The British Dietetic Association volunteer position – Student member

Role

Student member, Glasgow and West of Scotland Branch

Aims/Objectives of the Branch

- To act as a source of communication between the BDA and local members.
- To provide a forum for Dietitians to meet on a regular basis
- To provide educational opportunities to Dietitians to support Continuous Professional Development.
- To promote the sharing of information and examples of best practice
- Promote the role of the BDA in the region, including recruitment and retention of members.

What this post has to offer

By becoming involved with a BDA Branch you will have the opportunity to pursue your dietetic interests and gain practical experience. This role is a great CPD opportunity for a student wishing to develop extra skills and experience, represent their fellow students at a local BDA level and provide a dietetic student perspective. Through this position you will gain organisation, communication, writing and project management skills, which can translate directly into career development. It will also give you an opportunity to work with colleagues across the region, sharing knowledge and skills.

Main tasks/responsibilities

- Represents the views and perspectives of BDA student members locally.
- Key point of contact for recruitment of student BDA members in the local area, with the support of the BDA office.
- Key contact for fellow student members in the local area.
- Assists committee in practical aspects of setting up branch meetings.
- Involved in advertising branch meetings.

Level of commitment

Committee meetings are held up to 3 times a year, plus a varying and flexible amount of work in between times. The Branch aims to hold 3 events for members, one will include the Annual General Meeting. A Student member is elected to the role for a two year term of office and should serve no more than two consecutive terms of office. However you can give reasonable notice to end your volunteering if you are no longer able to fulfil your role.

Main times of volunteering

Committee meetings are usually held on weekday evenings and can be arranged by teleconference, if required. Branch events usually take place on weekday evenings.

Training and support offered

- The BDA has a designated member of staff supporting Groups and Branches in the delivery of their work. Individualised support can be offered to suit the member.
- There is an active network of Branch student reps across the UK, supported by the BDA Board of Directors student rep for sharing best practice and support.
- Volunteer Handbook, hub, templates and resources.
- Individual induction, handover and training at convenient location and time for you.
- Participation at the Groups and Branches networking day (held once a year).