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**LSU LIBERATION COUNCIL 2025/26**

The Leicester Students’ Union Liberation Council aims to give students from liberation groups and minorities a greater voice at the university. The idea of this council is to formalise student discussions, build a liberation-focused discussion group within the SU and discuss ideas that give students a greater voice among senior staff. The future success of liberation projects here at Leicester lies completely with the students’ voices. It is extremely important students are included in the process of navigating the forthcoming year as we build on improving our representation of minorities and protected characteristic groups at the Students’ Union.

The council is broken down into multiple roles with individual responsibilities. As you are all still studying, the role will be flexible and accommodating to your studies. You will be applying for **A ROLE** on the liberation council. You will state your preference, but the strongest candidates will be selected and then responsibilities agreed upon and delegated between the team depending on their application and an informal chat/interview with the SU. **To apply, you must be a 2025/26 academic year student. We are also actively seeking applications from students who identify as part of a minority or liberation-based communities.**

Council selection will be based mainly on applications, but an informal chat (with the the Liberation and Inclusion Advisor, and another rotating member) to get to know the individual applicants will also be necessary – don’t stress about this, it is not marked. **This is not an elected position, much like the club committee roles**. These roles are open to all students whether they are part of a student group or not. The role is voluntary and is expected to take up to 4-6 hours per month.

**All members of the Liberation Council will be required to:**

* Attend Liberation Council Meetings roughly fortnightly for one hour to discuss current activities.
* Be an ambassador for events and other LSU projects. For example, liberation-based awareness days and events.
* Sit on deciding panel for the end of year SU awards.
* Assist with approving new policies and procedures related to liberation at the Students’ Union.
* Assist with LSU projects and campaigns throughout the year.
* Be an approachable point of contact for other students in your community.
* Feedback on ways that the SU or UoL can be more inclusive and aim to engage with liberation groups and inactive students.
* Act as role models for student groups at Leicester.

**Role Descriptions:**

**Chairs/Vice-Chairs – PTOs only**

As a PTO, you will either be a Chair or a Vice-Chair at each Liberation Council meeting. The Chair position will be rotating, meaning that at each meeting, a different PTO will assume the position.

**CHAIR**

1. To lead discussions and meetings, acting as a Chair for the meeting
2. To liaise with the executive and PT officers following the weekly meetings to ensure that the actions from the meeting are being completed by the council.
3. Act as the main point of contact for the council for general queries.
4. To help ensure that all events and campaigns are completed to a high standard.
5. To assist the officers and SU staff with any relevant decision-making.

**VICE CHAIRS**

1. To liaise with the executive and PT officers following the weekly meetings to ensure that the actions from the meeting are being completed by the council.
2. Act as the main point of contact for the council for general queries.
3. To help ensure that all events and campaigns are completed to a high standard.
4. To assist the officers and SU staff with any relevant decision-making.

**SECRETARY**

1. To take meeting minutes during the Liberation Council Meetings, keeping the council up to date each week.
2. To produce a structured email update for the liberation council to view after each meeting, based on the minutes.
3. To oversee logistical strategies that the Council may have.

**ACADEMIC LIAISON**

1. Liaise with the Academic Council where appropriate
2. Work with the Liberation Liaison from Academic Council on matters related to Liberation in education
3. Represent liberation groups ensuring they are considered in decisions the council make as well as policies and activities the council decide on

**COMMUNITY LIAISON**

1. Liaise with Sports & Societies Councils where appropriate
2. Contributes to making activities and student life at UOL more inclusive for the groups they are representing and aims to engage liberation groups and inactive students, by facilitating communication with the relevant Part-time Officers
3. To ensure that the sports and societies offering at the University of Leicester is engaging liberation groups.
4. To represent and be the voice for their community in regards to inclusion and representation and how life at UOL can be more accessible for those from minority groups.

**SUSTAINABILITY LIAISON**

1. Liaise with the Sustainability Council where appropriate
2. Work with the Sustainability Council on matters related to Sustainability and liberation.
3. To be a proponent for sustainable development, and ensure that the sustainable development goals are considered in decisions the council makes as well as policies and activities the council decide on

**EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS LEADS**

1. Works on events and campaigns throughout the year, broadly in line with the UK Higher Education inclusion calendar
2. To act as the logistical lead on events and campaigns the Liberation Council may organise and plan, including being present at key working groups
3. Take lead on working with the events and campaigns supports during both terms, ensuring there is proper delegation and cohesion between you.
4. Completes any relevant paperwork such as the Event and Fundraising Notification form, the External Speaker Form, Room Booking form and Charity donation form.

**ENGAGEMENT LEAD**

1. . To monitor and lead on the SU councils Instagram page.
2. Gathers reports and photos from liberation events at all levels of participation
3. Working with the Part-time officers to promote liberation events/campaigns via relevant channels (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, email etc) and working to ensure everyone gets fair coverage.
4. To be confident with photography and digital content creation.
5. Participate in and attend at least 2 working groups per term

# **Sending Application Forms 2025/26**

Applications will **open 24th July,** and you will be sent this document again as well as an [application form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=as2-rtQxAUuVzoJ0r-hT2Q4t3tBz6hZJrw4pwzFMJzhUMVIzUEcyU040TjhGVU5XNDRIQk82WEMwTS4u) which will need to be completed by **Thursday 7th August at 12pm**. Informal chats will take place following this either online, on Microsoft Teams, or in person. You will be notified of the result of the informal chats by **Friday 29th August**. Training will then take place on the week starting **15th September.**