

ACADEMIC REP SYMPOSIUM

Theme:

**ENHANCING STUDENT
VOICE IN STIRLING**

The Academic Rep Symposium is a yearly in person event that aims to promote best practices, build community, opportunity to network and enhance student voice.

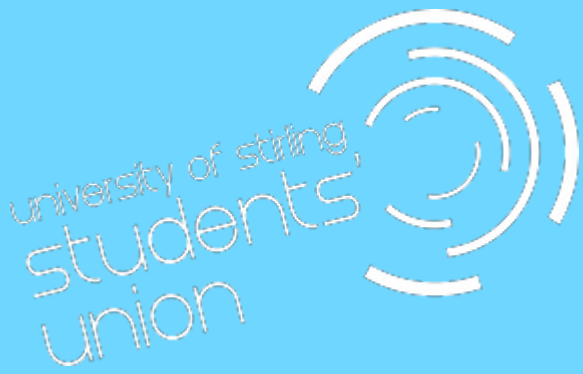
- ✓ Learn and share best practices
- ✓ Network with students and key figures
- ✓ Dive into representation discussions
- ✓ Career progression panel



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Welcome to the Second Annual Academic Rep Symposium!

We are so grateful to have you here with us today for this event, which aims to amplify the student voice and foster the growth of academic representation. The Academic Rep Symposium is a yearly gathering for academic reps designed to promote best practices, build community, provide networking opportunities, and enhance student engagement. It also gives you, as representatives, the chance to get involved in the wider discussions that help shape the academic experience.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our guest speakers, who have graciously taken time out of their busy schedules to join us and share their expertise.

And of course, to all the students in attendance—thank you for taking this opportunity to further your development as Academic Reps. Your dedication to making a difference and elevating the student experience is truly inspiring. We hope you leave today with new insights, connections, and a renewed sense of purpose.

Best wishes,

Adelayo Adebayo (VP Education), Jeremy Harvey (Student Voice Manager) & Inês Coutinho (Student Representation Coordinator)

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GUEST SPEAKERS

Professor Terri Scott

Deputy Principal for Student Experience, University of Stirling. Professor Scott's responsibility is to lead and drive ambitious and innovative approaches to the student experience.



Professor Helen Scott

Deputy Principal for Education, University of Stirling. Professor Scott's responsibility is to enhance student outcomes by considering the different factors that enable student success in Stirling's context.



Adelayo Adebayo

Adelayo is the Vice President Education at Stirling Students Union. Her key priorities have focused on enhancing academic and pastoral support for students, strengthening student voice and promoting engagement at the University of Stirling and also at the national level. She is currently the Scotland Universities representative for the STEP TOPIC Lead Project.



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Professor Lizzie Rushton

Professor of Education and Head of the Education Division, University of Stirling. Lizzie's research includes a focus on decoloniality and anti-racism in education, including teacher education and climate change and sustainability education.



Jasmine Millington

Jasmine Millington is a current PhD student at Heriot-Watt University in Urban Studies and is a recent graduate of Edinburgh Napier University in Digital Media and Interaction Design. She has previously worked with QAA Scotland and Advance HE on a variety of projects including Decolonising the Curriculum and Anti-Racist Curriculums. In their undergraduate Honours project, Jasmine ran a study on exploring the differences between neurodivergent and neurotypical students' opinions of their experiences of pedagogical theories and approaches in Higher Education. Jasmine is interested in a variety of areas including digital environments and intersectional work with marginalised groups in education, such as LGBTQ+, POC, and disabled students



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Justin Walker

Justin is a development consultant at sparqs, an agency focused on advancing education by promoting an environment where students can make a positive and rewarding difference to their own and others' educational experiences. He is a specialist in Course Rep training and has a rich background in educational leadership and quality management, having served as a teacher, headteacher, and consultant in the UK, The Gambia, and Chile.



Gabi Brame

Sustainability Development Coordinator at Stirling Student's Union. Gabi is responsible for ensuring the Union follows and develops best practice, engage students and staff with sustainability, and work with the University towards net zero.



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Tatiana Irman

Tatiana is a 3rd year Accounting student, and currently the division officer for Accounting and Finance. Tatiana as a division officer has worked on improving accounting and finance students experience with their assignments and career readiness.



Owais Ahmed

Owais is a Postgraduate student rep for the MSc Public Relations and Strategic Communication. Owais has been a welcoming postgraduate student rep which has resulted in producing change to his programme's assignments.



Martine Brekke Klingsberg

Martine is a 3rd year Psychology student, and currently the division officer for Psychology. In her current role she has had the chance to enhance the student voice by attending and contributing to meetings with both students, division staff, and the Union.



Beatrice Cimmino & Mollie Black

Beatrice and Mollie are both Postgraduate Student Reps for the MSc Human Rights and Diplomacy. Beatrice and Molli have worked on innovative ways to gather feedback for their programme.



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Introduction

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Prof. Helen Scott

Deputy Principal Education

What's going on at the National Level

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Adelayo Adebayo

VP Education

Scotland's Tertiary Enhancement Programme (STEP) is the new national enhancement initiative for colleges and universities in Scotland. The theme for the upcoming four-year cycle is Diverse Learner's Journey, which will support enhancement across the tertiary sector in Scotland. The programme is jointly managed by the Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) and the College Development Network (CDN).

Success Stories

LT2V1

Tatiana Irman, Beatrice Cimmino & Mollie Black, Owais Ahmed

Academic Reps

This session will success stories of academic representatives, showcasing how they have made a significant impact within their roles. We will explore their journeys, challenges they've overcome, and the strategies that led to their success. This session aims to motivate and empower current and future academic reps to make meaningful contributions to their communities.

Decolonising the Curriculum

LT2V1

Professor Lizzie Rushton, Jasmine Millington & Adelayo Adebayo

Professor in Education and Head of the Education Division, Phd at Herriot-Watt University & VP Education

This session explores the concept of decolonising the curriculum, examining how it can better reflect diverse histories, perspectives, and knowledge systems through interactive discussions. This session will also reflect on existing projects related to this topic and how to get involve as reps.

Representation & Partnership

LT2V1

Justin Walker

Development Consultant at sparqs

This session presented by Sparqs (student partnerships in quality Scotland) will focus on how academic reps can increase their impact by working together towards common goals

Progression Talks

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Professor Terri Scott, Martine Brekke Klingsberg, Adelayo Adebayo

Deputy Principal for Student Experience, Faculty Officer, Division Officer, VP Education

This session provides academic representatives with an opportunity to explore their role in shaping the student experience and fostering positive change within their institutions. It will also delve into how reps can build a thriving career through their representation work. Panel members will share insights from their own journeys, reflecting on their experiences as academic reps and how it has influenced their career progression to their current roles.



Embedding sustainability in the curriculum

LT2V1

Gabi Brame

Sustainability Development Coordinator

This session will provide academic representatives with a basic understanding on what sustainability is and how we can embed it into the curriculum to ensure a climate resilient student community!

Thank you

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Adelayo Adebayo

VP Education

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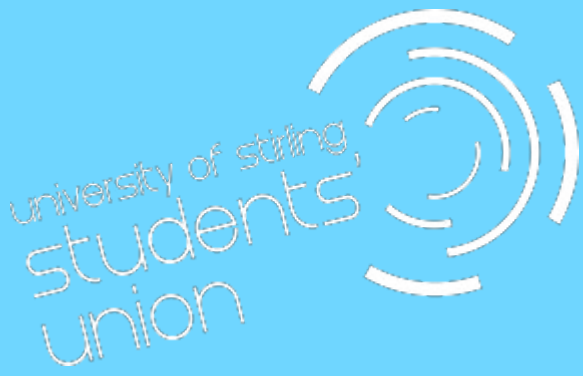
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2-2:10pm	Introduction by Professor Helen Scott (Deputy Principal Education)
2:10-2:20pm	What's going on at the National Level, by Adelayo Adebayo (VP Education)
2:20-2:35pm	Success Stories Tatiana Irman (Division Officer) Beatrice Cimmino and Mollie Black (Academic Rep) Owais Ahmed (Academic Rep)
2:35pm - 3:15pm	Decolonising the Curriculum by Professor Lizzie Rushton (Professor in Education and Head of the Education Division), Jasmine Millington (Phd at Herriot-Watt Uni) and Adelayo Adebayo (VP Education)
3:15-3:30pm	Break
3:30-3:50pm	Representation and Partnership by Justin Walker (Development Consultant at sparqs)
3:50-4:30pm	Progression talk, by Professor Terri Scott (Deputy Principal for Student Experience), Martine Brekke Klingsberg (Division Officer) and Adelayo Adebayo (VP Education)
4:30pm-4:45pm	Embedding Sustainability in the curriculum, by Gabi Brame (Sustainability Development Coordinator at Stirling Student's Union)
4:45-4:55pm	Thank you by Adelayo Adebayo (VP Education)



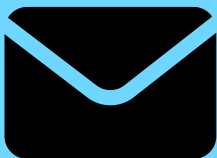
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