OU Students Educational Trust Ambassador

Overview of role:

Awareness of our Charity amongst OU students and staff is unfortunately low. Demand for support from the Trust is also low, although the charity has capacity to support many more students each year. This important role will be a champion for the Trust, to raise awareness of the charity – and also of the Association – throughout the University and with students to increase the number of applications for financial support.

After a training day, this role can be carried out online as well as by those willing to travel locally, nationally and to the OU campus in Milton Keynes.

Essential for role:

This important new role may be carried out by a current student with at least 30 credits, or by an Honorary Life Member of the Association. An Educational Trust Ambassador will need to get the message out about how OUSET can help students depending on their circumstances. This could include posting online, Facebook chats, attending formal events and by meeting students face to face at Meet-ups and at Conference. Full use of Association media will be encouraged, including taking part in STUDIO broadcasts if deemed appropriate.

Supported by:

As an Ambassador, you will be supported by the Operations Team and Trustees for the OU Students Educational Trust. You will also be supported during your training and after by the Volunteering Team. All contact details can be found in your volunteer handbook, which you will receive as part of your training package.

Desired skills:

- Passion for the OU Students Association mission statement and objectives
- A commitment to the objectives and requirements of the Trust
- Good communication skills
- A willingness to engage with new students online and/or face to face
- Ability to work independently and as part of a wider team
What the OU Students Association expects from you in this role:

- To be available to attend the training day on Saturday 7 October 2017
- To act professionally whilst in your role
- To act with empathy and discretion whilst in your role
- To ensure that you act in a way which reflects our commitment to Equality and Diversity
- To take note of our expectations of volunteers in the Volunteer Handbook 2017–2018
- To disseminate information to others interested in supporting the work of the Trust
- To commit yourself to this role for a minimum of one year

What you can expect from the OU Students Association:

- Support from the Association’s Operations Team, Educational Trust Trustees and the Volunteering Team
- Access to a monthly Volunteer e-newsletter
- A Volunteer Handbook outlining all polices and support you can access
- A training day covering all aspects of the Trusts’ work
- Ongoing optional training
- Reasonable paid expenses
- Opportunity to develop transferable skills and grow confidence in using these
- To have fun and make new friends whilst volunteering!

Application Process:

Please complete the online application form. Alternative formats are available on request, please contact us on oustudents-volunteer@open.ac.uk.