

School Rep Role Description

The Role

School Reps are elected to represent students across all courses in their school. School Reps work with Arts SU, fellow school and course reps and UAL staff to gather and share feedback about students' academic experience, to make positive changes for students in their school.

Why become a school rep?

Get involved if you're passionate about:

- improving your school at UAL
- listening to students
- gathering and sharing feedback
- representing students' voices
- devising creative solutions to the challenges students face.

What does a School Rep do?

- Attend training delivered by Arts SU.
 - Volunteer 1-2 hours a week during term time to represent the views and interests of students in your school/cluster.
 - Gather positive and constructive feedback about the academic experience of students in your school/cluster.
 - Meet regularly with Deans of School.
 - Attend meetings (Boards of Study, Course Committees and College Officer Meetings) to raise feedback submitted by students.
 - Help with academic issues by mobilising students and leading campaigns. Previous examples are the SEAT's survey and Save the Darkroom campaign.
- Signpost students needing support to relevant support services, run by the University or Arts SU.



Benefits of being a School Rep:

Connect with students across your school and UAL.

Develop skills in campaigning, advocacy, problem solving and communication.

Grow your confidence in representing yourself and other creatives within the arts.

Develop understanding of arts education and the challenges facing students today.



Attend exclusive socials, events and skill development opportunities provided by Arts SU & UAL.

Influence change within your school. Explore further representation opportunities at Arts SU e.g. NUS Conference Representative or Sabbatical Officer.

Learn community organising techniques and get the chance to mobilise other students.

How do I become a School Rep?



School Reps are elected volunteers, meaning that students vote for who they want to represent them. Nominations open in January and elections happen in March each year. Vacant positions will be elected in the autumn by-election.

- You must be a current UAL student who will be studying in the year you will be a representative.
- No previous experience required; only enthusiasm and a willingness to learn.
- We encourage students from backgrounds currently underrepresented in Higher Education to volunteer themselves for this role, including: Black UK-students, International students, disabled students, Women, LGBTQ+ Students, Trans Students, Commuter Students, Students with Caring Responsibilities and Part-time Students.
- More information on how to become a School Rep can be found on the Arts SU website or by speaking to a member of Students' Union staff.

What training and support will I receive?



In-person and/or online training delivered by Arts SU staff.
Meetings and check-ins with your College Officer and SU Staff.

Additional skills development sessions to enhance your knowledge and experience in the role and beyond.
Socials throughout the year to meet other Reps.

What happens if expectations aren't met?

- If Arts SU has concerns that you're not fulfilling the role as outlined above, we will get in touch to see if you require additional support you need and if you're happy in the role.
- If you don't respond or disengage, we may politely ask you to step down from the role.
- If you're struggling to balance commitments, please communicate with Arts SU staff.
- If you can't continue in the role, contact Arts SU as soon as you can, so we can ensure the role is filled.
- If you feel that we are not meeting your expectations – get in touch. We will try to address any issues and value your feedback.



Questions about the role? Contact: schoolreps@su.arts.ac.uk