

Guild of Students

As a charity and the students' union for more than 40,000 students, the Guild of Students is here to help you develop skills outside of study, have fun, meet new people, represent you to the University and make sure you get the best from Birmingham!

If you're a student at UoB, then you're automatically a member of the Guild of Students.

[You can find out more here](https://www.guildofstudents.com/about/who-we-are/) (URL: <https://www.guildofstudents.com/about/who-we-are/>)

All Student Vote

A vote that takes place online on the Guild of Students website, for student ideas and policy proposals that have been allocated from the Guild's All Student Meeting.

ALL registered UoB students have the chance to vote in the All Student Vote.

All Student Meeting

A meeting that is organised by the Guild of Students, and takes place 3 times per year. All UoB students are invited to attend, to discuss and collectively make decisions with the Officer Team on big student ideas and policy proposals which have been allocated from one of the Guild's 4 decision-making committees (Activities, Welfare & Liberation, Campaigns or Education), or from the Guild's idea and policy Sorting Process.

Discussions about the Guild's aims as a charity may also take place at this meeting.

[You can find out more information here](https://www.guildofstudents.com/representation/allstudentmeeting/)

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Ideas

Thoughts and suggestions for change in the Guild, University and/or local community, that UoB students submit on the Guild of Students website.

[You can find out more here](https://www.guildofstudents.com/representation/submissionform/)

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Policy Proposals

Thoughts and suggestions for a stance and/or belief that UoB students want the Guild to support (e.g. supporting action against climate change, supporting action against discrimination).

Vote

For the All Student Vote, this means providing your thoughts on an idea and/or policy proposal, by selecting “Yes” (agree with the idea or policy proposal), or “No” (disagree with the idea or policy proposal), on the voting webpage online.

Quorum (Noun/Naming Word)

For the All Student Vote, this means the number of votes needed from individual UoB students, for the votes for the All Student Vote to be counted and be valid. The quorum is 1% of all current UoB students, which, for this academic year, is 416 students. The quorum is calculated at the start of each academic year, as the number of students (416) might change each year according to the number of students there are.

So, for this All Student Vote, 416 students need to vote for the votes to be counted and be valid.

Quorate (Adjective/Describing Word)

Quorate is when there are enough people to reach quorum (or the number of votes needed for votes to be counted/be valid).

For example:

- The All Student Vote needs 416 UoB students to vote to be quorate.
- The All Student Meeting needs 416 UoB students to attend to be quorate.
- As only 2 committee members were able to come to the Education Committee meeting, and the quorum is 7, the meeting was not quorate.

Liberation

Liberation refers to equality, diversity and inclusion of minority groups and underrepresented groups. The Guild should be representative and inclusive of all students,

and at the Guild, there are 5 Part-Time Liberation Officers, who represent students who identify with liberation groups.

[You can read more here](https://www.guildofstudents.com/officerteam/#ptofficers)

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Democracy

UoB students being able to provide their thoughts, feedback and ideas to the Guild, and vote on who they want to represent them at the Guild and University.

For example:

- UoB students are represented at the Guild and University by 7 Full-Time Officers and 7 Part-Time Officers, who are elected by UoB students every year
- All of the Officers and Decision-Making Committee members help to make decisions on behalf of UoB students
- All UoB students are able to vote and make decisions in All Student Meetings and All Student Votes, on ideas and policy proposals that need more student input

The Guild should be representative and inclusive of ALL UoB students, and all UoB students should have the chance to help to make decisions at the Guild!