



Your monthly guide to the latest news, information and opportunities for Strathclyde University Class Reps

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Hello Class Reps!

I am Rebecca and I am your Vice President Education and Representation. Welcome to your amazing newsletter! This will contain all the key information that as a class rep you will want to know.



Whether you are a returning class rep or this is your first time, it will be an amazing year where I am sure you will all make fantastic changes for your class! Representation is one of key priorities of USSA (hence my title!). However, in order to ensure there is representation throughout the University I need your help. By volunteering to be a class rep you are helping to ensure that your degree runs smoothly and that the University knows what you, and your class want, from your education!

So have a great year making a difference for your classmates. I am sure I will see you soon at training or Student Congress!

To Inform, Develop, Inspire and Engage Class Reps

Student Congress now in October

This year Student Congress has moved from its March timeslot to Wednesday 26th October. We listened to class reps when they told us that they wanted to attend Student Congress but just couldn't afford the time off from classes in hectic March, even with an excused absence. This year, we are focusing on what is most important about Congress- YOU!!!

At Congress you can ask Principal Jim McDonald questions in the Principal's Q&A, discuss what you want out of your learning and how you want to feedback to the university about the quality of your classes. There will be time devoted for you to bring forward issues in the popular Forum, a short session on developing key skills for Repping and a whole lot more.

As a registered Class Rep you can sign up for Congress at: <http://www.strathstudents.com/congress>. Congress attendees will get lunch bought for them by the Principal, free hoodies from the Students' Association and an excused absence.

Student Congress
Wed. 26 October
10am-4pm
Court/Senate Suite
Collins Building



Class Reps Training- Supporting and Preparing You

To ensure that you are full supported and prepared for your role as a Class Rep, there are a variety of training sessions available. New Class Reps can find out more about the role as well as key skills and tools to be effective Reps.

New this year, there is also intermediate trainings for returning reps. It builds on from the skills you have already gained and introduces tools to consult with classmates and make cases for change. You can for more information and register at <http://www.strathstudents.com/classreptraining>

Send your feedback and ideas for newsletter topics to: ussa.classreps@strath.ac.uk

Faculty Reps: Representing students interest and supporting local Class Reps

Being a Class Rep is an amazing opportunity to represent your fellow classmates and make a difference for them. Fancy taking it a step further and becoming a Faculty Rep?

Faculty Reps are the voice of all students within that faculty. They attend faculty level meetings, help Class Reps through advice and support surgeries and help to ensure that students get the education they want! They are extremely influential as they deal with the Deans and Vice Deans of the faculty, as well as having close links with the Students' Association through the Vice President Education and Representation!

So how do you become Faculty Rep? Come along to Student Congress on 26th October and be elected by Class Reps from all over the University! All you need to do is give a quick speech on why you should be elected and then, fingers crossed, you will! You can find out more here:

<http://www.strathstudents.com/classreps/facultyreps>



Better University Forum

First meeting- 11th October, 5pm, Level 5, The Union

Have an idea about how Strathclyde could be better? Is it bigger than just your department? The Better University Forum is here to work for all students to ensure that Strathclyde is the best that it can be. It needs your ideas and input though!

As a Class Rep you are aware probably more than anyone about what is actually going on at the university as well as in a position where you can make a difference. So roll up to the Forum and get involved!

USSA Paid Internship Opportunity

Looking for a job? Well we got one better... a paid Internship opportunity. The intern will help out the busy student activities team with enquiries and set up from clubs and societies. To find out more information and to apply visit

<http://www.strathstudents.com/vacancies#intern>



Post-Grad Research Representation

Representation for PGRs is slightly more complex because it has been difficult in the past to determine whether you are a student or a member of staff. However, times have changed, and I want to ensure you get the best representation available within the University.

In order to do this, we need your help... would you prefer to have a Student Representative per Department, School or Faculty. I need to know what type of issues you face and how you would like to be represented. So please get in touch by sending Rebecca an email at ussa.vper@strath.ac.uk or pop in and see me on Level 7 of the Union.

