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Introduction from Arts Students’ Union Education Officer, Rachel Williams

Last term has been an incredible growth experience, as my first one as a Sabbatical Officer. Through the successes and challenges, the community of our team has been nothing short of supportive and inspiring. After laying the ground work for many of our campaign priorities, such as getting university commitment on including racial trauma as one of the EC’s approvable reasons, compulsory staff disability training, bringing back the Undertones Casting Agency at CSM and other student focused events, I am more than excited to come back in term 2 hitting the ground running. Next term myself and the team plan to hold the university accountable for follow through on our term 1 achievements, put together more community building learning events and dive deeper into policy changing actions furthering our campaign priorities. Looking forward to continuing positive work for the UAL student body.



Course Reps

Thank-you to all course leaders who have appointed reps for their courses, these roles are so invaluable in ensuring the student voice is heard. We will continue to run development training and social events for the reps throughout term 2.

Reps Recruited	LCC Reps Total	Design School	Media School	Screen School	LCF Reps Total	Fashion B School	Design & Tech	Media & Comm	CCW Reps Total
*As of Dec 2021	199	91	52	56	340	84	162	94	1

Term 1 Student Dean Forums

Thank-you to everyone who contributed in the Student Dean Forums in term 1, it's great to give students the opportunity to talk directly with their Dean about some of the challenges their peers are facing at university. There were some brilliant conversations had and positive actions to take forward.

The minutes and action points from each forum are stored on the course rep hub on [our website](#).

Term 2 Course Rep Recruitment dates and trainings

We will be recruiting course reps for any courses that start in January, the deadline for this will be 28th January. To register your rep please fill in this [online form](#), thank-you.

We will be offering online Skills Development Workshops on Wednesday 2nd February, 2pm – 4pm and Thursday 3rd February 11am – 1pm for new reps.

More information and training resources are available from the [UAL Staff Hub](#) on the Arts SU website.

Arts Awards 2022

The annual Arts SU Arts Awards nominations are now open, the awards give students the opportunity to recognise the UAL staff who have made all the difference to their experience at UAL. A chance for students to thank tutors, lecturers, technical staff and support staff for all of their hard work and support.

There is also a category for Course Rep of the Year. This award is for a student in the course rep role who has provided incredible representation and impact to the student experience for their cohort, creating positive changes in the learning experience. Both staff and students can nominate one of our course reps for this award.

For more information, the nomination link to share with students and to vote for your course rep of the year, please visit our [website](#).

You can also read the nominations and statements from the [2021 winners here](#).



Recommend a student for Leadership Elections

Next term the SU will be holding its annual Leadership Elections to elect the next student leadership team to represent students in the 2022/2023 academic year. This year we are electing six paid Full-Time Officers and twenty-four School Reps (part-time/voluntary).

Every UAL student (a member of Arts SU) is eligible to apply for a position and most importantly vote during the election which will be on the w/c 7th March 2022.

If you know any student passionate about the student experience, campaigning or representing the student voice – please do recommend them to apply via our [Recommendation Form](#) so we can send them more information.



Arts Programme

The Arts Programme team provide students with the chance to showcase their work, access new experiences, collaborate with organisations across London, and help you to develop professionally during their time studying at UAL.

Our current calls lists all our creative opportunities both internally within all 6 colleges at UAL and externally working with our Arts Programme partners. Students have the opportunity to professionally develop their practice, learn about our legacy projects and how they can showcase and sell their work in Xhibit and Made in Arts London, loan out our exhibition and project spaces, and apply to the funding available, to ensure their project has the best head start for success.

Please share the [Arts SU Arts Programme](#) opportunities with students and colleagues.

January Blues – Arts Active

We know how hard January can be on student's mental health, which is why it is so important to keep as active and social as possible.

Arts Active is all about trying new, exciting things without the competitive edge. It's a great opportunity to meet people across different campuses, access affordable activities, have fun, and relieve stress.

More information is available from our website, please do share with colleagues and students. <https://www.arts-su.com/yourcommunities/artsactive/>

Campaigns and Activism Fortnight

As you may be aware, one of our Sabbatical Officer and Union Priorities for this Academic Year is Community Mobilisation & Development, giving our students the tools and skills they need to further the issues they care about. As part of this project, we are planning a Campaigns & Activism Fortnight from Monday 31st January 31st – Friday 11th February, with workshops, events and initiatives planned with partner organisations including Forensic Architecture, Migrants in Culture and the Africa Centre. Following the success of our Black History Month Exhibition Artist Tour & Discussion, we will be holding a similar exhibition and event as part of LGBTQ+ History Month. We will also be working with UAL to relaunch the Tell Us About It project, partnering with the Black Cultural Archives to offer workshops on grassroots activism and archiving personal histories. We want this period to enable our students to learn new skills, build a sense of community at UAL, and think about the many ways they can get involved in the causes closest to their hearts.

Many thanks,

Rachel, Charlie, Chiron - Arts SU Course Rep Team