

Professional Services Staff Member Election 2020

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It would be a great honour to be elected the Professional Services Staff Member for the University of Edinburgh. I joined the University a year ago, coming from a mixed background of public and private sectors and was very excited to see this role come up!

I believe my previous experience and my natural ability and desire to put people first and be inclusive would make me an asset to the University Court. Since joining UoE, I've arranged a large number of social events to bring professional and academic staff together to enable collaboration and closer working. From my experience, people coming together from different disciplines and backgrounds usually leads to novel ideas being created and generally improved everyday work-based culture.

I am passionate about promoting the reputation of the University and specifically , highlighting the value that professional staff bring to the overall success of this institution. I have undertaken a similar role in previous organisations, with my last position at University of Hertfordshire where I co-lead the Service Excellence Programme (specifically focussed on improving service levels between all staff).

My colleagues describe me as inclusive, a team worker, someone with endless enthusiasm and as someone who gets things done. The last point is one am personally most proud of, as I am strongly outcomes focussed — always aiming to deliver genuine impact for my University, my colleagues, my team and myself.

I also take a genuine interest in University wide activities and try to get involved wherever I can (as evidenced by my role at the Disability Network). But importantly, I always look to link in other key colleagues to ensure project/initiative success.

I have been living in the UK for 15 years, in Scotland just for 1 year — and I absolutely love being at the University of Edinburgh. I am also a disabled staff member who plays an active part in the University's Disabled Staff Network as a Co-Chair.

If elected for this role, I know I can bring professionalism and a representative attitude, commitment to excellence and a drive to ensure the University remains a world leader in research and teaching. I would do this by actively seeking fellow colleague feedback and sharing back what is appropriate. I would dedicate specific time to this role and use my knowledge and skills in Office 365 to ensure most impact/effective communication across the University. I hope you choose me to represent our brilliant professional staff.