

Student Voice Representative Handbook

A guide to
understanding your role



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What is Student Voice?

Student voice refers to the collective opinions, perspectives, and experiences of students. It encompasses the thoughts, ideas, and feedback that students provide about various aspects of their academic environment, including teaching and learning, campus life, support services, and policies.



Student voice is essential for creating a student-centred learning environment that prioritises the well-being, success, and satisfaction of students. By actively listening to and engaging with student voice, educational institutions can better understand and address the needs of their student community, ultimately leading to a more enriching and supportive educational experience for all.

Why are Student Voice reps essential?

- **Representation**-The reps serve as the voice of student body, representing diverse perspectives, concerns and needs.
- **Advocacy**- The reps advocate for student interests and work to address issues that affect the student experience.
- **Engagement**- The reps promote student engagement and participation in university life. encouraging students to get involved in campus activities, initiatives and decision making processes.
- **Empowerment**- The reps feel empowered to take an active role in shaping their educational experience and environment. It provides them with opportunities for leadership, advocacy, personal development, enhancing sense of responsibility.

There are many benefits to being a rep!

You have the opportunity to **influence your student experience**

It **adds value to your CV and LinkedIn** profile

Develop skills such as communication, public speaking, confidence



The role of Student Voice Rep's

The role of a Student Voice Representative includes:

- To join regular focus groups put on by the Students Association and various other departments within BPP to gain valuable student feedback on a wide range of issues and services;
- To meet with the Senior Leadership Team at BPP in town-hall meetings and subject sessions;
- To attend various BPP University Boards and Committee meetings to represent student interests;
- To work directly with the Student Association staff on any matters arising;
- To co-author the annual Student Written Submission alongside the Students' Association. These documents offer recommendations and areas of good practice annually and feeds into University work-streams.

General Etiquette

Be Proactive- take initiative in addressing student concerns & advocating for positive change.

Be respectful of other opinions and avoid talking over others

Clear & effective communication of information, updates and feedback to both students and university staff.

Do not use the meeting's to voice personal/sensitive issues. These should be raised privately

What our current reps say about the role

'I have really enjoyed working as a Student Voice Representative this year! It has been a fantastic opportunity to develop advocacy, as one of the most challenging parts of the role is voicing the concerns of others.'

"Our ears are open, our voices are strong, and our commitment to student voice is unwavering. We're here to listen, represent student needs, and work together to create positive change."

"Being an SVR can empower me to feel like my voice matters. It allows me to develop strong communication and advocacy skills. It is also a great way to meet new people, build relationships, and become a leader on campus."

"You get a direct line to make your voice heard, and I gain valuable communication and leadership skills. Whether it's suggesting better resources, proposing more engaging activities, or advocating for improved facilities, your input is crucial. Let's work together to make BPP the best it can be!"