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How exactly is the SU run, who's who, and what are we working on? All valid questions if you're thinking of running in the leadership elections!

How we're run

The Students' Union is governed by our constitution and byelaws, and are an autonomous organisation from the University. Our Trustee Board is chaired by the President of the Students' Union, and is made up of over 50% students, including the sabbatical officer team and student trustees. This board helps set the strategic direction for the SU, titled "Building Community, Leading Change".

The sabbatical officer team ("sabbs") consists of the President, VP Education, VP Wellbeing & Diversity, and VP Societies and Sport, which are elected during the Leadership elections. Each School is represented by a School Rep to champion academic interests, and Community Officers advocate for underrepresented groups on campus. You can find out more about the structure and governance of the SU on our website!

Our Teams

The SU is run by several departments, which work closely with the sabbatical team to ensure student needs are represented. These teams include:

- **Student Voice:** Responsible for working on a range of issues relating to student life through representing your academic interests, understanding your student experience, delivering campaigns, liberation history months and elections.
- **Student Opportunities:** The team focusing on supporting student groups (sports clubs, societies, and media outlets), student events.
- **The Advice Centre**: A free independent service available for students to advise and support on relevant issues including academic, housing, and wellbeing.
- **Marketing and Comms**: Work on advertising, media, and communications from the SU on social media, our website, and around campus.
- **Commerical Services:** Responsible for licensed events and entertainment put on by the SU, The Packhorse as well as the SU Shop.

You can find the relevant contact information on the SU page, or email helpdesk@su.rhul.ac.uk for general enquires.

What we deliver

The SU are committed to delivering high levels of satisfaction for all students. From delivering campaigns to raise awareness on important issues facing students, such as housing, mental health, and harassment, to supporting sports charity tournaments, to putting on your favourite SU night.

However, we're always looking for ways to improve, and one of the most important ways we address feedback from students is by communicating action plans to inform students about the work being done.

Rate Your Union is one of our annual surveys, taking place every May, and gives students the opportunity to give their feedback on their experiences at Royal Holloway. From this, the SU builds a feedback action plan for the academic year, which is visible in our website here. Aims for the upcoming academic year include reviewing support from the SU for student group committee members, researching into commuter wants and needs, reviewing SU Shop costs, and much more.

Research such as this is a key part of ensuring work done by the SU is truly student-led, and delivering on the most important issues to students.

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