

The Teams

There are various teams for which you could be working. You will predominantly be working for the Engagement department, however on occasion other schools of the University will have an event for which they require Student Ambassadors. Therefore each team's purpose and therefore events and activities will differ from one another. So it is important to understand what each team does:

Outreach and Events team

What do we do:

We form the main part of the 'face' of the University, as we go out to schools, colleges and exhibitions as well as host a number of events onsite to aid in recruiting prospective students.

The aim is to show how great London Metropolitan University is, with the opportunities available to our students, the sense of community and support available to help people achieve their goals; whether it is for personal development, career development or both.

The Outreach Team:

The Outreach Team Primarily liaise with schools and colleges to create and deliver activities for level 2/3 students (year 12/13) to help them gain a better understanding of university, university life and pre university preparation. This includes, presentations, workshops, taster days, conferences, school assemblies, school or college visits/tours and securing academic level 3 support.

The Events Team:

The events team organise direct onsite and offsite recruitment events such as open events, mini open days, attend Higher Education fairs (HE fairs) University and UCAS exhibitions. As a SA you would have the opportunity to represent the University at these events and form part of the team that would execute the workshops and deliver presentations onsite and across the UK. You would be an integral part of the prospective students' life, as you would be providing them with the necessary information about London Met during this exciting time of forging the next chapter in their life.

Widening Participation Team:

What is Widening Participation?

"Widening Participation is extending access to HE for under-represented groups and improving diversity in terms of ethnicity, gender, disability and social background in particular institutions and courses" (David Watson, Institute of Education, 2006)

Widening Participation (or WP) and Fair Access refers to the Government's policy to make Higher Education accessible to all.

Our activities are aimed at certain demographic groups who are under-represented in H.E. Such as: Students from low socio-economic backgrounds, care leavers, carers, mature students coming back to education, ethnic minorities, students with disabilities etc.

Barriers to Widening Participation

- **Situational barriers** – costs, lack of time, created by individual's circumstances.
- **Institutional barriers** – admissions procedures, lack of flexibility, timing and scale of provision.

- **Dispositional barriers** – individual's motivation and attitudes to learning, lack of suitable learning opportunities, poor previous educational experiences.

Widening Participation activities involve raising the aspirations, awareness and achievement of both young people, so they have a better chance of getting onto and completing FE/HE courses, as well as encouraging mature students to return to education.

There is no doubt that the work you will be doing widening participation students will make a real difference to the aspirations and expectations of the students with whom you will work. It is also very rewarding work for all the ambassadors involved.

International and European Recruitment Team:

International Recruitment & Development - Coordination, promotion and delivery of recruitment activities orientated towards both European and international students overseas, in the United Kingdom and on-campus. Maintenance of relationships with external stakeholders such as the British Council, foreign embassies, international schools & colleges and appointed representatives. Support of international scholarship schemes and scholarship students in partnership with Chevening, the Commonwealth and the British Council. <http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/international/>

International Advice & Support - Providing advice and guidance on immigration issues to applicants, attending students and graduates. Immigration advice including Tier 4 and Short Term Study visas, family and dependants and also the current rules on working during and after your studies. In addition to immigration advice, our team offer welcome inductions to new international students, training for staff and arrange events for our international students throughout the year. <http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/international/international-support/>

International Programmes - London Met welcomes visiting international students who would like to study with us for one or two semesters and return with academic credit to their home University. Staff administer these study abroad programmes and liaises with our partner universities overseas. We also look after exchange opportunities for London Met students and staff, including the operation of the Erasmus scheme. <http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/international/study-abroad-programmes/>

Alumni:

The alumni association is a membership group made up of all graduates from London Met University and all our predecessor institutions. One automatically becomes a fully-fledged member as soon as he/she successfully completes a course of one year or more. On receipt of a membership card one would be able to attend events on any of our sites, visit a university building, and access London Met libraries.

London Met's alumni association spans the globe and helps alumni to connect to each other and to the university through a wide range of channels.

Alumni can access support from the Careers and Employability Team up to three years following graduation. The team can help you develop the knowledge, skills and experience to become confident about making informed decisions to build a rewarding career.

As a Student Ambassador your role in Alumni Events would consist of:

Assisting with event setup.

Welcoming guests and escorting them to the required room

Registering guests and providing name badges

Assisting with the smooth running of events