OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC)
14 - 16 October 2016

NEW VOLUNTEER STEERING GROUP

The CEC is asked to:-

i) **note** the setup of a new Steering Group to establish new ways to recognise Association volunteers.

ii) **recommend** any volunteers who you feel would make valuable contributions to this group

1. **Introduction**

1.1 Following discussions on the CEC forums around how we recognise volunteers and the creation of the new ‘Student Volunteering’ team within the staff team. A new Steering Group is to be set up to establish a consistent approach to how we recognise and reward volunteers, as well as considering new ideas for future volunteer opportunities.

2. **Advertisement**

2.2 The new group has been advertised to targeted groups of volunteers, including: central reps, some DSG (Disabled Student Groups) members, an Honorary Life Member, Award ceremony volunteers, Conference volunteers, Radio volunteers and the new Plexus Committee. This opportunity has also been placed on the website, and is being shared via social media.

3. **Implementation**

3.1 Interested students have been asked to email us advising that they are interested in taking part by 23rd October 2016.

3.2. Expressions of interest will be reviewed by the Head of Student Volunteering and the Deputy President with a view to create a representative group of 12 student volunteers who will be added to a private forum by beginning November 2016.
3.3 It is hoped that this group will establish and contribute to discussions around appropriate ways we can recognise and reward our volunteers, in a way which is consistent across all opportunities. We are also interested in hearing the Steering Groups opinions on how we celebrate national volunteer’s week annually (first week of June).

3.4 Once the group is formed, it is hoped that they will continue to be involved and will support the expansion of the Student’s Association’s volunteer offering to students by suggesting new opportunities for students in the future.

3.5 We are not seeking CEC members to be involved in the Steering Group, as the CEC will be represented by the Deputy President. All actions which come out of the steering group will seek approval at CEC meetings, therefore, offering opportunities for discussion by elected student representatives at this time.

4. Conclusion

4.1 Please make recommendations of any groups of volunteers or individual volunteers who you feel would make valuable contributions to this Steering Group.

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