

Career Resource Sheet: Faculty Reps

Being a Faculty Rep not only allows you to improve the academic experience for your fellow students, it also affords you the opportunity to develop a set of unique skills and gain a range of experience.

Who will benefit from your role as a Faculty Rep?

Your fellow students

Will gain an invaluable contact to champion student feedback by representing all students within their Faculty at University-level committees such as Faculty Boards and Senate.

Your Department

Will gain an invaluable key contact to act as a leader of Department Reps within your Faculty and create large scale positive change within the Faculty.

You!

You will have the opportunity to demonstrate and develop a whole range of transferable employability skills:

- Engaging with people from a range of cultures
- Develop honest and respectful oral communication skills with people at a range of levels
- Experience of attending meetings and University level committees
- Gain an understanding of professional conduct
- Demonstrate an ability to build relationships based on trust and credibility
- Collaborative working with others to achieve a shared goal
- Exploring methods of gathering survey data
- Understanding and interpreting data and feeding back to a diverse audience
- Managing social media campaigns
- Gain an understanding of campaigning methods within a University context
- Gain experience of project management to a deadline within a higher education context
- Develop your leadership skills
- Develop an understanding of University and YUSU Policy process
- Experience of public speaking and publicising yourself

Well done for being elected now make this role work for you - create great things to put on your CV and use in job applications in the future. Take a look at the support you can get from **Careers and Placements** to help you with this.

Which entry would you rather put on your CV next year?

WORK EXPERIENCE

September 2019 - ongoing: Faculty Representative, English Department, University of York

• In a team leadership position where I was selected by York University Students Union for the voluntary Department Representative role, I met with the Course Reps a few times and tried to help them.

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• Selected by York University Students Union into voluntary leadership role as English Literature Department Representative; coordinated 20 meetings of academic course representatives; increasing participation from 5 to 25 elected representatives between Autumn and Spring term in 2018/9. Effectively collated qualitative data from ten Course Representatives about feedback on presentation of work and took these findings to senior staff within the English Department resulting in modifications to the guidelines to provide a longer feedback form for the presentations. Was acknowledged by peers for maximizing on my role to create positive change.

The choice is yours...

