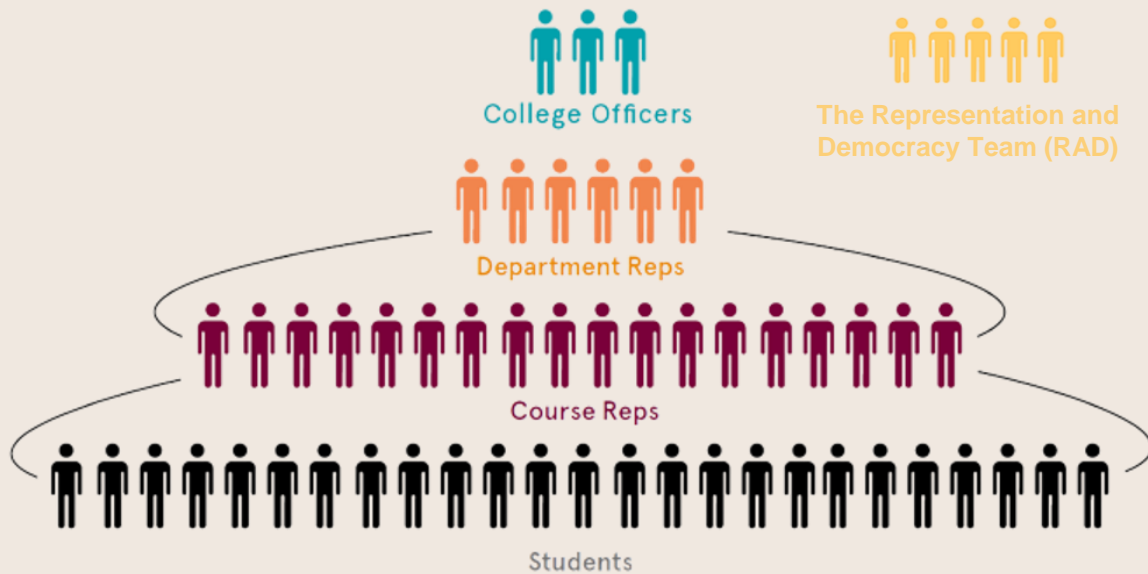


# Representation and Democracy at HSU

# What is Representation?

Representation is the system in which students use their voice to make changes to their educational experience.





# What is a Course Rep?

Course Reps gather thoughts and opinions from other students on their course and discuss their findings with staff to agree on how the course could be improved.

Time commitment:  
2 – 4 hours a month



# Why become a Course Rep?

**1**

Gain formal recognition for your contribution, including through the new Course Rep Accreditation Scheme (now linked to the Hallam Award)

**2**

Extensive training and development opportunities

**3**

You engage with feedback all the time already!

Sign up here:  
[hallamstudentsunion.com/rep](http://hallamstudentsunion.com/rep)

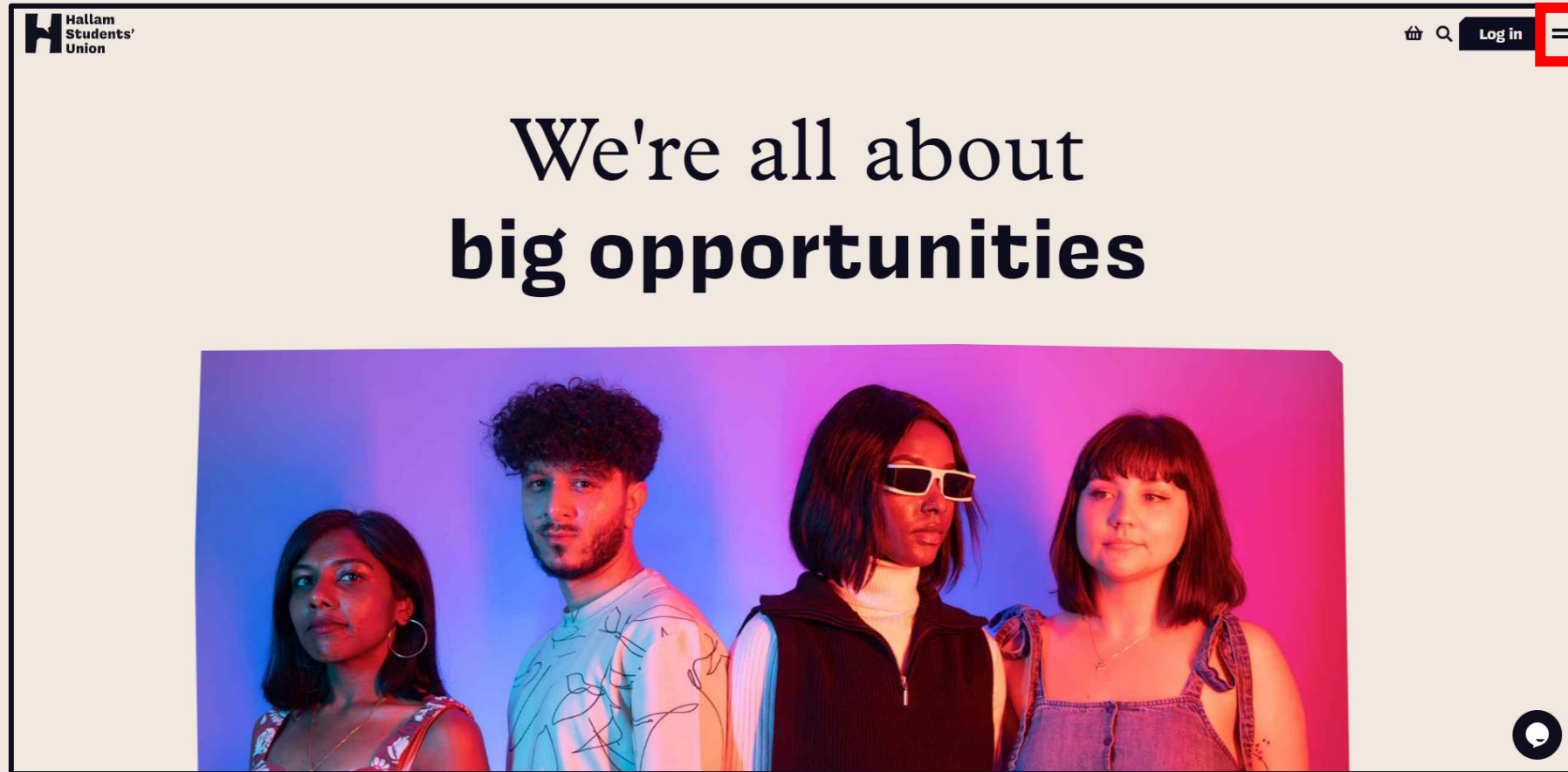
# I don't want to be a course rep but...

How can you make the most out of  
the Representation offer as a  
committee?

- Know who the course reps are on your course
- Know how to escalate issues to course and department reps
- Know how to signpost students to course reps
- Know how to sign up to be a course rep



# Find My Rep – hallamstudentsunion.com



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The screenshot shows the Hallam Students' Union website with a dark blue background. The top left features the logo and the text "Hallam Students' Union". The top right has a search icon, a "Log in" button, and a close icon. The main content is organized into several sections:

- What's on →**: Accompanied by a photo of a person wearing sunglasses. Text: "Let's face it, you're not just here to study."
- Opportunities**: "Give yourself the edge while you're at Hallam." Includes links for Events, Give It A Go, Societies, Volunteering, Work With Us, and Sport at Hallam.
- Representation**: "Student life is even better when you know someone's got your back." Includes links for Course Reps, Department Reps, Student Officers, **Find My Rep** (highlighted in a red box), and Student Leaders.
- Making Change**: "You have the power to make change happen." Includes links for Student Officer Elections, Share Your Experience, Campaigns, and Autumn Elections.
- Help and Support**: "Your happiness and wellbeing are the reasons we get up in the morning." Includes links for Academic, Employment and Skills, Housing, International Students, Money, Students with Disability, and Get Advice.
- Shop →**: Accompanied by a photo of a person in a white coat. Text: "Kit yourself out in all the latest Hallam merch."
- About**: "We're here to support and inspire you throughout your Hallam journey." Includes links for Union Council, Advertising, Strategy, Governance, Publications, and Accessibility.

At the bottom, there are social media icons for Instagram, TikTok, Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube, followed by a "Talk to us" button with a speech bubble icon. A URL bar at the bottom left shows "https://www.hallamstudentsunion.com/representation/find-my-rep/".

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Hallam Students' Union

← Representation

## Find My Rep

Get to know who's championing your interests at uni.

We're all about making sure that every Hallam student can have a meaningful say on their University experience. One of the main ways we do this is by working with the University to recruit and develop a network of students to become Representatives. The job of our Reps is to become experts in the student experience, and to use that expertise to advocate for improvements to University life.

[Find My Rep!](#)

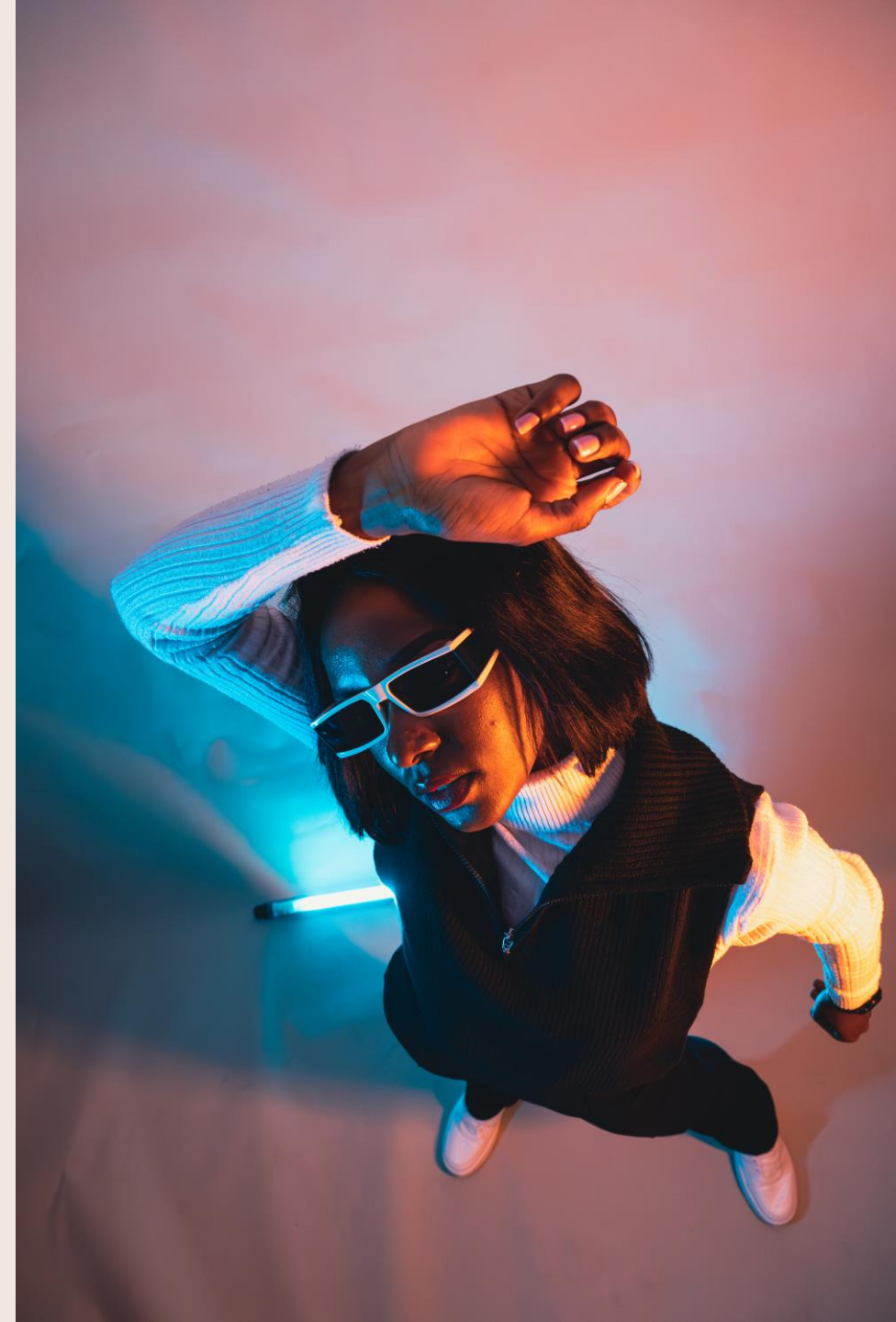
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# How do I escalate issues?

Once you've used Find My Rep and know the names of your course and department reps, **what's next?**

1. Contact them using the emails provided
2. Give as much information as you can
3. Ask for updates and feed back to your society



# **‘Leaders in their academic community’**

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# What would you do...

You're at a social and a member says...

They're finding a topic particularly hard and are worried about the end of year exam.

**How can you use the Rep system to support them?**

- Put on Study Social
- Open the Social to wider student pool
- Contact course reps with the date/time and get them to pass on the details
- Gain membership from students wanting support and community



# What would you do...

You're at a social and your members are having a conversation...

Their lecturer isn't responding to their emails about an upcoming assignment. They said they've waited 72 hours as per their automatic response, and politely followed up, but no response has been given.

## How can you use the Rep system to support them?

- Signpost to course rep and wellbeing support
- Contact Department Rep to escalate the issue





# What can I get out of SU Democracy?

Democracy at Hallam is all about improving the experience of students.

- Working Committees
  - These are student meetings supported by the SU that meet to discuss topics on liberation, wellbeing, sustainability and more to make change
- Council
  - Discusses and passes new ideas and policies
- Elected Reps and Officers
  - Ensures all voices are heard bringing forward new ideas



# What can I get out of SU Democracy?

Autumn Elections applications are open.

- Working Committees

Sustainability – Wellbeing – BAME – LGBTQ+ – Disabled Students – International – Women’s – Mature Students

- Elected Reps and Officers

HWLS Officer (Part-time hours) – BAME – LGBTQ+ – Disabled Students – Mature – Parent & Carer – Part-time Students – Postgraduate Taught – Postgraduate Research – Trans Students – Union Council Chair – Women’s – Open Space Reps – NUS Reps – Student Trustees

# Contact the teams

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