



# UNION COUNCIL MOTION

## Title of motion:

Introduce Student Led Volunteering back into the Activities Zone

Create a Student Led Volunteering Representative(s) Part Time Officer

## Hull University Students Union Notes:

In 2014 a motion passed removing, at the time HUSSO Chair from Union Council, which also resulted in them being removed from the Activities Zone in general. The removal at the time has led to a disconnect from Volunteer Project Leads and internal union affairs that I believe they need to be involved in the Union in ways that they historically were.

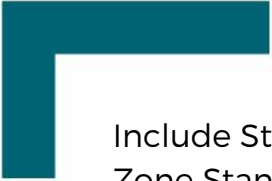
## Hull University Students Union Believes:

With the work I have done this year to resolve some of the representational issues within the Activities Zone, I feel this is another step towards representation and making sure that the zones and union council is largely representative of all students who operate activities at Hull.

Student led Volunteering has been around for 60 years, and to have spent several years without any representation on Union Council, or within the zone that they should sit in is unacceptable. Student led volunteering projects are fantastic career boosting opportunities, and those project leads should have their interests protected and represented.

## Hull University Students Union Resolves:

Create a new PTO Position within the Activities Zone; Student Led Volunteer Representative, This role would either be shared by the Project Leads, or one(or more to share) Project Lead could volunteer for the position.



Include Student Led Volunteering Project Leads within the Activities Zone Standing Order – inviting the project leads to attend Activities Zone meetings

**Proposer:** Ellis Leonard (President, Activities)

**Seconded:** Sian Doherty (President, Sport)



# SO 2002

## STANDING ORDER GOVERNING THE ACTIVITIES ZONE

### 1. Interpretation

These Standing Orders shall be read in conjunction with the Constitution, Bye Laws and the relevant Standing Orders of Hull University Students' Union (hereafter collectively referred to as the Regulations) and shall be interpreted accordingly. In these Standing Orders:

- a. "the Zone" means the Activities Zone;
- b. "HUSU" means Hull University Students' Union;
- c. "Council" means HUSU Council;
- d. "clear days" excludes University holidays; Bank Holidays; Saturdays and Sundays.

### 2. Function:

The primary function of the Zone is to originate and coordinate HUSU's Activities action and implement HUSU's Activities Strategy. The secondary functions of the Zone are to provide scrutiny and hold to account the President of Activities and other Zone Members.


All zone members are members of Council; if a member resigns or is removed from either Council or their Zone position then they cease to hold both of these roles. Any student is welcome to request to attend Activities Zone meetings, at approval of The Chair.

### 3. Membership

Voting membership of the Zone shall be:

- a. President of Activities (casting vote only for electing a chair of the zone);
- b. Two Councillors for Scrutiny;
- c. Society Mentors (shared vote);
- d. HYMS Societies Representative;
- e. Student Media Representative;
- f. Academic Societies Representative
- g. Interest and Hobbies Societies Representative
- h. Student Led Volunteering Representative(s)

Ex-Officio members;

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- a. Student Media Heads
  - b. LINKS Chair
  - c. RAG Chair
  - d. Volunteering Co-ordinator
  - e. Societies and GIAG Co-ordinator
  - f. Student Opportunities Manager
  - g. Such others that the Zone may deem appropriate.

#### **4. Duties of the Membership**

- a. President of Activities

The duties of the President of Activities are detailed in S.O. 2001.

- b. Councillors for Scrutiny

The Councillors for Scrutiny are to:

Ensure that all members of the Zone are following their strategy objectives;

Ensure that all areas of the Zone are within budget;

To assist if required in tasks and projects the Zone is undertaking.

- President Activities, Societies and GIAG Co-ordinator, Volunteers and Fundraising Co-ordinator and Student Opportunities Manager will be Ex-Officio members.

#### **5. Election and Appointment**

All members of the Zone shall be elected or appointed in Trimester two in accordance with the relevant standing order for each position and shall hold their positions for the next academic year. If a member is elected through an emergency election during the academic year to fill a vacant post then they shall hold the position until the end of that academic year.

### **GENERAL PROCEDURE**

#### **6. Chair**

The Chair shall be elected in accordance with paragraph 36 of the byelaws and is responsible for keeping a register of attendance; following and approving the Zone meeting agenda as laid out in S.O. 2002 annex A, which is to be circulated three clear days in advance; keeping order within the meeting and ensuring points to action are met. The Chair may call an emergency meeting of the Zone. The Chair may request an emergency meeting of Council, which shall occur at the discretion of the Chair of Council.



## **7. Meetings**

Meetings of the Zone shall take place at least 3 times every trimester (excluding holiday weeks, exam periods, and trimester 3) with the first meeting having taken place by the end of week 3. The date and time shall be agreed by the membership.

## **8. Quorum**

The quoracy of such meetings shall be fifty percent plus one of the voting membership plus the Chair.

## **9. Minutes**

The minutes shall be taken by the secretary to the Zone, who shall be elected in the first Zone meeting of the academic year. The minutes shall record points to action for the Zone members and shall be brought to the attention of Council by the Chair, in the form of a report under the Activities Zone section of the Council agenda. The minutes will be circulated to members and on [hulluniunion.com](http://hulluniunion.com) within five days of the meeting taking place.

## **10. Voting**

All votes shall require a greater than fifty percent majority pass. All votes shall be public except those on motions of caution and no confidence.

## **11. Powers**

The Zone shall be able to:

- a. Pass a motion of caution against the President of Activities as detailed in the bye laws.
- b. Bring motions of no confidence as detailed in the bye laws against the President of Activities to Council.
- c. Pass a motion of caution or no confidence against other Zone members. Motions of no confidence are to be ratified by Council and if successful the member is removed from the Zone committee.
- d. Submit questions in writing to the trustees of HUSU to be asked by the President of Activities.
- e. Submit questions to an officer at council.
- f. Propose a motion of caution against an officer to council.

Most recently updated at Union Council on 16 November 2020

## STANDING ORDER GOVERNING THE STUDENT LED VOLUNTEERING REPRESENTATIVE

### 1. Interpretation

These Standing Orders shall be read in conjunction with the Articles, Bye Laws and the relevant Standing Orders of Hull University Students' Union and shall be interpreted accordingly.

### 2. Status of Officer

The Student Led Volunteering Representative shall be responsible for representing the views of students involved in the Student Led Volunteering Projects of Hull University Students' Union and the University of Hull. The Student Led Volunteering Representative is responsible to the President of Activities and Hull University Students' Union.

### 3. Election

The Student Led Volunteering Representative shall be co-opted in accordance with Hull University Students' Union election regulations. One (or more) Project Leads from the Student Led Volunteering Projects can nominate themselves to be co-opted into the position to represent the other projects.

### 4. Duties

The Student Led Volunteering Representative will:

- a. Inform students on issues of Volunteering based issues locally, regionally and nationally;
- b. Participate in relevant university and union working groups pertaining to issues of Volunteering;
- c. Organise and run campaigns to lobby for change in practices by Hull University Students' Union and the University of Hull;
- d. Attend and have a Vote at the Activities Zone Meetings
- e. Attend and have a Vote at Union Council
- e.f. Work with other Project Leads to Represent them