

Role Profile

Role title: Student Events Assistant
Salary: £12.60 per hour + Holiday Pay

Full/Part Time: Part-Time

Contract term: Zero Hours, Fixed-Term until 31st July 2026

Accountable to: Natasha Bennell, Senior Events Coordinator; Daniel Findell, Student

Events Programme Coordinator

Accountable for: N/A

Hours: Approximately 5-10 hours per week during term-time **Location:** Usually located at the main Students' Union Building

Eligibility: Open to applicants with relevant skills and experience who are eligible

to work in the UK from the start of employment and a current student at

either UoM, MMU or UoS not graduating prior to Summer 2026.

Benefits: We offer a great range of benefits. You can see them <u>here.</u>

Our Organisation

We are Manchester Students' Union, the biggest SU in the country, supporting over 40,000 students throughout their time at university. We help to make student life the best it can be by supporting students to campaign for change, creating opportunities to meet new people, providing employment opportunities, providing advice and support and being a safe place on campus.

We are a values-centred organisation that employs around 90 permanent, full-time members of staff. We recruit a wide range of roles throughout the year within all our departments from our Commercial team operating Manchester Academy Venues, 13 Media, Bar 532 & Kitchen and Corridor Coffee to our Student Activities, Student Engagement, Marketing and Communications, Finance, HR and Facilities teams. Our team of around 400 part-time, studying staff are instrumental in providing to support to all departments as well as leading major projects like Student Angels. When you join UMSU, you'll be immersed in an environment that empowers staff to make great things happen and we're always on the lookout for innovative, passionate, and proactive people to join us.

Our staff team is led by our senior leadership team who are instrumental in driving our strategy at UMSU. It's made up of our CEO, COO, 3 Directors and 2 Associate Directors. We are governed by our trustees and Exec Officers, you can find out more about that here. All our permanent, full-time roles are graded (Grade A-E) which means that there is a clear path to your development and progression whilst at UMSU.

Our Organisational Values

Our values are really important to us and shape the work that we do every day. As part of our recruitment process, we want you to demonstrate how your experiences, behaviours and skills align with our values.

Our values are

- We put students at the heart of what we do
- We provide a 'great experience' service
- We believe in improvement and progression
- We are a community

- We are open and transparent
- We are inclusive

You can find more detailed explanations of our values on our website.

Role Overview

The Marketing, Events & Business Development team are looking to recruit two new Student Events Assistants to provide support in the delivery of the Team's growing for-student and by-student events programme. Working alongside the Student Events team, you'll be responsible for providing on-the-day event management for larger student events taking place in the Academy venues, directly ensuring the smooth running of events put on by the Events Team and student societies to deliver fantastic events for a variety of societies' communities, as well as the wider student community as a whole. You will do this through working effectively alongside SU staff teams and student event organisers/leaders, ensuring correct procedure is followed in the setting up of the event, and supporting the Facilities Duty Manager in the setting up/down of the event. You will provide general oversight of the event from prearrival to departure of the event organisers, liaising between staff and student teams to ensure that the event runs to schedule and all venue rules and regulations are adhered to at all times. You will also be able to build and maintain a good working relationship with our internal and external suppliers and stakeholders, ensuring they are given clear on-the-day direction and service when involved with our events.

You will also be responsible for providing support to adhoc events and marketing activity taking place across the Students' Union and other University Venues where required. This support will include; assisting in the preparation and delivery of events and promotional activity through scanning tickets, welcoming attendees and delivering a variety of SU-led events to deliver a great experience to all student attendees. You will be enthusiastic and comfortable engaging attendees and potential guests for our events, and able to think proactively in devising strategies to maximise both the level and quality of engagement with our activity. You will promote an inclusive environment at all events, and allow for the continued growth of both our for-student and by-student events programmes, allowing us to further expand our programmes and provide scope to explore the development of new and exciting events in the future.

Please Note: This role will require you to be available to work on evenings & weekends, where needed.

Key Result Areas

Responsible for	Contributor to
Leading the delivery of events through providing	The development of the Events Team's growing
excellent event management services and	programme of by-student events, which aims to
effectively managing event staff, to ensure the	support 300 student-led events in an Academic
smooth running of the event.	Year.
Assisting with the on-the-day delivery of by-	Building the reputation of the Student's Union
student and for-student events through scanning	Events Team for delivering high-quality events for
tickets, welcoming guests and encouraging	the student community, striving for a high
engagement with activity.	satisfaction rate from feedback from our student
	leaders.
Supporting the events team in its development of	The expansion of the Events Team's for-student
it's for-student events programme and activity,	events programme through providing excellent and
through providing assistance during the	consistent assistance and event management
preparation and delivery stages of the activity.	support to the team's programme of events.

Participating in the delivery of focus groups and
research into the events the student community
would like to see, allowing for a more data-driven
approach from the Events Team when devising an
event schedule.

Organisational Stewardship & Leadership Responsibilities

- You'll participate in team planning days.
- You'll assist in key Students' Union events & activities throughout the year including Welcome Week, elections and supporting the officers in delivering their plans.
- You'll perform duties in line with the Union policy & procedure framework.
- To contribute to maintaining communal areas and team stores

Person Specification

Criteria			
	Application Form	Interview	
Education			
Current UoM, MMU or UoS student not graduating prior to Summer 2026.	Υ		
Skills			
Experience of organising and delivering student-facing events.	Υ	Υ	
Experience of customer service (delivery of high-quality event management services to student leaders, conversing with/greeting guests at SU Events, and an ability to keep calm under pressure/when handling difficult situations during events).	Υ		
Working knowledge of Microsoft Word & Powerpoint (using/printing function sheets, setting up powerpoints/screens for SU Events/etc.)		Υ	
Good interpersonal and communication skills (working alongside staff teams, communicating with society leaders/event organisers during society events, etc.)	Υ	Υ	
Knowledge of event management and risk assessments.		Y	
Personal Attributes			
Understanding the breadth of activities we support students to do and what the union does.		Υ	

Demonstrate ability to work as part of a team whilst taking initiative to ensure deadlines are met.	Υ	
Demonstrate ability to effectively prioritise multiple queries/demands ensuring high standard of work is maintained.	Υ	Υ
Values & Behaviours		
Align with the SU's values and behaviours both personally and professionally	Υ	Y
Insight driven – always looking for ways to collect data from a range of sources to measure the impact of your work on the student community or to inform your work		Y
Collaborative – great at working collaboratively with team members, seeks ways to ensure all voices are heard, works with colleagues to problem solve		Υ
Active Bystander – continually seeks to dismantle barriers, ensures all working practises are accessible, seeks to ensure all voices are heard and factored in when making decisions	Υ	Υ

Our Recruitment Process

The way that we recruit is designed to be fair, transparent and inclusive as well as being an enjoyable experience for everyone involved. You should expect to receive great communication and a warm, welcoming experience.

Every member of staff is recruited exactly the same way, by submitting an application form and attending an interview. We use a recruitment platform called StaffSavvy where you'll submit your application and book interviews, if successful.

Our process allows you to show us your authentic self, gives you a platform to display your skills and knowledge in relaxed and welcoming setting. We'll never put you under any necessary pressure on you, ask you trick questions or interrogate you in an interview and we'll support you all the way through our process.

Top Tip: our roles can be quite competitive, so we recommend applying as soon as possible as we often close applications early!

If you'd like further information or support regarding our recruitment process, we recommend that you read our full recruitment guide for applicants here.

