

# Student Elections – Autumn 2019

## Role Description



LGBT+ Officer

### Overview:

Act as the primary student representative of LGBT+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, etc.) students at Solent within the university, Students' Union and wider community. To ensure that the voices of LGBT+ students are heard on the issues they face and that their voices are taken into account in decision making at Solent University.

### Responsibilities:

- Represent LGBT+ students on Student Council and in the Students' Union
- Be the primary student spokesperson on LGBT+ student issues at Solent University
- Encourage the participation of LGBT+ students in the Students' Union
- Raise awareness around Solent University of issues affecting LGBT+ students
- Lead campaigns for positive change for LGBT+ students at Solent

### Training & Support:

Training will be provided to all Student Officers upon election and each officer will be paired with a full time Sabbatical Officer to act as a mentor. Ongoing support will be available from the Students' Union Representation Department throughout the year.

### Skills Gained:

- Team Work
- Communication
- Project Management
- Campaigning
- Cultural Awareness
- Collaborating
- Networking
- Debating
- Time Management
- Community Awareness
- Creativity
- Negotiation

### Time Commitment:

As the position is voluntary its time commitment can be flexible to fit in with a student's studies. It's recommended that students commit around **4 hours per week** to the role. Student Council Meetings typically occur every 4 weeks during term time and there are normally around 5 per year.

**The post is from the Autumn 2019 – Summer 2020.**

### How to Apply:

To apply, simply head to [www.solentsu.co.uk/elections](http://www.solentsu.co.uk/elections), pick a role and submit your name to start your application by 11:59pm on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of October. You'll then have till 8am on Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October to complete your application and submit your manifesto explaining what you'd do in the role and why students should vote for you. Any current student can apply.

### How they are Appointed:

All Student Officers and Student Leaders are elected in our autumn Student Elections, in which every student at Solent University gets to vote on who represents them.