



YOUR GUIDE TO THE STUDENTS' UNION

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HEY

As your Students' Union, we are here for you every step of the way. Whatever you're looking for, we want to help you shape your ideal university experience.

The Students' Union (SU) is independent from the University, and we're here to champion student interests. We work on improving student life, listening to your thoughts and opinions, and work with key stakeholders to make positive changes to your university experience.

One of the cool things is that when you enrol at Roehampton you automatically become a member of RSU - this means you can access our services from day one!

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MEET YOUR SABBATICAL OFFICERS.

Each year the student body elects three Sabbatical Officers to work full-time in the Students' Union.

The Sabbatical Officers are here to represent your views and opinions, run campaigns, and work alongside the Union, University and College staff to implement policy changes that will have a positive impact on student life at Roehampton.

They're passionate about making your university experience the best it possibly can be, so make sure you get to know them and reach out if you have any questions or ideas.

Joshua Kayode
President

Sukhpreet Singh (Sammy)
Vice President Welfare

Irene Reynolds
Vice President Education

WE'RE LED BY STUDENTS.

Students shape everything about the Students' Union and are always at the centre of our thinking.

As a member, you get the vote for who you want to represent you. Our leadership elections at Roehampton typically take place in early spring.

If you care about shaping the future for Roehampton students or championing the issues that matter most to them, consider nominating yourself for a Sabbatical Officer role.

It's a fantastic opportunity to lead the student community, represent their interests, and drive meaningful change.

PRESIDENTS' COMMITTEE.

Presidents' Committee is the central operation of student leadership and representation at RSU. To put it simply, students can submit campaign ideas to Presidents' Committee and create the change they want to see!

An idea can be anything from new relaxation spaces on campus, to how to improve student support during exam periods. As your Students' Union, we're here to represent and promote your voice!

CAMPAIGNS.

The Students' Union works hard to amplify the voices of over 12,000 students to campaign on issues that matter to you and works together with partners to deliver positive change.

Campaigns are run by many different people. Some come directly from full-time Sabbatical Officers, some are driven at the national level by the likes of the National Union of Students, but others are led by students just like you who have a passion to take on an issue that matters to them.

You can also get involved with campaigns in lots of different ways. This might include volunteering your time, empowering students or simply coming out and attending events and other activities.



YOUR FEEDBACK MATTERS

HOW YOU ARE REPRESENTED.

At Roehampton Students' Union, making sure your voice is heard is one of our top priorities. That's why we work with a team of trained student reps who help shape your learning experience by gathering and acting on your feedback.

There are lots of different ways to get involved and have your voice heard! Why not head to our website to see how you can be a part of academic representation.

roehampton.ac.uk/academicrepresentation

WHAT ARE ACADEMIC REPS?

Academic Reps make sure student voices are heard at every level of the University. The system is made up of Programme Reps, School Reps, the elected Vice President Education (VP Education), and specialist SU support staff all working in partnership with the University to raise issues, suggest improvements, and celebrate what's going well in your academic experience. Every Academic Rep plays a vital role in making your academic experience better, from lecture quality to assessment fairness, student feedback has led to tangible improvements across the University.

WHO REPRESENTS YOU?

PROGRAMME REPS

Representing students at the programme level, they gather feedback and raise concerns at meetings like Programme Boards and Student Voice Forums. Each course should have at least two reps per year. They're your first point of contact for academic-related feedback and help improve the learning experience.

SCHOOL REPS

Supporting Programme Reps and representing student feedback from across the whole school, School Reps attend key university meetings like School Boards and Education Committee.

They work closely with the VP Education and RSU staff to ensure student voices shape university decisions.

VICE PRESIDENT EDUCATION

Ensuring your academic interests are represented at the highest level, the VP Education is a full-time, elected officer.

They work across the whole University, and use student feedback to influence and lobby on matters related to your academic experience. They're also great to chat to if you have any ideas, concerns, or questions about your course.

Want to know more?
roehampton.ac.uk/officers

You can submit feedback on your academic experience at any time by visiting our online feedback system: roehampton.ac.uk/feedback



SOCIETIES

DISCOVER YOUR PASSION.

Societies are student-led groups where you can explore your interests, meet like-minded people, and make unforgettable memories. Whether you're into music, gaming, activism, culture, or something totally niche, there's a society for you.

And if it doesn't exist, we'll help you create it. Every society at the SU was once an idea, brought to life by passionate students.

The best bit, anybody can volunteer as a society leader where you'll receive training and build skills and experience that sets you up for that next step after university.

As well as creating incredible memories, you will have the opportunity to build a community, gain some new skills and even do some networking depending on the type of society you join.

There are a large number of societies already available and ready to welcome you with open arms, but if you can't find the right one, you can create your own society!

roehampton.su.com/societies



NETWORKS

FIND YOUR PEOPLE.

Networks are student-led communities that bring people together around identity, liberation, and campaigning. They give a voice to underrepresented and marginalised groups, creating safe spaces to share experiences, discuss important topics, and work with RSU to improve student life.

We've got a range of networks, covering Liberation, College, and School communities. So wherever you identify, there's a place for you.

And if you're passionate about leading change, you can step up as a Network Leader. It's your chance to grow a community, represent its needs, and make sure every voice is heard.

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NOT ALL CLASSROOMS HAVE 4 WALLS.

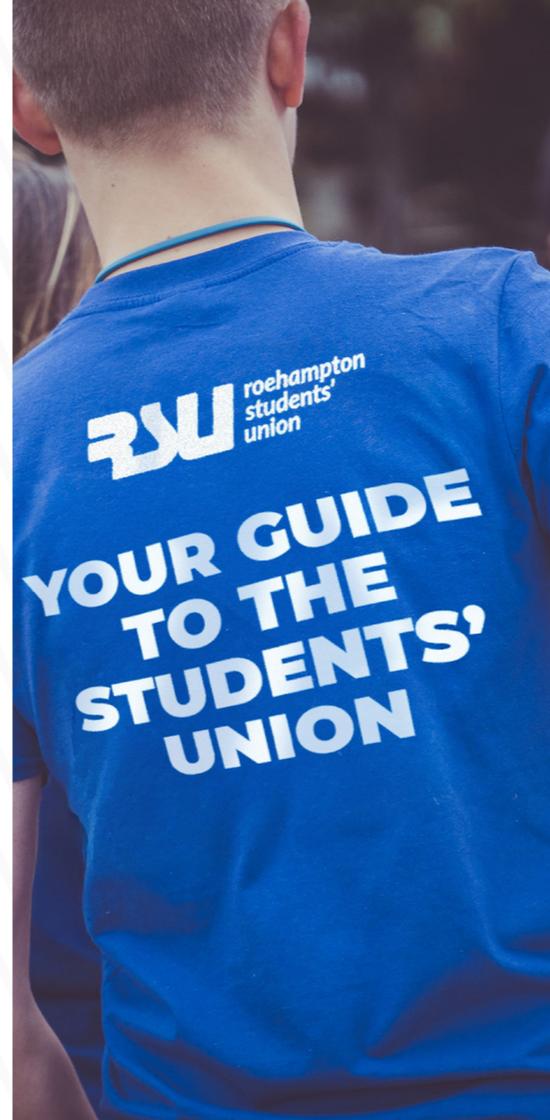
Growhampton is your on-campus food sustainability project growing fruit, vegetables and herbs in their allotments, polytunnel and forest garden as well as keeping a flock of charismatic hens.

Get your hands dirty joining in their weekly Give It A Grow sessions, make that feathery friend you never knew you needed by training as a chicken volunteer, or enjoy a relaxing afternoon activity as part of Wellbeing Wednesday. It's a great way to boost your wellbeing, get active in nature, and connect with new people.

All sessions are relaxed and drop-in friendly — join us whenever you can.

**You can get involved with our Chicken Volunteering 365 days a year.
What are you waiting for? Get in touch now!**

[roehampton.ac.uk/growhampton](https://roehampton.ac.uk/studentsunion/growhampton)



COME SAY HELLO!

OPEN MON - FRI, 09:00 - 16:00

The Students' Union Helpdesk is your go-to spot to connect with an RSU staff member who knows all about life at Roehampton.

Whether you have a question, need support, or just want to chat, we're here to help, and if we can't, we'll point you in the right direction.

rsu@roehampton.ac.uk



ADVICE

FREE, IMPARTIAL & INDEPENDENT.

Did you know that our Advice and Support Service is independent from the University? And as such can provide balanced, fair and free advice to any student here at Roehampton.

Our primary focus is on academic support, this includes academic appeals, complaints, mitigating circumstance support - as well disciplinary and any other matters relating to academic affairs on campus. We also offer a wide range of housing support and advice and are a member of Advice UK and NHAS.

It's okay to feel overwhelmed.

Starting university is a big deal and you may have moments where you feel overwhelmed. This is completely natural, and you won't be the only one feeling this way. While we encourage you to step out of your comfort zone and try new things, it's important to do so at your own pace.

If you are unsure or concerned about any matters don't hesitate to email us at su.advice@roehampton.ac.uk or visit our website where we have a wide range of information available.

roehampton.ac.uk/su/advice



WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK

CAMPAIGNS TO SUPPORT YOU.

From national campaigns on issues affecting students across the UK, to local campaigns focused on life here at Roehampton, we work to create positive change that matters.

Community Cupboard

Our Community Cupboard is a vital support facility that provides free essential supplies to students in need. Located the Students' Union Helpdesk, the items we provide range from hygienic products, stationery, baby supplies, and kitchen equipment.

High numbers of students across the UK are experiencing severe financial hardship, often being forced into making undesirable choices between necessities for survival and their studies.

We want you to shape the agenda. If you've got an idea, passion, or cause you want to campaign for, bring it to us. We'll help amplify your voice, and connect you with the right people to make a difference.

[roehampton.ac.uk/campaigns](https://roehampton.ac.uk/su/campaigns)



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THE HIVE CAFÉ

FUEL YOUR DAY THE SUSTAINABLE WAY.

Since opening in 2013, The Hive Café has been the only independent café on campus, dedicated to serving food and drinks with care and a focus on sustainability.

For over a decade, we've been proud to offer delicious, ethical, and eco-friendly options to students, staff, and the Roehampton community.

As part of the Students' Union – a not-for-profit organisation – every purchase helps support services and activities for students.

More Than Just Coffee

Matcha to Mocha, smoothies to soft drinks, there's something for everyone.

- Enjoy our £5 Meal Deal – tasty and affordable.
- Gluten-free? Vegan? Prefer alternative milks like almond, coconut, oat, or soya? We've got you covered – at no extra cost.

When you choose The Hive, you're choosing quality, value, and a café that puts money back into student pockets.

Opening Hours: Monday–Friday, 08:00 - 16:00

Find us at Digby Square – look for our warm, inviting space. Trust us, you'll feel right at home.





WHAT'S ON

ALL THE VIBES, ALL YEAR LONG.

Across the year, RSU brings campus to life with a packed programme of events, designed to help you make memories, meet new people, and make the most of student life. You'll find anything from wellbeing pop-ups, cultural celebrations, and collabs with your student groups and Colleges too.

Freshers' Festival

Running throughout your first month, Freshers' Festival is your introduction to the Students' Union and everything we have to offer including events, societies, Freshers' Fair, and opportunities to make new friends. With a jam-packed programme of exciting events and activities happening across campus, you'll no doubt want to get a piece of the action.

RSU Awards

The annual RSU Awards are an opportunity to celebrate and recognise the achievements of passionate students at Roehampton. Join us in May for a fantastic night of elegance and fun, celebrating you!

Want to stay in the know? Make sure you're following us on Instagram @RoehamptonSU and checking the website so you don't miss out.

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Expect fresh offers throughout the year, and remember: every purchase helps fund the activities, events, and services you love. It's merch that gives back.

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