



**WHAT'S A STUDENTS  
UNION?  
AND WHAT DO  
OFFICERS  
ACTUALLY DO?**

A stylized illustration of a person wearing a red hoodie and a red beanie with goggles. They are holding a yellow sign that says "SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS". The person has a black beard and is wearing a yellow shirt with black horizontal stripes. The background is white.

**SUPPORT  
OUR  
STUDENTS**

# WHAT IS GSU

- Student-led, independent from the College
- Represent ALL students at Goldsmiths
- Our teams: Membership Services (Sports, Societies, Advice, Student Voice, CARE, Comms, HR, Finance, Commercial, Nursery, Officers
- Lobby Goldsmiths on things that matter
- Democratic decision making (committees, trustees, referenda, AGM)

# WHAT DO OFFICERS DO?

As a Sabbatical Officer, no two days are the same. Though, generally you will be working on a mix of the following:

- Your manifesto
- Reactive and proactive lobbying Goldsmiths
- Supporting and representing students

An illustration of a person with pink hair, wearing an orange top and a patterned skirt, holding a sign. The sign is white with black text that reads 'STUDENTS SUPPORT THE STRIKE'. The background is yellow.

STUDENTS  
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THE STRIKE

# SABBS SNAPSHOT 24/25



# REFLECTIONS

**NOUR MATAR: WELFARE &  
LIBERATIONS OFFICER**



"I really enjoy the dynamic and impactful nature of my role as Welfare and Liberation Officer, where I can engage directly with students, understand their needs, and be their voice in key spaces like the union and university. Facilitating student events is one of the most exciting parts of my role, as I love planning and executing events that foster connections and create inclusive, vibrant spaces for students. It's been rewarding to collaborate with various teams to make these events as successful as possible. Building a sense of community among Goldsmiths' diverse student body is incredibly special, and through campaigns, events, and discussions, I've seen the importance of creating spaces where everyone feels heard. Being a GSU Sabbatical Officer has been both challenging and rewarding, allowing me to develop a wide range of skills, from governance and decision-making to event management and political awareness. The experience has been invaluable for my personal and professional growth, giving me insight into the charity sector, higher education policies, and student advocacy. I would definitely recommend this role to other students, but only if they're prepared to take on its full responsibilities and are passionate about making a difference in the student community."