

What to do if Students don't want to be Reps

- It's important that each Programme has at least one Rep per year, to ensure all levels of Students have an opportunity to give anonymous feedback to an impartial person
- The role of the Student Rep can be complex and difficult to advertise to students. We normally get a few comments from Programme Leaders saying that their students don't want to be Reps or they're finding difficult to find a variety of candidates. If this happens we suggest you:
 - Use examples from previous years about how helpful Reps have been to the course and what changes have been implemented because of Student Feedback
 - Contact Reps from previous years and ask if they can give their experience to the students – sometimes students listen more to other students. Similarly, you could contact a Department or Faculty Rep to talk about their experience of being a Student Rep
 - Link the skills that a Rep could gain to your industry – how is this going to help them in the future?
 - If there are no Reps it could be harder for Students to create and promote change
- Usually a Student will want to be a Rep if these steps have been taken, so we don't anticipate issues. However, we know that 2020-2021 is going to be challenging, so please keep communication open with us and we'll find solutions together.

If you require any help, George Baldwin, SUBU's Student Voice Manager, is on hand to help with any questions and offer support. Please contact him on gbaldwin@bournemouth.ac.uk