EFFECTIVELY RUNNING A STUDENT AMBASSADOR SCHEME



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SESSION OVERVIEW

- Why do we use student ambassadors?
- Student Ambassadors at UEA
- How we do it
- Do we know it works?



Why am I here?

- I've been where you are!
- Paperless timesheets
- "What if?"
- "Can it just?"
- Student worker team

ACTIVITY

Why do you use student ambassadors?

On your tables, please discuss the reasons you use student ambassadors in your work.



Why do we use Student Ambassadors?

- Student ambassadors are shown to increase Habitus capital amongst participants
- Prospective students trust ambassadors more than "the University"
- Ambassadors can have more relevant lived experiences
- It provides great experience for our students
- They are wonderful! We couldn't do what we do without them

STUDENT AMBASSADORS AT UEA

- How does our scheme look?
- What do we use them for?
- What do students get out of it?

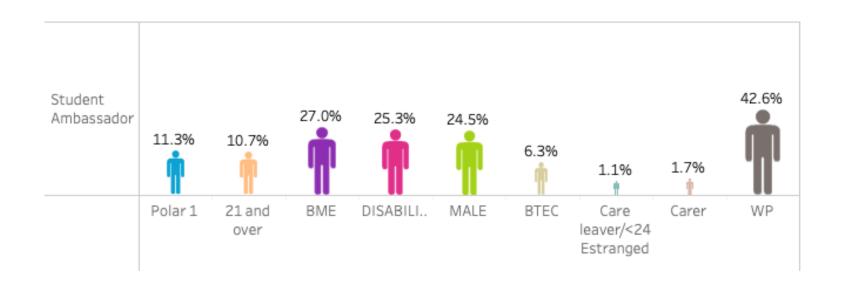


How does our scheme look?

- 998 student workers
 - 630 in Ambassador and Senior Ambassador roles
 - 102 Accommodation Reps
 - 64 International Ambassadors
 - 30 Careers focused ambassadors
 - 172 in other roles
- Ambassadors worked 41,588 hours in 2021/2
- Our base pay is £10.03+, Senior pay is £10.30+

How does our scheme look?

• Demographics:



What do we use ambassadors for?

- Open Days, Applicant Days
- Outreach Events
- Reading partners
- Mentoring
- School visits
- Online chat
- Instagram (and other social media)
- Careers events and mentoring
- Covid Testing (pleased that's gone!)

What do we use ambassadors for?

- Others heard how good our teams were:
 - IT Helpdesk
 - Room surveys
 - Placement coordination
 - Finance
 - Food parcel delivery

What do students get out of it?

- Leaver's survey:
 - Experience for interviews and the world of work
 - Experience working with the public
 - Relevant experience to go into roles such as Teaching
- Cohort tracking:
 - Better stage performance and degree classification
 - Lower non-completion
 - Higher proportion employed in "graduate level" careers
- UEA Award
- Rewards for great work

ACTIVITY

How do you manage your ambassadors?

On your tables, please discuss how you manage your ambassador schemes.



HOW WE DO IT AT UEA

- Training
- Student Worker team
- Student Worker System



Training

- Paid initial training:
 - Safeguarding
 - "How to be an ambassador"
 - Health and Safety
- Role specific training
- Deep dives
 - Working with particular groups
 - Social media training
 - Mental Health first aid

Student Worker Team

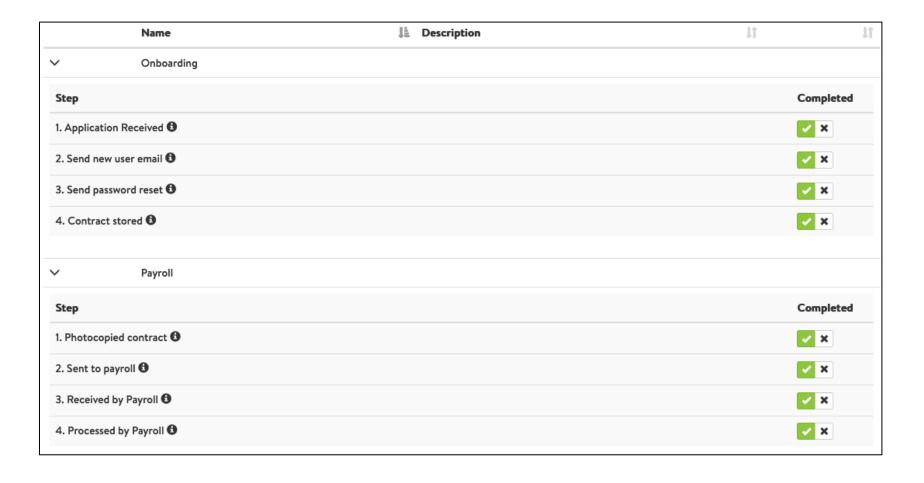
- Student Worker Officer + 2 Student Worker Assistants
- Recruitment + Selection
- Promotion to Senior Ambassador
- Managing leavers
- Recording and paying for training
- Supporting the rest of UEA with using Student Ambassadors:
 - System support
 - Best practice
 - Resolving issues

- Custom built for managing Student Workers
- Deeply integrated with Payroll and HR
- Built with compliance in mind

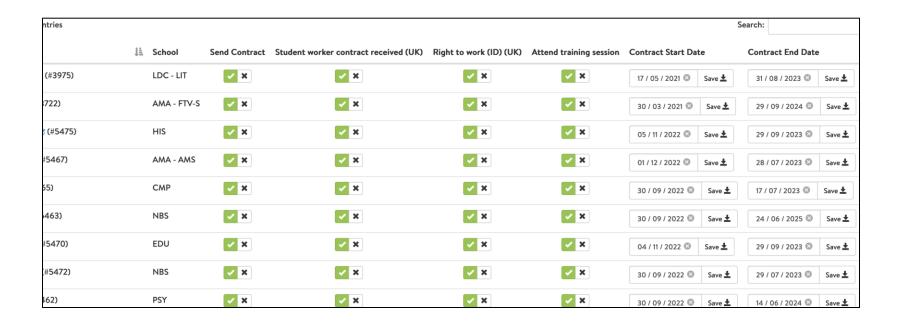
- Automated contracting
- ID Verification
- Visa compliance
- Job advertising
- Payroll + Timesheets
- Workflows
- Emailing
- ID Cards
- Reference requests
- Budget management



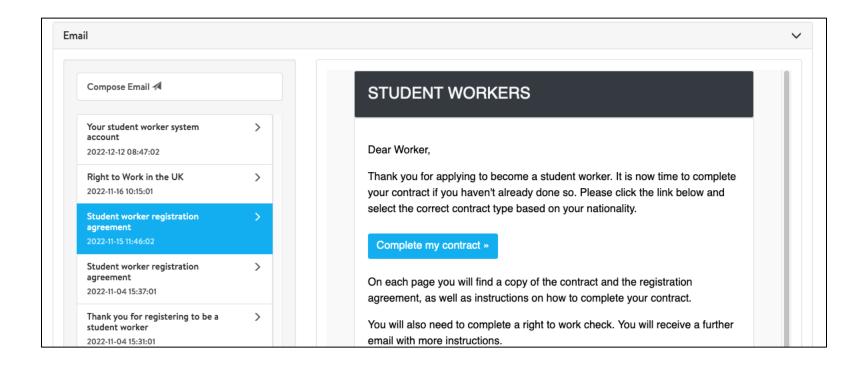
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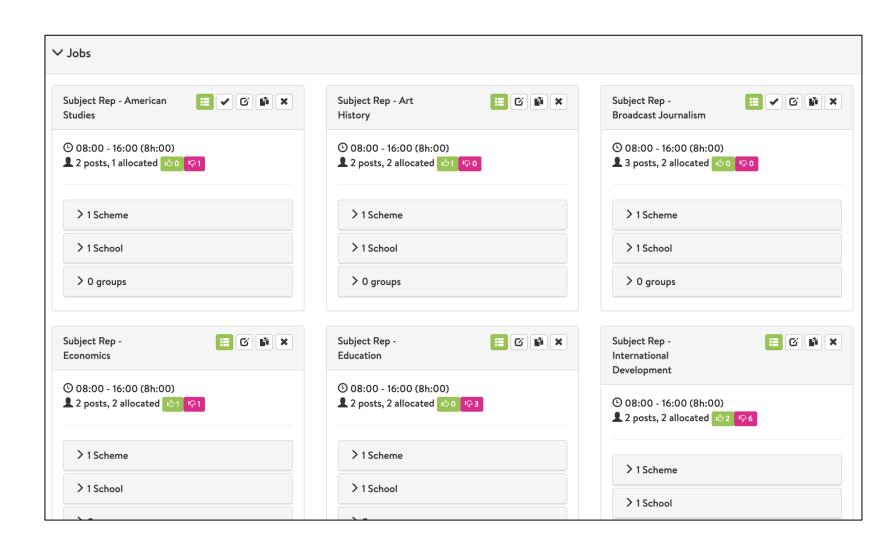
Workflow Inboxes



Workflows



- Advertising jobs
 - Target select groups



- Timesheets
 - Workers sign in and out using a device
 - Fast!





STUDENT WORKER SYSTEM

- We think we've got a good approach
- Open to sharing!



DO WE KNOW WHAT WE DO WORKS?

- Faster administration
- Better outcomes for students
- Better feedback from visitors on events



THANK YOU

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