

AGD: Community Relations Officer

What would you like to change in the Bye-Laws?

Remove the position of Community Relations Officer.

Bye-Law 8 - 4. viii. Community Relations Officer

“Lead on supporting and championing local community engagement and community safety initiatives so that students can make an active contribution and are safe in the local community. Working with the Welfare and Community Officer, represent students in the local community to ensure public services meet their collective needs and interests.”

Why would you like to do this?

Over the past few years, the Community Relations Officer role was not strongly defined and there is a lot of confusion about the actual purpose of the role, and indeed whether such a role is needed and has a purpose. There is no real structure for the role as it is quite vague and very broad, and previous postholders have found that they do not know where they sit within the Union or whom they represent. Also there is a lot of confusion with them serving on the Activities Executive, where they would not expect this as part of their role and are not really engaged.

We now have volunteering reps to cover the student volunteering part of their role.

How will this affect students?

Students will no longer be confused with the role of the Community Relations Officer, contacting them for things that are not within their remit and not related to their role, but also to have more clarity on who to ask on questions related to volunteering/societies etc. Any students with potential concerns will be directed to the volunteering reps and the Welfare & Community Officer.

When should this take effect?

This should take immediate effect.