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leadership elections

Student Group Information Guide

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Student Group Info Pack

It's that time of year again, it's Leadership Election season! This is where the Sabbatical Officer team and School Representatives are elected by the student population. As a student group, it's important to promote the importance of these elections to your members to ensure they have their say in who will be leading the SU next year.

To help you do this, we've put together this handy guide detailing important dates you should be aware of, support on how to promote the elections to your members, and guidance on candidate endorsement, as some rules and regs to be remain aware of!

Key Dates you should know!

- Nominations open: 7 December 2026
- Nominations close: 31 January 2027
- Campaigning opens 12pm 22 February 2027
- Voting opens: 10am 2 March 2027
- Voting closes: 2pm 4 March 2027
- Results Night: 4 March 2027

Promoting the Elections

The Leadership Elections are an important opportunity for student group members to voice their opinion on who they want to lead the SU next year.

- Students will vote for the top 8 issues out of a list of 20 that matter most to them . The overall top 8 Priorities will be published, and will become the focus of the work done by the Sabbatical Officers and SU next year. These issues include different topics from campus facilities, to improving mental health services, to tackling sustainability.
- Promoting these elections to student group members and the opportunity for them to voice their opinion on which issues matter most to them is a great way to ensure your student group members get their voice heard.
- Good ways of informing your members about the upcoming elections is through your social media channels. This is also an opportunity for your group to endorse candidates.

Endorsing Candidates

- Student groups are encouraged to provide opportunities for candidates to engage with their members during the campaign week. However, student groups must be available for ALL candidates to have an opportunity to engage with groups.
- Student groups are permitted to endorse candidates for the Leadership Elections, however, groups should continue to offer the opportunity to all candidates to engage with their members

Rules and Regulations

- There are a set of rules and regulations that candidates are required to adhere to, the full details of which can be found on the Leadership Elections Hub.
- There is also further guidance on candidate endorsement available in this document.

Something not right?

If you wish to make a complaint regarding an incident with a candidate in the Leadership Elections, it must be submitted via the complaints form within 24 hours of an incident taking place and no later than 1 hour after voting closes. Complaints will be reviewed by the Deputy Returning Officer and will be considered in line with the rules and regulations, and our members code of conduct.

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