonging of students in the community by running campaigns, events and projects in both the Union and local areas. They represent students' beliefs about the environment and local politics, getting their voices heard.

What do you do?

- You run campaigns, put on events and lobby the Union, University, and partners in the city to create change for students.
- You work as a team on issues students are facing and work closely with the Community Officer, running projects and acting on [policy](#) that has been passed.
- You will work on sustainability and environmental campaigns, such as *Leave Leeds Tidy* as well as campus wide initiatives like *Plastic Free by 2023* and the *Zero Net Carbon by 2030* target.
- You will work on housing campaigns and events to improve the provision of housing for students and assist in the House Hunting period.
- You attend, and submit ideas to, the [Unions' Better Leeds Forum](#) to feedback on [policy](#), and ensure that student voices are heard.
- You'll have access to a campaign budget.

Who will support you?

- LUU's Community Officer is your main Student Exec support - though you will be able to work with the rest of the Student Exec team throughout the year.
- The Political Engagement Team will be your main staff support across the year.
- Other LUU Staff including our Marketing Team and Events Team will work alongside you to ensure that the logistics and communication of your campaigns/events reach your target audience.

How long does it take?

- On average, a Community Rep might find around four hours of their time taken up a week with their duties but this can vary from week to week.
- Campaigns and events may need more of your time, such as House Hunting events and Climate Week (for example).

What do you go to?

- Community Rep Team Meetings (monthly during term-time)
 - This will include pre-Forum ideas briefings
- The Better Leeds Forums each take place three times per year; you'll be expected to attend.
- You'll meet regularly with the Community Officer to support your ideas and discuss policy.
- You'll be invited to sit on relevant meetings with the local community, local councillors and MPs, these may include surgeries and Neighbourhood forums.
- An ongoing training programme – you will be expected to attend the core training session for Community Reps, with additional sessions across the year to support you in your development..
 - You'll have access to a wide range of online training sessions as part of LUU's 'Love To Learn' system
- Termly individual check-ins with the Political Engagement Team.

Reward, Recognition & Development

You will...

- Play an integral role in making Leeds a better place to live, study in and be for students.
- Receive an LUU lanyard identifying you as a Community Rep, and entitling you to 10% discount across Union venues and outlets
- Gain experience in event organising and heading up Campaigns
- Gain experience in budgeting and working to deadlines.
- Be eligible for awards as part of LUU's Celebrate Week.
- Receive recognition on your Higher Education Achievement Record (HEAR) for your contributions.
- Receive further training and development opportunities.
- Receive excellent opportunities to network and develop your CV.

Person Specification



Please use the Person Specification and the Role Description to guide your answers in the application form.

You must:

- be a registered student at the University of Leeds, continuing into 2020/21 (we welcome applications from postgraduates studying to at least Dec 2021)
- be passionate about making a positive impact on students in their community

Qualities we are looking for:

- Good understanding and knowledge of the issues affecting students in their communities
- Passionate about making change
- Willingness to learn new things and personally develop in the role
- Ability to work independently and as part of a team
- Interest in working on **Environmental** and/or **Housing** issues

Knowledge, skills and attributes you already have:

- Ability to communicate effectively with both students and staff
- Ability to communicate creatively through verbal and written methods
- Ability to manage own workload, to work with self-motivation and use initiative
- Knowledge of issues facing students, their communities and willingness to learn more
- Knowledge of intersectional issues and willingness to learn more
- An interest in developing leadership skills
- Awareness of diversity and an ability to respond to the diverse needs of students

Knowledge, skills and attributes you will gain:

- Ability to motivate and work with others towards common goals.
- Ability to plan effective campaigns with defined outcomes.
- Experience of project planning including events management.
- Ability to raise concerns on behalf of others, and identifying common ground/solutions.
- Experience of creative planning and problem solving.
- Experience of working with the local council, community and authorities.