



**STUDENT
VOICE
AWARDS**

2021/22 Guide for Nominations

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Introduction



The Student Voice Awards are hosted annually by the Students' Union to celebrate the hard work and dedication of your student leaders and representatives. Every year we see a number of campaigns and projects, advocating for students at all levels of the University. We've seen incredibly successes which will impact the University experience for current and future students for the better.

Nominations



[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR NOMINATIONS](#)

Nominations for the Student Voice Awards will close **Friday 22nd April at 9am**. You can submit as many nominations as you like, for as many awards as you like.

Remember: the more detail and information you provide for the different criteria, the more reason our panel will have to choose your nominee as the winner!

Any student (or group of students) is eligible for the Student Voice Awards, although there are some that state a specific role that the nominee must have – for example, only an Equality and Liberation Champion can win ELC of the Year. This is stated on each category.

We welcome nominations from everyone in the University community, including staff members, students who aren't a member of any student groups, students who don't volunteer, etc. And yes, you can nominate yourself – in fact, we encourage it!

If you have any questions regarding the awards or the nomination process, please feel free to email su-voice@le.ac.uk

The Awards



The Student Voice Awards will be held on **Thursday 26th May at 5pm**. It will be streamed on the Students' Union YouTube, and we will be hosting a watch-along for all nominees and their supporters. Finalised details will be shared on the SU social media, as well as the SU website.

Academic Representation Awards



Most Impactful Academic Rep

This Rep (or Reps) has gone above and beyond to making change to their peers' education, benefiting students and their experience while at University.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Course Representatives
- Department Representatives

The nominee(s) could have done one or more of the following:

- Worked to ensure that the curricula was accessible to all students.
- Made an outstanding contribution to their cohort or the wider student community.
- Been involved in a University-wide project or campaign as part of their role.
- Consistently made change to improve the experience of students, both current and future.



Best Academic Rep Researcher

This Rep (or Reps) focuses on gathering information for students, and being truly representative in their role. They've gathered feedback at every step, often through surveys and polls.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Course Representatives
- Department Representatives

The nominee(s) could have done one or more of the following:

- Researched student feelings on a particular topic, through tailored surveys
- Regularly gathering feedback in a structured format, for example through surveys, polls or in-person events.
- Presented the findings of their research in an effective and impactful manner to relevant members of staff and/or students at the University



Most Community-Focused Academic Rep of the Year

Academic Reps speak to hundreds of students a year, and have a unique opportunity to build a community on their course. Many use group chats, focus groups and society events to draw students together.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Course Representatives
- Department Representatives

The nominee(s) could have done one or more of the following:

- Worked within their cohort to create a feeling of community
- Maintained a student-focused approach to their role
- Organised and ran events with their academic staff or academic society
- Encouraged open-door policies, extended office hours, and other forums for student-staff community building



College Academic Rep of the Year

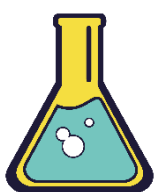
These Reps have worked effectively with both the Students' Union and the University to make sure that student voice is heard and represented at all levels. They have been involved in their Department/School and College, and taken on projects to enhance the student experience. They have shown fantastic commitment to improving the University of Leicester and taken every opportunity during their time here.

Who is eligible for this award?

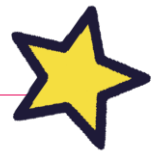
- Course and Department Reps
- Note: The awards are available in this category. Reps are only eligible for the College which their home School sits in.

The nominee(s) could have done one or more of the following:

- Actively engaged with the wider SU and/or University community – for example, being involved in an SU campaign, or attending College/University Education Committees.
- Worked to improve the experience of current and future students at a College level.
- Contributed to discussions around liberation within their College
- Engaged with curriculum or course development, including discussions around Assessment and Feedback.



Democracy and Liberation Awards



Equality and Liberation Champion of the Year

This award will go to the ELC (or multiple ELCs) who has shown dedication and commitment during the year.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Students who hold the role of Equality and Liberation Champion within their School.

The nominee(s) could have done one or more of the following:

- Attended the majority of group meetings
- Supported or contributed to Students' Union campaigns/events
- Successfully delivered their own events and campaigns
- Created meaningful change within their School or University



Students' Union (Network) Rep of the Year

This award will go to an elected student representative (or multiple student representatives) who sits on one of the Students' Union Networks, as well as on Student Council. They will have championed the students they represent, improving their student experience.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Students who hold the role of Students' Union Representative sitting on any of Networks (BAME, International, LGBTQ+, Women's, Education, Accessibility, Rag and Volunteering).

The nominee(s) could have done one or more of the following:

- Evidence that they have attended the majority of the Students' Union Council and Network Meetings.
- Evidence of active contribution within meetings.
- Evidence of successful, impactful events/campaigns
- Evidence of representing effectively the students' voice.



Part-Time Officer of the Year

This award goes to a Part-Time Officer who has advocated strongly for the students they represent, working tirelessly to improve students' experience.

Who is eligible for this award?

- 2021-22 Part-Time Officers

The nominee(s) could have done one or more of the following:

- Organised a number of successful campaigns, events or projects
- Regularly engaged with the wider SU campaigns and events
- Empowered and supported the students on their network
- Engaged with students by listening to feedback



Most Impactful Part-Time Officer Project

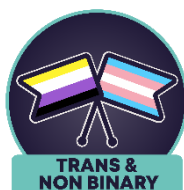
This award is for a Part-Time Officer (or multiple Part-Time Officers) who has created positive change for the students they represent and have left a legacy here at the University of Leicester.

Who is eligible for this award?

- 2021-22 Part-Time Officers

The nominee(s) could have done one or more of the following:

- Successfully changed University/School policy, *or* put the groundwork in place for these changes to take place in the next academic year
- Been involved with a project that will have a lasting positive impact on the student experience
- Have ran events that have educated and changed the views of students/staff



Liberation Advocate

This award will be given to a student (or students) who has championed liberation in everything they do.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Any student at the University who has championed liberation

The nominee(s) could have done one of more of the following:

- Proactively represented students from liberation groups
- Advocated for marginalised students within the SU and/or University
- Lobbied for change within the SU and/or University
- Ran or was involved with relevant events or campaigns.
- Challenged the views of others to enable transformative change



Students' Union Awards



Peer Mentor of the Year

This award will go to a Peer Mentor who has dedicated their time to supporting their mentees, supporting them through the transition to University and to Leicester.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Any student who has completed the Peer Mentoring Scheme 2021/22 as a Mentor

The nominee(s) could have done one or more of the following:

- Sent high quality emails as part of the scheme
- Engaged with their mentees outside of the core contact
- Had continued engagement with mentees from the previous year
- Gone above and beyond in efforts to support mentees



Outstanding Contribution

This award will go to someone who has shown exceptional dedication to their cause, going above and beyond to engage with the SU and make change for the better.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Any student at the University

The nominee(s) could have done one or more of the following:

- Evidence that they made active change to benefit the lives of students at the University
- Evidence that they have supported the work of fellow colleagues including campaigns and events
- Evidence of attending and contributing to meetings/events regularly
- Evidence that they are reliable, organised and empowering, even from behind the scenes.





Rising Star

This award will go to a student who is new to engage with the Students' Union this year. This student will have shone in their role and will have excelled at representing the Students' Union/University.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Any student at the University

The nominee(s) could have done one or more of the following:

- Actively engaged with SU democracy and its functions, i.e. Student Council
- Made a valuable contribution to the SU
- Progressed throughout the year and showing increased engagement, suggesting that they are likely to make a valuable contribution in the years to come

Champion for Change

This award will be given to a student (or multiple students) who has championed positive change in everything they do.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Any student at the University

The nominee(s) could have done one or more of the following:

- Initiated, lobbied for and achieved positive change
- Been involved in campaigning and challenging the views of others to enable transformative change





Campaign of the Year

This award will go to a group of students who have launched and organised an effective campaign this year.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Any student at the University

The nominees could have done one or more of the following:

- Lead a well thought-through campaign to highlight a current issue that society/students are facing today
- Have led a campaign that has created change in the student body whether it be in the Union, University or local community.
- Have shown ambition and persistence with their activity, to raise awareness, change mind-sets and advocate meaningful change
- Have used community organising to speak to student affected, and used the ideas or themes from these discussions to shape their campaign

Event of the Year

This award will go to students who have demonstrated drive and ambition, as well as strong organisation skills to have hosted a successful event.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Any student at the University

The nominees could have done one or more of the following:

- Effectively utilised social media to advertise and promote an event
- Had a high turnout and interaction on the day
- Organised and ran an event that was engaging, informative and received positive feedback
- Exhibited strong organisational and leadership skills





Student Activist

This award will go to a student (or students) who has challenged the status quo and has effectively led campaigns surrounding political and social change.

Who is eligible for this award?

- Any student at the University

Nominees could have done one or more of the following:

- Advocated for transformative change
- Tracked strong action
- Organised people to campaign and influence the attitude of students and other stakeholders (including University staff)
- Through their activities, they have united those with similar views to strive for what they believe in