

Recruitment Pack

**Student Trustees
for 2024/25**

Hello Greenwich.

I'm Anuj, your Students' Union President for the rest of the 2023/4 academic year and we need your assistance.

As we draw ever close towards the end of this academic year and look ahead towards that which is upcoming, Greenwich Students' Union (GSU) is looking for dedicated students to take on the role of Student Trustee for the academic year 2023/24 to learn and help us execute the GSU Plan 2026: Become Your Best. The plan aims to support and empower members on their Greenwich journey.

If you're a student that's interested in bettering the student experience, levelling up your CV, having the opportunity to make decisions as the director of an award-winning £4m charity, and broadening your skillset, this one is for you.

Read on to find out more about this role, what it involves, and how you can apply.

The application deadline is Friday 24th May, 12pm.

If you've got questions regarding the role, you can contact the GSU Chief Executive, Kate Dawson, at k.dawson@gre.ac.uk

Kindest regards,

Anuj



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GSU PLAN 2026 - OUR NEW STRATEGY

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At GSU we're proud to have made transformative change over the last few years by acting on student feedback and working with our members to make our democracy more accessible, develop the quality and scope of our member services, improve our physical spaces and transform our communication methods.

Recently recognised as a Quality Students' Union, GSU now has an established physical footprint at our three campuses in Avery Hill, Greenwich and Medway, supported by our online spaces.

Our new strategy - GSU Plan 2026 - sets out our action plan that will take us into our next phase of development, ensuring our members are able to shape future opportunities and services. Our role as a Students' Union is to continually evolve our offer for the members of today and future generations.

We have one goal by 2026; supported by GSU and our services, our students to become their best at Greenwich and beyond.

We will focus our team and our time to represent student interests, working with our members to ensure you have access to:

- The best quality and inclusive education.
- Develop skills to be life ready.
- Be the best you can be while they study.
- Find where you belong at Greenwich.
- Take actions to protect our planet together.

Click here to read our plan in full - greenwichsu.co.uk/gsuplan2026

What is a Trustee?

Greenwich Students' Union (GSU) is a registered charity and company limited by guarantee. As a Trustee (also known as a Director), you will be a part of an appointed group of individuals – the Board of Trustees – who are tasked with working behind the scenes to direct the business of the organisation, ensuring GSU fulfils its mission and does so within the confines of Charity Law to which it is subject.

As a Student Trustee, you will bring the student voice to the table, shaping the conversation with an insight only you can provide.

What will your work entail?

Greenwich Students' Union represents around 21,000 members who are students at the University of Greenwich and operates across the University's three campuses in Greenwich, Avery Hill and Medway.

As a Student Trustee, you will be a part of a Board of Trustees that will have the ultimate responsibility for managing the administrative element of the Union including its governance and budget.

This board consists of 13 members: up to six external trustees from industry, one University Trustee, four elected Trustees (Students' Union Officers), and four appointed Student Trustees (this is where you come in!)

You will attend Trustee Board Committee meetings throughout the year and have the option to join, along with your fellow Trustees, one of its three subcommittees: Staffing and Governance, Finance, Audit and Risk, and Commercial Services and Marketing. These, as well as the overarching Trustee Board meeting, take place six times a year (usually September, November, January, March, May and July).

In preparation for these committees, you will be given material to read in advance that covers the matters being addressed in the meeting.

You will receive basic training on the areas which will help you perform your role such as Charity Law and governance.

What are the benefits?

Although this is a volunteer role, the advantages are plenty. You will:

- Be the Director of an award-winning £4m charity that operates across the three campuses and form a major part of the decision-making processes that shape and drive it.
- Have the chance to engage with and learn from the professional expertise of fellow trustees in their areas of specialisation.
- Broaden your skill set as you practice management and scrutiny on a Director level.
- Bolster your CV with the unmatched experience that is being a Trustee.

What do you need to apply for this role?

To apply for this role, you must be a current student in the University of Greenwich who will also be a student for the upcoming 2023/24 academic year*. Although you don't need any particular experience to apply for this role, Trustees will ideally have some of the following attributes:

- Good, independent judgement.
- Strategic vision.
- The ability to think creatively and problem-solve.
- A diplomatic approach and a willingness to speak their mind.
- The ability to work effectively as a member of a team.
- Effective communications skills.
- A willingness to devote the necessary time and effort.
- A commitment to the organisation.
- An understanding of the role and the duties, responsibilities, and liabilities of trusteeship.

****Please note that, in accordance with the SU's governing documents, legislation and NUS guidance, you are not eligible to be both a Student Trustee and an employee of the SU, and/or an elected Faculty Officer, and/or an Elected Activities Executive.***

To apply:

Please email to gsurecruitment@gre.ac.uk:

- A copy of our Equal Opportunitites form (available to download on our Work for Us page, or at <https://gresu.uk/equalops>)
- Your CV
- A statement in a Word document including the following:
 1. Tell us a little about yourself.
 2. What do you know about the Students' Union?
 3. How do you think you can help the Students' Union Trustee Board?

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What happens next?

The Chair of Trustees, and President will review applications and invite shortlisted applicants for a Microsoft Teams introduction meeting. The successful candidates will then be notified. Following this, the Chief Executive will provide a full induction.

If successful, the first GSU Trustee meeting is on Tuesday 18th June from 18:00-20:00 on the Greenwich Campus.

We look forward to hearing from you!