



Network Chair Role Description

Disabled Students Network



Bristol SU

Chair of the Disabled Students Network

Note: *Candidates for this role must self-define as disabled.*

The chair of the network is responsible for representing students who share that identity, background or experience.

The Chair of the Disabled Students' Network works as a representative of Disabled Students at the University. They work with student volunteer members of the network to further the interests of Disabled students. They are also a key voice for Disabled students to the SU and University and develop campaigns to advocate for positive change.

Specifically, the Chair of the Disabled Students' Network:

- Engages students with the Network and builds community through effective communication and events
- Keeps relevant Full-Time Officers and SU staff informed about the activities and needs of the Network
- Works with relevant Full-time Officers to keep up-to-date with local and national policy changes that might impact disabled students, informing the Network's members about issues of importance
- Works with relevant Full-Time Officers to gather student opinion and feedback on issues relevant to the Network
- Chairs Network meetings and ensures that the democratic aspects of the Network (elections and democratic meetings) are properly conducted
- Ensures the Network acts in line with Union policy and in the best interests of its members
- Scrutinises the work of Full-time Officers, ensuring that their work is inclusive of disabled students, and adequately addresses their needs
- Through Standing Committee, scrutinises the work of all Networks and ensures they are acting in the best interests of the Union's members
- Attends Student Council and its Standing Committee, reporting on the activity of the Network when asked
- Attends NUS liberation conferences, or nominates a member of their network or a Full-Time Officer to attend in their place if they cannot

If you are interested in standing for this role and want to know more about what it's like on a day-to-day basis, email bristolsu-elections@bristol.ac.uk.

The term of office for this role is June 2024 - June 2025. You must be enrolled as a student during this time.