Disabled and Specific Learning Difference Representative (BL)

The Disabled and Specific Learning Difference Representative (BL) represents disabled students at Barts and The London, including students who identify as having a physical disability, mental health condition or a specific learning difference.

To run for this role, you must meet the following requirements:

* Be a student at Queen Mary in 2024/5
* Study at Barts and The London (medicine, dentistry and courses allied to medicine and dentistry)

Duties

* Engage with and lobby Queen Mary University of London and other relevant organisations to achieve improvements for disabled students
* Seek feedback from disabled students in order to accurately represent their interests
* Attend relevant meetings within the Students’ Union and the university (see list of compulsory meetings below)
* Where appropriate, support the Executive Officers in their duties and responsibilities and seek support from them with respect to their own duties and responsibilities
* Coordinate and collaborate with the Disabled and Specific Learning Difference Representative (BL) and other liberation representatives where appropriate
* Liaise with members of student groups relevant to their role, for example the Students with Disabilities Society
* Provide regular updates on your work to the students you represent

Meetings you are required to attend

* Student Council (2 hour meeting, five times a year)
* BLSA Board (2 hour meeting, six times a year)
* Welfare & Communities Board (1.5 hour meeting, five times a year)

Optional activities

While there is nothing required of this role other than the responsibilities outlined above, you can choose to work on other projects within your year if you wish. These might include:

* Holding events for disabled students aimed at building a sense of community
* Coordinating events and campaigns on issues relevant to disabled students. For example, previous campaigns have included Disability Awareness Week and World Mental Health Day.

**Training you will receive**

You’ll receive full training for your role, including training on

* How the Students’ Union works
* Inclusive leadership
* Effective Representation
* How to create change
* Anything else the role of Student Council member requires

You’ll also get access individual project planning sessions and project support from your staff support.

**Skills you can develop**

* Inclusive leadership
* Negotiation and bargaining
* Campaigning for change
* Organisation and prioritisation
* Communication
* Event planning and delivery

**Benefits you will receive**

* All part-time officer roles are voluntary, unpaid roles. To thank the elected officers for their work, all officers get a full training package and other perks. Perks vary from year to year, but in the past, perks have included discounts in Students' Union shops, cafes and bars and free tickets for events.