

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN REPS AND PAL LEADERS

As they are both very active groups of students sometimes there can be confusion between the role of Student Reps and PAL Leaders. The table below describes the difference between them:

	Student Reps	PAL Leader
How are they recruited?	They are elected by their peers during the first couple of weeks of the academic year	They have to apply and are interviewed
Are they paid?	No. The position is voluntary	Yes. The position is a paid role within BU
What colour hoodies do they wear?	Purple	Jade Green
Who is responsible for the system?	The Representation Team in the Students' Union (SUBU)	The PAL Co-ordination Team in Academic Services (BU) and academics in the Faculties
Are they representative of the student body?	Yes. They have been elected by their peers and have been trained in how to be a representative for their cohort. They attend the relevant university meetings to provide this representation	No. They have been employed by the university to offer peer learning support to students
Can they advise students?	No. They are trained to signpost students to support services like SUBU Advice, AskBU or the Chaplaincy	No. They are trained to signpost students to support services like SUBU Advice, AskBU or the Chaplaincy
Can a student be a Rep and a PAL Leader at the same time?	Yes. They just have to ensure they are fulfilling each role independently at the appropriate time	Yes. They just have to ensure they are fulfilling each role independently at the appropriate time

HOW REPS AND PAL LEADERS WORK TOGETHER

In order to find an appropriate and convenient time for Reps to talk to their students and collect feedback, Reps can liaise with their PAL Leader, and arrange a slot at the end of the PAL session to do this.

This allows the Reps to have a regular, timetabled slot to get feedback from their students, and emphasises that feedback should be collected on a regular basis.

If you have any questions about PAL Leaders contact the PAL team on PAL@bournemouth.ac.uk