



So, you're thinking of running in
the KeeleSU By-Elections?

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KeeleSU Elections

KeeleSU is run by students, for students and at KeeleSU we hold elections to so that you can decide on a team of student officers to lead KeeleSU for the next academic year.

Every student has a right to vote in these elections and every student has a right to stand for one of the available positions.

As a student, you have the power to shape, lead and change your union and the best way to do that is to take on a leadership position within KeeleSU.

We have a variety of full and part time roles available for students. You can view the roles in full as well as any criteria for standing in these elections [HERE](#).



Hang on... Didn't we just do some elections?



Well, yes, we did...



Welcome to the Wonderful World of By-Elections!

We typically run one set of main elections around February to elect Full and part time officers and two sets of 'by-elections' to elect specific positions and unfilled council positions.

This year, the positions are:

- Union Development and Democracy Officer (Full time position)
- Chair of Union Council (Part Time Officer)
- Hospital Campus Officer (Part Time Officer)
- Post Graduate Students Officer (Part Time Officer)
- Societies Executive (7 Part Time Officer Positions Available)



Elections run at specific times throughout the year.

Traditionally these are:

Main Elections

These tend to happen in February each academic year. These are for Full Time Officers, Part Time Officers, Student Trustees and the AU council.

Spring By-Elections

These happen in early May and are to elect unfilled officer positions as well as the Constitutional Affairs committee.

Autumn By-Elections - These tend to happen early in November and are the final opportunity to fill unfilled positions as well as the elections for the Societies Executive and for a number of positions on the 'Your University Zone'.



How much of a commitment is being a Full Time Officer?

Being a full time elected officer is a huge commitment, but it's totally worth it.

Some things to consider are:

- It's a full time job; you'll be expected to work normal office hours plus a lot of evening and weekend work.
- It's a lot of responsibility; along with your other officer colleagues you'll be leading a charity organisation with around 50 full time staff members and an annual turnover of about \$3 million.
- It's all about representing the people; you'll be expected to work professionally with students and staff at both the University and SU



What would I get out of being a Full Time Officer?

Being a full time elected officer might be a demanding job, but it's also a rewarding one:

- You get to interact with the students you represent and get involved in tons of exciting projects.
- It's a full time job with a graduate level salary of around 16k with a generous holiday allowance.
- You'll get a wealth of experience in leadership, negotiation and team work as well as being given training and development opportunities from external organisations such as the National Union of Students.
- It's recorded on your HEAR but best of all
- You get to spend another year at Keele!



How much of a commitment is being a Part Time Officer?

Being a full time elected officer is a commitment, but it's totally worth it and totally doable alongside your degree!

Some things to consider are:

- It's a time commitment for sure; you'll be expected to commit between 4 and 10 hours a month (term time only)
- It's a lot of meetings; you'll be expected to attend Union Council meeting and Union General Meetings
- It's all about representing the people; you'll be expected to work professionally with students and staff at both the University and SU
- It's a development role; there'll be training that people are expected to attend.



What would I get out of being a Part Time Officer?

Being a part time elected officer might be a demanding job, but it's also a rewarding one:

- Aside from the ability to make change within your union, you'll also receive accreditation.
- Your role is voluntary, therefore you'll be able to claim hours with the KeeleSU volunteering scheme.
- You'll also be recognised for your role on the HEAR.



This is all sounding great, so now what?

Dates for Your Diary:

Nominations Open- 1st May (9am)

Nominations Close - 10th May (5pm)

Candidates Briefing – 10th May (5pm)

Print Deadline for Candidates– 15th May (9am)

Print Collection for Candidates – 16th May (5pm)

Voting Opens – 19th May (9am) /20th/21st

Voting Closes – 22nd May (5pm) Announcements at UGM



If you want any more information, don't hesitate to get in contact with Emma Hedges or Kate Mitchell in the Student Voice Department

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May the odds be ever in your favour...