



Student Leader Collective

Thinking For Your Future

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What do you want out of today?



Networking



Transferable skills



How to pitch yourself

Committee Skills

A Case Study



1st Year

They joined lots of clubs and networks as a member, and became Secretary for Permaculture Society, delivering lots of events and volunteering.

2nd Year

She got the bug! This year Claudia became President for Permaculture, Secretary for Yoga, Treasurer for Wildlife Conservation, Treasurer for XR BU, and volunteered for the Meditation Network, Hopeful Futures Network, Woodland Conservation, and Beach Clean projects.

3rd Year

Became President of Permaculture, Events for PAWS, founded Fire Circus and Flow Arts, and were elected as the SUBU Disabilities Part Time Officer.

4th and Masters

Scaling back to focus on studies, but continued on with committee roles for Post Graduate Researcher, PAWS, Wildlife, and volunteered with the Archaeology faculty.

The Story of Claudia



**What skills do you think
Claudia gained from her time
on committees?**

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Chairing and minuting meetings

Presentation and public speaking skills

Delegation and time

Leading guided walks

Budgeting, finance, fundraising, grant application skills

LOTS of skill and sector specific learning and development

All of these!!

Policy and report writing

Community/public engagement

Social media management, video editing, content creation, advertising

Campaigning, awareness, and representational projects

First aid, MH first aid, and other training

Project and large event management/logistics

Trip coordination and planning

Risk assessments and H&S

Conference attendance, BUCS awards

Networking, securing speakers and partnerships

AND MORE!





This was... Luci's story!



Applying Skills CV and Interviews



How can I demonstrate my experience?

Education

- Demonstrating time management skills- you have balanced running a society/ being part of a society with your degree
- Successful campaigns/ events
- Any awards you have received from the University/ Student's Union

Volunteering and Qualifications

- Log your committee hours on the Volunteering Hub- e.g. I have volunteered for 3 years, accruing 350 hours across my time in Climbing Club
- Additional courses or qualifications:
 - First Aid/ Mental Health First Aid
 - Student Leader Collective! - Conflict Resolution, Team Management and Employability skills

BA History

Institution: University of York

Year of Graduation: 2023

- Grade: 2:1
- President of Feminist Society 22/23; awarded Campaign of the Year at the Love York Awards 2022
- Organised successful period poverty campaigns that supported hundreds of women in the city to access period hygiene products with the Hygiene Bank, York

Volunteer Work and Qualifications

Volunteer Music Teacher

Meridian Corps of Drums- Parkstone (2013-2022)
Taught children and young adults in the Poole and Bournemouth area how to play a range of percussion instruments

Qualifications:

- **Leadership Qualification**- The Kite Trust - Aug-Oct 2025
- **Mental Health First Aider** - Jan 2025
- **Managing Safely IOSH** (Risk Assessment Trained) - August 2025
- **Suicide Prevention Training**

STAR System

Making a point to talk about your skills is great, but interviewers also need to know there are real situations and experience behind them.

Situation

Explain to them what the situation you faced was. Maybe organising a series of talks, a large event, or needing to take over duties unexpectedly due to someone falling ill.

Task

What were the tasks you had to complete in order to succeed? Don't under estimate them! Give specific goals, e.g. had to engage X amount of people or run Y out of Z events.

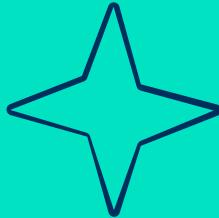
Action

Break down what you did! Think about all steps. Don't say "promo on insta", say content design and creation, use of specialist tools e.g. Canva, SM channel management.

Results

Think about the goals from Task. Show your success in no uncertain terms - %s and stats. E.g. "the event exceeded goal attendance by 15%, and 8 people left positive feedback".

Interviews



Do

Research the company, its values, and the person spec ahead of time. How do you and your skills/experience align with what they are looking for?

Don't

Use the same example for multiple questions - show the breadth of your experience.

Do

Give yourself time to think and feel able to ask for clarification if unsure. If there is something you're unsure of, demonstrate your ability to learn and adaptability.

Don't

Leave without having asked questions. While you're the one being interviewed, this is your chance to get a vibe of what the company is like. Plus they want someone proactive!

Over to you!



Fill out the template CV with skills you've gained from your time on committees.

- Interests
- Skills
- Education
- Work Experience (e.g. Part Time Work or Placements)
- Volunteering and Qualifications

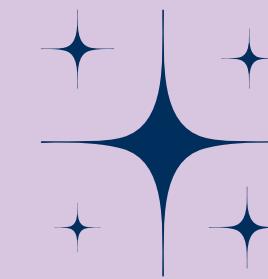
Any gaps? These are areas you can work on before you leave BU!

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Faculty Focus



AcSocs and working with academics



Working with academics

Even if you're not an academic society, you may have an activity or event that a BU academic/department could support with- these working relationships could be great references or networking opportunities in the future!

Academic Societies

For those of you in academic societies (as committee or members), evidence of being involved in extra-curricular areas of your degree highlights dedication and skills other applicants might not have



Working with externals

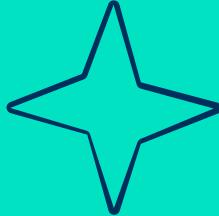
Working with externals can have many benefits for your society and yourself. This could come in the form of:

- Patrons
- Sister AcSocs at other Unis
- Guest speakers
- Charities
- Potential employers e.g. Law Ball

Awards and Recognition



Volunteering



Log your hours

By logging your hours on the SUBU Volunteering Hub, you have a record of all the hard work you have put in to being a committee member!

Benefits of Volunteering

- Skills from the role e.g. sector-specific skills
- Shows proactivity
- Could be work-experience when you have a career gap on your CV

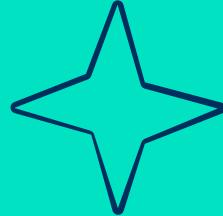
Volunteering Certificates

Once you have logged your hours, you can receive certificates that could be shared on LinkedIn :
10 Hours for Bronze, 20 Hours for Silver, 30 Hours for Gold and 100 Hours for Platinum

Volunteering Hub



Awards and Recognition



Star Grading

Running a society with a high Star Grading shows your skill, dedication, and commitment to your members. Shows you aim to achieve the highest standard of work!

SUBU Awards

Winning a SUBU ward either for your society or yourself is a huge achievement that you ought to shout about! You have been endorsed by your SU and by extension the University!

Society Awards

Some Socs opt to hold internal awards every year. If your society is more niche these may highlight specific skill sets or dedication that a broad one, such as the SUBU Awards, couldn't offer.

Endorsement

Endorsement from the Clubs Team, or from another committee member can show that you are a team player and that your experience is legit. Can be done via LinkedIn!

SUBU Officer Elections

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To close:



- Any questions, contact our team at suclubs@bournemouth.ac.uk or check out the Committee Zone!

Grab a snack and chill out!