



**GOLDSMITHS  
STUDENTS'  
UNION!**

# **PTO LIBERATION OFFICERS**

Thank you for your interest in running for an elected role at Goldsmiths Students' Union. This pack will provide you with all the information that you will need to stand as a candidate.

# WHAT IS GOLDSMITHS SU?

**We're the heart & voice of the Goldsmiths student body.**

Goldsmiths Students' Union is a charity representing over 10,000 students studying at Goldsmiths, University of London. We're here to provide support and advice to make university life easier, whilst representing students on the issues that matter.

**Goldsmiths Students' Union is a democratic organisation, run for students by students.**

We represent the views of Goldsmiths students through our team of elected Officers, who are elected annually and are supported by a permanent staff team. In addition to being the voice of Goldsmiths students, we also run commercial services such as the SU Shop, the SU Cafe, the Nursery, which fund services for students such as clubs, societies and the Advice Service.

Every year we run elections to find the students who can shape the organisation for the year to come.

# WHAT IS A LIBERATION PART TIME OFFICER?

The Union Chair is the Chair of the Student Forum, the body that holds elected officers to account. The Union Chair also hears democratic complaints, and has a role in ensuring the Union's Code of Conduct is upheld.

They scrutinise the work of the Sabbatical Officers and help students engage effectively with democracy.

# WHAT ARE THE OBLIGATIONS OF BEING A PART TIME OFFICER?

This is an unpaid position within the SU so the expectations of the role are not exhaustive. We ask that all nominees have some extracurricular time free in their schedule in order to make the most out of this position. However, we understand that being part of a marginalised group itself makes campaigning for change difficult and so these positions are fully supported by SU staff for this reason.

**The main obligations of being a Part Time Officer include;**

- Attending an initial training session to set expectations for the role and the year ahead.
- Participating and attending Students' Forum events (five per academic year).
- Trying to sustain one personal project of change for the year (with support and guidance from the SU).

# WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A PART TIME OFFICER?

- This role is a part time voluntary role however there are a number of benefits to becoming a Part Time Officer including but not limited to;
- Gaining experience as a Part Time Officer can be included in your Higher Education Achievement Record and the Gold Award.
- Attending training and development opportunities, such as the workshops and conferences relating to your officer role.
- Experience in representing and being well known to the student body in an elected role as a Part Time Officer- which can be helpful if you are considering running in Full Time Officer elections (full time paid positions).

# WHAT DO THE DIFFERENT ROLES INVOLVE?

## DISABLED STUDENTS' OFFICER

Being a student with a disability can mean having either, or both, a physical or a hidden disability. We are looking for someone who self-defines into this group to lead this community and become Disabled Students' Officer.

**This role may involve but is not limited to;**

- Representing disabled students (both physical and hidden disabilities) across campus.
- To support a community of disabled students to create campaigns, events and push for policy change together.
- To highlight issues relevant to disabled students such as accessibility and mental health provision.
- To contribute to Disability History & Awareness days and months planning and events.
- To be a member of the Part-Time officer team.
- To work with the Full-Time Welfare and Diversity Officer on issues relating to disabled students.

## GEM STUDENTS' OFFICER

**GEM stands for Global Ethnic Majority and we are looking for students who self-define into this group to run for GEM Officer.**

**This role may involve but is not limited to;**

- Representing Global Ethnic Majority students across campus.
- To support a community of GEM students to create campaigns, events and push for policy change together.
- To highlight issues relating to the GEM experience such as the attainment gap.
- To contribute to Black History month planning and other events.
- To be a member of the Part-Time officer team.
- To work with the Full-Time Welfare and Liberation Officer on issues relating to GEM Students.

## TRANS & NON-BINARY STUDENTS' OFFICER

Trans is an umbrella term meaning anyone who's true gender does not align to the one that they were assigned at birth. Non-binary is a term for someone who sits at different, and sometimes changing, places along or outside the gender spectrum rather than at binary points. We are looking for someone who self-defines into this community to lead students and become Trans & Non-binary Students' Officer.

### **This role may involve but is not limited to;**

- Representing trans and non-binary students across campus.
- To support a community of trans and non-binary students to create campaigns, events and push for policy change together.
- To highlight issues relevant to trans and non-binary students such as inaccessibility to resources and recognition in law.
- To contribute to LGBTQ+ history month and a variety of awareness day events.
- To be a member of the Part-Time officer team.
- To work with the Full-Time Welfare and Diversity Officer on issues relating to LGBTQ+ students.

## INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

An international student is someone who has travelled from abroad to study within the UK. We are looking for someone who self-defines into this group to lead this community.

### **This role may involve but is not limited to;**

- Representing International students across campus.
- To support a community of International students who can create campaigns, events and push for policy change together.
- To highlight issues relevant to International students.
- To contribute to international celebration days and a variety of awareness events.
- To be a member of the Part-Time officer team.
- To work with the Full-Time Welfare and Diversity Officer on issues relating to international students.

## LGBTQ+ OFFICER

LGBTQ+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual, Trans, Queer (or Questioning) and others. We are looking for someone who self-defines into this group to lead this community and become LGBTQ+ Officer.

**This role may involve but is not limited to;**

- Representing LGBTQ+ students across campus.
- To support a community of LGBTQ+ students who can create campaigns, events and push for policy change together.
- To highlight issues relevant to LGBTQ+ students such as human rights inequalities and hate crime reporting.
- To contribute to LGBT+ History month and a variety of awareness days events.
- To be a member of the Part-Time officer team.
- To work with the Full-Time Welfare & Diversity Officer on issues relating to LGBTQ+
- Work with the Trans & Non-Binary officer to host on events for the LGBTQ+ Students Network

## WOMEN'S OFFICER

We are looking for students who self-define as women to run for Women's Officer.

**This role may involve but is not limited to;**

- Representing women across campus.
- To support a community of women to create campaigns, events and push for policy change together.
- To highlight issues relating to experiences of women such as the gender pay gap and anti sexual violence campaigning.
- To contribute to International Women's Day alongside other awareness day planning and events.
- To be a member of the Part-Time officer team.
- To work with the Full-Time Welfare and Liberation Officer on issues relating to Women Students.

