# ARE VOUR REPORT

UCSU STUDENTS' UNION

A quick introduction to Clas Reps at the University of Cumbria Students' Union.

# OUR CLASS REP COMMUNITY!

At the University of Cumbria, we believe every student deserves a quality education and positive university experience. That's why your voice matters! Your Students' Union (UCSU) in partnership with UOC manages the Class Rep System to ensure student perspectives are at the heart of university decisions.

# AS A CLASS REP, YOU'LL BE THE VITAL LINK BETWEEN STUDENTS AND STAFF, HELPING TO:

Gather feedback from your classmates

Represent student concerns in Student Staff Forums

Work with UCSU to improve academic standards

Create positive change across your course

By becoming a Class Rep, you're not just enhancing your own university journey – you're making UOC better for everyone!

#### THE ROLE OF A CLASS REP

Represent: attend, or at least submit feedback to, two Student Staff Forums and two Institute Forums yearly

Communicate: discuss issues and solutions with academic staff

Share Outcomes: keep students informed about results of your advocacy

Guide: direct students to appropriate support services when needed

# **BENEFITS OF BEING A CLASS REP**

# AS A CLASS REP AT UNIVERSITY OF CUMBRIA, YOU'LL MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT WHILE DEVELOPING VALUABLE SKILLS:

Create positive changes for yourself and fellow students

Directly influence the quality of your academic experience

Gain a broader perspective on University operations and deeper understanding of key educational issues

Enhance your employability with valuable leadership, communication, and negotiation skills

# **HOW UCSU VALUES YOUR WORK**

#### THE PRAISE WALL

A virtual noticeboard showcasing positive feedback about Class Reps from staff and students. These testimonials contribute to both the Awards and Rep Reward Scheme.

### THE CLASS REP AWARDS

Annual recognition for outstanding representatives with prizes of £100 (winner) and £50 (runnerup) for each Institute. Winners are considered for the prestigious Class Rep of the Year award.

#### THE REP REWARD SCHEME

All Class Reps receive a £15 voucher after completing mandatory training. Your activity is evaluated using a point system at the end of your term in office (typically in April). In the rep reward scheme reps can earn a voucher of up to £40.

## **YOUR UCSU SUPPORT NETWORK**

# AS A CLASS REP, YOU'LL RECEIVE COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT FROM UCSU:

Flexible Training: Select from various training delivery formats with content customized to your specific role

Digital Resources: Access our Blackboard site for a hub of digital resources

Networking opportunities: Chances to connect with each other in person and online

Dedicated Support: Get help from our Student Voice team for queries and escalating unresolved issues.

"This role gave me valuable responsibilities that have prepared me for my future career. It has enhanced my communication skills and developed my ability to work effectively in team environments. I also take great pride in representing my course and supporting my fellow peers when they need help and advice."

For more information contact UCSU studentvoice@cumbria.ac.uk

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