

Vice-President Welfare & Community

Salary: £25,000

Contract type: One year, starting early July 2025

Hours: Full time, working 35 hours per week Monday-Friday.

Due to the nature of the post additional work commitments will be required including evenings and weekends.

Method of appointment: Election

Eligibility: BU Students

Accountable to: The membership of SUBU

The Vice-President Welfare and Community leads on Wellbeing, Equality, Diversity and Inclusion, Sustainability, Housing and Community Engagement. They ensure that each and every student has adequate support in these areas and proactively represent students' rights on and off campus

You should run for this role if you:

- Want to ensure that SUBU is run in a way that is ethical, inclusive and diverse
- Have an interest in students' wellbeing
- Want to ensure that students' rights are proactively represented within BU and the community
- Have an authentic interest in making the BU community more welcoming and comfortable for all students

The Vice-President Welfare & Community shall:

- Advance the education of students at Bournemouth University by being the principal representative in relation to welfare, community engagement and liberation, both internally at BU, within the local community and on a national level.
- Attend key university meetings relevant to your role and work with BU staff on behalf of SUBU as the principal student representative for welfare and community issues. As the primary representative for Welfare and Community you will attend the Equality and Diversity Committee, Accommodation Strategy Group, BU Wellbeing Group and a range of other meetings.
- Work closely with relevant university departments including Student Support and Wellbeing, Additional Learning Support, Residential Services, Equality and Diversity and Estates.
- Critically hold the university to account on all matters of welfare and community.
- Promote student wellbeing, including mental health, physical health, safety and housing,
- Champion the rights and welfare of all BU students both in the community and on the University's Campuses.
- Take a representational lead on the equality and diversity work of the union, working with relevant staff and committees. Listen to and amplify the voices of BU students, advocating for the improvement in student support and removing structural barriers at BU.
- Lobby the university to act on feedback and become more accessible and inclusive of all BU members.
- Promote and support intersectionality, allyship and the union's Liberation Campaigns.
- Support and facilitate campaigns and celebrations of cultural significance.
- Work to ensure both the short and long term sustainability of the Union, University and local community through championing the Sustainable Development Goals and encouraging student input and participation in sustainability matters.
- Be the lead Full-Time Officer for SUBU Advice ensuring that current issues being faced by students are reflected in policy and campaign work where appropriate.
- Lobby for improvements in housing, working closely with BU Residential Services to better the student experience within halls of residence and work with SUBU Advice to help students accessing private accommodation.
- Work with the Union, university and other external organisations, such as the council, campus police, halls providers and landlords to ensure