

OPEN UNIVERSITY STUDENTS ASSOCIATION

Central Executive Committee (CEC)

18 July 2020

VOLUNTEER STRATEGY

The CEC is asked to:-

- i) **approve** the proposed volunteer strategy to enable organisation to achieve their objectives and mission (appendix 1).

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 During the process of developing our new Association strategy for 2020-23, several aspects of the organisation were identified as enablers to the strategy; Research, Communications and Volunteering.
- 1.2 Our large team of student volunteers are the backbone of the Association and as such should be supported, trained, recognised and valued for their input and importance. It is important that there are strategic aims within the volunteer team which enable us to continue to strive for the best for volunteers, and to implement best practise across all aspects of volunteering to maintain our accreditation as well as ensuring that volunteering is enjoyable, meaningful and empowering for our students.
- 1.3 This strategy was developed with the support of the volunteer team, a number of volunteers and our outgoing Deputy President, before she had to resign. It has been designed to support the wider themes of the Association strategy whilst ensuring there is a clear focus for volunteering.
- 1.4 The strategy was shared in the forum for comments and discussion and the edited version is shared now for approval.

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