

Board of Trustees

The Student Guild is governed by its Board of Trustees. The Board delegates the general running and management of the Student Guild to a full-time member of Student Guild staff – the Guild Manager, Shola Fiberesima. Shola also makes sure the Student Guild's policy and the procedure are followed and that agreed operational and strategic actions are carried out. The 2018-19 members have been listed below.

The Board of Trustees is made up of students elected each year (who remain full-time students). They volunteer some of their spare time to play an important and vital role within the Board. In addition, there are Appointed Trustees (appointed by Bloomsbury Institute) that are also Board members and enable the institute to be represented. The Board meets around three or four times per academic year. Feedback and input from Student Council also help the Board of Trustees in making their decisions.

Aliona Gervas Student Trustee



I am in my second year of my LL.B course, I chose law because it is interesting and you can have a better understanding of the community, people and their problems.

My hobbies are drawing, art and reading. I find those three hobbies very calming and relaxing. It is important to find time for yourself and enjoy your free time! I chose to be a Student Trustee because it creates an opportunity to get more insight of the Student Guild, the University and how it all works.

Additionally, this way I can get valuable experience that many employers seek these days.

Simona Enache Student Trustee



My name is Simona and I am a 2nd year student in Business Management.

I am currently part of the Foundation Peer Mentoring team at the university.

My hobbies are travelling and reading.

I like to be a good example, which is why I work to get high grades.

My motto in life is: "All our dreams can come true if we have the courage to pursue them".

Toby Rogers
Student Trustee



I was born in the UK, immigrated to the USA as a young adult with my family and resettled in London after 7 years of adventure.

I have been a Teacher's Assistant in GCSE level STEM courses and an Employment Support Caseworker for a non-profit organisation, amongst other roles.

I am a Non-Executive Board Member for a reputable British based Charity, and enjoy advocating for human rights, ex-offender rehabilitation, and criminal justice reform.

I aspire to launch a Social Enterprise during or immediately after my degree.

Orlagh Maye
Activity Officer



I am a final year Law accelerated student with interests in reading, history and video editing.

I am currently brushing up on my French and Irish which I have not really used since leaving school. I am always trying to learn something new!

As Activity Officer, I hope to generate fun events that all can enjoy - there will be something for everyone. I aim to maximise student participation and bring the student body to life!

I am approachable and look forward to connecting you on both whether you have an issue to discuss or just want to chat.

Appointed Trustees

Cal Courtney

Director of Access and Graduate Outcomes



For five years I led student services within the institute, establishing the Centre for Student Engagement, Wellbeing and Success (SEWS) to foster a more holistic approach to student development

In October 2019 I was appointed to the newly created post of Director of Access and Graduate Outcomes to promote the power of higher education to transform lives and communities, and to support graduates in growing the careers they desire.

As part of this work I am in the process of setting up a new radio station within the institute. Outside of Bloomsbury Institute I broadcast on the award winning Maritime Radio FM.

Shabnam Karim

Financial Controller



After completing my degree and postgraduate qualification specialising in Accounting, I joined Deloitte in 2003 and qualified as a Chartered Accountant.

Since then, I have gained a wealth of experience in other roles, covering internal/ external audit, financial management functions and professional conduct roles working in a range of firms across the City of London.

I have been actively involved in various voluntary activities within my local community, most recently in a role for an Early literacy programme for nursery children. I remain committed to this cause and currently serve as Chair of Finance committee at my local childcare provider.