Freshers Team Roles

**Purpose of the Freshers Team**

Each year the Freshers Team plays a vital part in helping new students settle into university life during the first few weeks. Primarily, the team is there to ensure everyone has a fun introduction to the city and to university life. Sometimes things don’t go to plan though and the Freshers Team is often the first point of contact for students with concerns, proving a friendly face, a sympathetic ear and information on how to resolve any situations which may arise.

The Freshers Team assist students when moving into halls and coordinate social events, as well as helping out at the Freshers Fayre. There are also often lots of random tasks which don’t really fit into the role description, but they all make being part of the Freshers Team the unique and rewarding experience that it is.

**Benefits of being on the Freshers Team**

* Use your knowledge to help new students settle in the city
* Help keep your fellow students safe
* Build your confidence and interpersonal skills
* Meet new people
* Attend lots of great events
* Develop skills in leadership, teamwork and events
* Boost your CV and employability prospects
* Great for networking and contacts
* Build up volunteering hours which go on your university record (not for Team Leaders)
* Get free training
* 2 free super-stylish orange Freshers Team t-shirts and a free Freshers Wristband
* Have lots of FUN!

**Team Leaders**

There are three teams:

* **Woolmanhill** (Woolmanhill, Rosemount, Spring Gardens)
* **King Street** (Mealmarket, St Peters, Ardmuir Trinity Court)
* **Garthdee** (Crathie, Garthdee, Ramsey Gardens)

Team Leader General Tasks:

* Managing the volunteer team
* Ensuring the week is fun for all volunteers and students
* Ensuring volunteers do not work more than 7 shifts during Freshers
* Lead by showing a positive example at all times
* Act as an ambassador for RGU:Union and RGU
* Working with RGU:Union Team to recruit volunteers
* Undertaking training prior to Freshers Week
* Assisting with training of team volunteers
* Motivating and coordinating a team of volunteers during Freshers Week
* Working with other departments to ensure students receive the right support
* Helping promote Freshers Week partner organisations
* Adhering to the RGU:Union policies on Equality & Diversity and Health & Safety.

Hours:

* Variable, but a combination of daytime and evening events
* Ideally, candidates should be available from 9th September onwards to assist with those arriving at halls early.

Must be available on the following dates:

* Friday 8th September (Training Day)
* Thursday 21st September (Freshers Fayre)

**Freshers Team Volunteers**

Volunteer Team Member General Tasks:

* Ensuring the week is fun for all fellow volunteers and students
* Lead by showing a positive example at all times
* Act as an ambassador for RGU:Union and RGU
* Undertaking training prior to Freshers Week
* Work to direction from Team Leaders and RGU:Union staff
* Work alongside the Welfare Squad and ResLife, passing on information where relevant
* Provide information, guidance and support for students throughout their Freshers Week experience
* Assist with the organisation of Freshers Week social events
* Assist students when moving into their accommodation
* Helping promote Freshers Week partner organisations
* Adhering to the RGU:Union policies on Equality & Diversity and Health & Safety.

Hours:

* Variable, but a combination of daytime and evening events
* Ideally, candidates should be available from 9th September onwards to assist with those arriving at halls early.
* We will be operating a night-on, night-off policy for volunteers, meaning you would not be expected volunteer on consecutive days, contributing a maximum of 7 shifts in total.

Must be available on the following dates:

* Friday 8th September (Training Day)
* Thursday 21st September (Freshers Fayre)