



20 25 STUDENT TRUSTEE GUIDE

EHSU Board of Trustees





WELCOME!

At Edge Hill Students' Union, we exist to make student life everything it can be — empowering every student to reach their potential, enjoy their time here, and leave university ready to take on the world.

Now we're looking for Student Trustees to join our Board of Trustees — passionate students who want to help shape the big decisions that guide the SU's direction and impact.

This is an incredible opportunity to develop real-world leadership skills, influence change, and gain experience that will stand out on your CV and in interviews for years to come.

Being a trustee gives you a voice at the very top level of your Students' Union — where strategy, values, and decisions come together to make a real difference.



ABOUT EHSU

We're a charity led by students, for students. We deliver events, campaigns, societies and support to help over 16,000 students at Edge Hill thrive.

Regardless of background or ambition, EHSU is here to help our members connect, belong and achieve. Together, we make sure the Union is:

- ✓ **Accountable** – transparent and responsible for its actions
- ✓ **Student-focused** – representing what matters most to you
- ✓ **Ambitious** – always pushing to improve the student experience

"I've had the privilege of serving on the Trustee Board at Edge Hill Students' Union for seven years, and it has been an incredibly rewarding experience.

Working alongside passionate student leaders and dedicated staff, I've supported exciting initiatives that have enhanced the student experience.

If you're passionate about contributing fresh ideas and supporting an outstanding student community, I highly encourage you to apply!"

— **Sarah Ellis, Chair of the Board of Trustees**



HOW WE'RE STRUCTURED

STUDENTS

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

ELECTED OFFICERS

CEO

**FINANCE &
PEOPLE**

**ADVICE &
GUIDANCE**

**MEMBERSHIP
SERVICES**

**MARKETING
& COMMS**

ABOUT THE ROLE



As a Student Trustee, you'll join a diverse and supportive Board that oversees the strategic direction, governance, and performance of the Students' Union.

You'll be responsible for:

- Helping to shape the Union's long-term goals and values
- Making sure the Union is legal, financially sound, and well-run
- Ensuring we deliver on our charitable objectives for students
- Bringing the student perspective into major decisions

You don't need any previous experience as a trustee — just enthusiasm, a willingness to learn, and a desire to make a difference. Full training and support will be provided!

"Being part of the Board of Trustees gave me a real insight into how the SU operates and how decisions shape the student experience.

It helped me grow as a leader, understand governance, and contribute meaningfully to student life. I'd encourage anyone who's passionate about Edge Hill to get involved."

— Orna Murphy-Horton, Elected Officer & Trustee 2024-2025



WHAT YOU'LL GAIN

Becoming a Student Trustee is an amazing opportunity to grow both personally and professionally.

You'll gain:

- **Leadership** and governance experience at board level
- **Confidence** in decision-making, strategy, and communication
- **Insight** into how a charity and business operate
- **Networking opportunities** with senior staff and professionals
- **Standout experience** for your CV, graduate schemes, and interviews

We'll provide:

- Comprehensive **training and onboarding**
- Mentoring and ongoing support
- Opportunities to **learn from experienced trustees**

It's not just a role — it's a platform for growth and change.

GOVERNANCE LOOKS GREAT ON CV'S ... JUST SAYIN'





WHO WE'RE LOOKING FOR

We're looking for passionate Edge Hill students who:

- Are currently enrolled at Edge Hill University
- Care about making a difference to the student community
- Can think critically, speak up, and challenge constructively
- Are fair, open-minded, and motivated
- Can balance trustee duties with studies and other commitments

No matter your course, background, or experience — **your voice matters.**

BE THE CHANGE YOU WANT TO SEE AT EDGE HILL ...





WHAT'S INVOLVED?

🕒 Being a Student Trustee is a flexible and manageable commitment; most students find this fits easily around university life, part-time work, and other commitments.

You'll need to:

- Attend up to **4 Board meetings** per year (usually spaced across the academic year)
- Join occasional strategy days or away days, which focus on team-building, training and shaping the Union's long-term direction
- Prepare by reading papers ahead of meetings (we'll support you with this)

Voluntary Role (with full support)

- This is a voluntary position, but it's packed with opportunities for **development, leadership and personal growth**.
- We'll also make sure you're not out of pocket with reasonable travel expenses fully covered.
- You bring your voice, ideas and enthusiasm — and we'll give you the training, guidance and support to succeed.



HOW TO APPLY

 Ready to step up and shape the future of your Students' Union?

It's simple — no long forms or recruitment portals.

Just send an email to **SUPeople@edgehill.ac.uk** with the subject line: "Student Trustee Application – [***Your Name***]"

Include no more than **300 words** telling us:

- Why you'd like to be a Student Trustee
- What you'd bring to the role
- Why you're passionate about making positive change for students

 Deadline: **Friday 28th November 2025** - we can't wait to hear from you!

 **JOIN US — LEAD, LEARN, AND LEAVE A LEGACY**

