2021 Volunteer Recognition Event

The Volunteering and Representation team hosted the annual Volunteer Recognition Event on Friday, 30 July 2021.

30 student volunteers joined us for the event, which aimed to highlight the amazing work our student volunteers do and show that we take their dedication and effort very seriously.

Allan Musinguzi, Head of Volunteering and Representation, and Ian Cheyne, Deputy President, started the event by looking at volunteer statistics for the past year and talking about what our volunteers bring to the Association.

This was followed by a [pre-recorded message of thanks](#) from various Association and OU staff members including Allan Musinguzi, Head of Volunteering and Representation.

> "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they are worthless, it is because they are priceless, and for many of us at the Association, we think many of you who dedicate your time and effort and put in the amount of work that you do put in, ensuring that other students enjoy and have a good student experience, has been very valuable. So, we take this time to say thank you, and we really appreciate the work that you are doing, and we are lucky to have you."

Tom Bulman from [Citizens MK](#) joined us to deliver an amazing session on *The Power of Volunteering*, which looked at how to further enhance the volunteering experience and increase motivation.

We ended the evening with a quiz and, thanks to a third-place tie, had four winners!

Congratulations to our quiz winners and a huge thank you to all of our amazing volunteers.

Volunteer event feedback

Thank you for hosting such a lovely event!

A first class substitute for a face to face gathering.

Thank you all for a very nice evening. I really enjoyed the volunteer recognition event. A special thanks to Reiss, Nicola and Ellie for organising this for us. Thank you to all the OU Students Association staff for everything you do for us. Without you, we wouldn't be able to volunteer.

Thank you for hosting a lovely event. It was really nice to be recognised.