

BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC (BME) STUDENTS' OFFICER 2014 - 2015

PART-TIME, VOLUNTARY ROLE

AIM:

To represent members and to campaign on issues that relate to BME liberation

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

1. To lead LSESU on delivering students' priorities related to BME issues

- Open up relevant dialogues and debates related to BME issues via events and other media
- Discuss ideas and run campaigns
- Organise and coordinate initiatives to create an environment that is inclusive and free from discrimination
- Challenge stereotypes and promote equality at LSE and other levels

2. To be an active member of the Student Executive Committee

- Work closely with the Sabbatical Officers and other members of the Executive Team
- Hold a seat on the Student Council
- Review, challenge and execute LSESU policy
- Find out students' opinions on policy and feed back to the Executive Committee
- Attend Student Executive meetings and other relevant LSESU and LSE meetings

3. To be accountable to your members

- Hold regular assemblies or student meetings to feed back actions to students
- Update students regularly via emails, blog posts and other methods
- Attend Student Executive meetings and other LSESU and LSE meetings

BENEFITS

- Help shape the future of LSE and LSESU
- Improve support and advice for BME students
- Develop your communication, organisation, event planning, teamwork and leadership skills
- Access to additional, tailored training sessions
- Gain experience working in the third sector
- Access to a huge amount of advice and support
- A great title on your CV
- Opportunities to meet other students

TRAINING AND SUPPORT

LSESU staff and Sabbatical Officers will support you in your role and you will also receive:

- Welcome Booklet
- Introductory training
- 1:1s with the Engagement Coordinator to determine your priorities and training requirements
- Regular 1:1s and support via email and phone
- Additional tailored training sessions to develop your skills

ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS

- Please email Laura Burley on L.A.Burley@lse.ac.uk
- Drop into the Activities Resource Centre in the Saw Swee Hock Student Centre between 10am and 6pm, Monday to Friday
- Come along to a 'Thinking Of Standing?' session or a candidate information session (visit www.lsesu.com/whatson for more details)

USEFUL CHARACTERISTICS

- Enthusiasm about changing LSE for the better
- Knowledge of students and their needs (e.g. experience in societies)
- Communication skills
- Planning and organisational skills
- Ability to work both independently and as part of a team

REQUIREMENTS

While it is up to the officer to shape the relevant remit, the following requirements are non-negotiable:

- To set and carry out annual objectives
- To attend 1:1s with relevant LSESU staff once a month and remain in regular contact through email/phone between meetings
- To attend approximately six Executive meetings and five Student Council meetings, or send official apologies if this is not possible
- To communicate and collaborate with the Sabbatical Officers where necessary
- To communicate your work to students both in person and online
- To spend 3-5 hours per week in an Executive capacity (with some flexibility around academic commitments)

HOW TO NOMINATE YOURSELF

- Online at www.lsesu.com/elections
- Nominations open: 10am, Monday 13th October
- Nominations close: 5pm, Monday 20th October