



UNION COUNCIL MOTION

Title of motion:

Motion to create a Social Mobility and Class Representative

HUU Notes:

1. A motion (M.1819 – 29) was brought to union council on the 1st of April to create a working class students representative.
2. The motion was referred to select committee by the chair of Union Council, with 4 voting members selected by secret ballot from union council and an ex-officio member of UEC as chair.
3. The select committee voted to recommend the rejection of M.1819 - 29 and that a vote be held to create a social mobility and class representative.

HUU Believes:

1. The establishment of a social mobility and class representative will assist the student experience of HUU members who face issues relating to their class or socio-economic background.
2. This would happen through campaigns, opening relevant dialogue/ debates to challenge campus and societal preconceptions about class, and raising such issues in Union Council and at Inclusivity & Diversity zone meetings.

HUU Resolves:

1. Create the position of Social Mobility and Class Representative as outlined below in the Standing Order and Role Description.
2. Amend standing order 5002 (Inclusivity and Diversity Zone) to reflect this.



Proposer: Daniel Ingram (Councillor for Scrutiny Governance/ Chair of Governance Zone)

Seconded: Maisie Loggie (AU Secretary)
Erin Pettit (AU, President of Sport elect)



SO 5008

STANDING ORDER GOVERNING THE SOCIAL MOBILITY AND CLASS REPRESENTATIVE

1. Interpretation

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

2. Status of Officer

The Social Mobility and Class Representative shall be responsible for representing **the interests of students with issues pertaining to class and social mobility** at the University of Hull. The Social Mobility and Class Representative is responsible to the President of Inclusivity and Diversity.

3. Election

The Social Mobility and Class Representative shall be elected in accordance with Hull University Union election regulations in SO 8001. They will be elected once per academic year through union-wide elections and voted for by students.

4. Duties

The Social Mobility and Class Representative will:

- (a) Represent interests of students from a range of socio-economic backgrounds within the union by organising campaigns and opening dialogue/debates to address issues within HUU and the University of Hull relating to social mobility and class.
- (b) Signpost students on specific issues relating to social mobility and class to receive appropriate help and assistance.
- (c) Promote links with other similar groups and organisations, within the local community, regional area and nationally
- (d) Is a member of Union Council and the Inclusivity and Diversity Zone with full voting rights.

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Social Mobility and Class Representative

Aim

The role aims to represent the concerns of all students at the University of Hull in regards to class and social mobility. The role works to eradicate all forms of discrimination and prejudice students face based on their class or background.

Key responsibilities

- (e) Represent interests of students from a range of socio-economic backgrounds within the union by organising campaigns and opening dialogue/debates to address issues within HUU and the University of Hull relating to social mobility and class.
- (f) Signpost students on specific issues relating to social mobility and class to receive appropriate help and assistance.
- (g) Promote links with other similar groups and organisations, within the local community, regional area and nationally.
- (h) Is a member of Union Council and the Inclusivity and Diversity Zone with full voting rights.

Useful skills or characteristics

- Passionate about social mobility and class issues
- Have a wide outreach with the student body
- Effective time management
- Be adaptable and communicative
- Good organisational skills
- Creativity

Skills you can expect to learn and develop

- General communication and liaison skills
- Experience organising events and running campaigns
- Representation and lobbying for change
- Confidence in speaking in forums and meetings

Expected time commitment

On average you will spend between 6-8 hours a week on this role. Some weeks will be more demanding than others.

Further questions

Please email the responsible President, Andrew Costigan on a.costigan@hull.ac.uk if you have any questions about the role.