



### Get involved in the UK-wide student movement

Every students' union in the UK has Student Reps, also known as 'course reps'. The National Union of Students (NUS) run seminars, conferences and other events in London and across the UK for Reps. They are a great way to meet like-minded students from across the country.

### Student Rep Socials

By being a Rep you can get more involved in MetSU. It is a great way to meet fellow students and make friends. We have Christmas socials and other events and hangouts throughout the year. Why not organise a similar event for the students on your course and invite your teaching staff too?



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# Student Representatives

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*'Be a voice for students on your course'*

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London Metropolitan University  
Students' Union

## FAQ

### How do I become a Student Rep?

Speak to your course leader at the start of the semester. Supported by MetSU, they will facilitate the election for the Reps for your course.

### Do Postgraduate courses have Student Reps?

Yes. Postgraduate courses including research degree students should have Reps.



## Student Reps

Student Reps are elected at the start of the academic year by their course mates. The role of a Rep is to raise academic issues with teaching staff on behalf of their fellow students. Reps liaise with coursemates, provide feedback to academics, and act as a communication channel between the University and students. Reps can also signpost students to relevant University academic and support services.

### What do they do?

- ▶ **Represent students** on their course
- ▶ **Listen to students** and **raise relevant issues** on their behalf
- ▶ **Liaise with course leaders and other staff**, acting as a channel of communication
- ▶ Attend course **committee meetings** and **Student Rep forums**
- ▶ Work closely with the Full-time and Part-time Officers for your School
- ▶ Play an active part in MetSU by getting involved in our other activities such as **democracy, sports, societies** and **media**.
- ▶ A first step to being elected as a paid Full-time Officer! Being a Student Rep is a great way to get involved with MetSU and the UK-wide student movement.

## Why should you become a Student Rep?

- ▶ **Improve the student experience** on courses and teaching at London Met
- ▶ **Make a difference** and **help others**
- ▶ **Gain valuable experience** which you will find useful in the future. It is something you may mention on your CV and when writing a job application form
- ▶ **Develop transferable skills** such as negotiation skills, problem-solving and building professional relationships in the workplace
- ▶ **Learn more about how higher education works** in the UK and a chance, as a fee-paying student to hold your institution to account and scrutinise processes and decision-making
- ▶ **Achieve our Student Rep Accreditation** which mean your efforts are formally acknowledged on your degree transcript when you graduate
- ▶ **Apply for paid work** offered to Reps such as sitting on course validation panels.
- ▶ **Get involved in MetSU, meet new people, and make new friends** beyond your course cohort.
- ▶ Claim your **Rep hoody and lanyard** once you've completed Rep training!

## Events

### Student Rep of the Year

Our volunteers are invaluable to MetSU's work. Each year at our annual awards ceremony, we celebrate their contributions. The title Student Rep of the Year is awarded to the Rep who has made an outstanding contribution during the course of the year. **This could be you!**

### What are Course Committees and School-wide meetings?

Course Committee meetings take place each semester in order to review and evaluate the course. Reps are key members of these committees. Rep Forums are held for Reps from a particular school to meet together with MetSU's officers, staff and school management.

## Accreditation on your degree transcript!

### How does it work?

MetSU runs an accreditation scheme for our Student Reps. In return for your time volunteering as a Rep and providing regular feedback to both your course leader and MetSU, at the end of the year you are entitled to a certificate and a mention on your degree transcript.