

Head of Advocacy

£42,436

35 hours

Hallam SU is seeking an inspiring and strategic Head of Advocacy to lead our student voice, representation, advice, wellbeing and democratic engagement functions. At Hallam Student Union, you'll have the opportunity to make a real difference to students lives, lead innovative work that drives positive change, and be part of an ambitious and values-driven organisation.

Who we are

Here at the Union, we provide services, opportunities, and facilities for our diverse membership of over 35,000 students. With students at the very heart of all we do, the Students' Union exists to represent students' academic interests, help them to look after their wellbeing and ensure we give our students quality opportunities during their time at Sheffield Hallam.

What's the job?

Accountable for the strategic development and operational delivery of our student democracy, representation, campaigning, advice service and welfare work; delivered through the 3 operational teams that comprise the Advocacy business unit. This is a pivotal leadership role, responsible for ensuring that students are at the heart of decision-making across the University while leading high-performing teams that deliver impactful services and opportunities.

Working closely with elected officers, student leaders and University partners, you will drive initiatives that improve the academic and wider student experience for all Hallam students.

Who you are:

We're looking for a collaborative and influential leader with experience of developing services, leading teams, using insight to inform strategy, and building strong stakeholder relationships. You'll be passionate about equality, inclusion and ensuring diverse student voices are heard and acted upon.

What you'll bring:

- Strategic leadership experience within a student, education, membership or advocacy environment.
- A track record of leading and developing successful teams.
- Excellent stakeholder engagement and influencing skills.
- Experience of using evidence and insight to drive organisational improvement.
- A commitment to student empowerment, inclusion and social impact.

Why apply?

Apart from being paid for a job you will love, there are other benefits for joining us. We have a culturally diverse and progressive atmosphere; you will get generous paid holidays and the option of flexible working patterns. We are professionals and take pride in the work that we do but we also do not take ourselves too seriously, so expect a casual dress code and work environment. You will also be eligible to apply for a TOTUM (NUS Extra) discount card, accessing a range of savings from leading retailers. Alongside that, we understand the value and importance of our staff continuously developing personally and professionally.

We're committed to equality of opportunity for all. We welcome applications from individuals regardless of their race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religion, age, gender, or disability status. We want to support diverse and inclusive work environments and are actively looking for people who share our values.

If you would like any further information or an informal enquiry about the role please contact Jenny Booth, our Commercial & Income Director, at jenny.booth@hsu.ac.uk

For further information and an application pack (please note we do not accept CVs without the supporting documents), please visit the Hallam Students' Union website

<https://www.hallamstudentsunion.com/jobs/>

Closing date for receipt of all applications is **10am on 9 November 2026**

Interviews are planned to be held on **23 November 2026**