



Context

The current model of JCR is not offering full representation to the residents in hall. As such, RUSU's Welfare officer has developed a new structure after consulting colleagues and the current JCR committees.

Feedback from the current JCR's centres mainly around being involved in Freshers events and they have explained how important this is to establish relationships with those new students that are taking part. They also suggested that the name 'JCR' was confusing to new students and that no one really knew what it meant.

However, there is little support and representation for those students that don't take part in Freshers.

Most students first interactions with the JCR are over social media in the build up to Freshers or during Freshers itself. With so much emphasis placed on this, many students simply turn off and tune out anything to do with the JCR's as they don't believe it offers anything for them.

On average around 50% of residents in halls do not take part in Freshers so there needs to be a considerable change in how the Hall committees are structured.

Proposed New Structure

The restructure would involve dropping the name 'JCR' and splitting the coordination and management of the old JCR model between the Commercial Services and Student Activities departments. There will not be a replacement name for 'JCR', instead there will now be Event Reps and Hall Reps.

RUSU's Commercial Services would look after the new Events Reps - paid student roles focussed on promoting and delivering RUSU events in each hall.

Student Activities would look after and support the RUSU Hall Reps - voluntary roles focussed on running campaigns, sign posting welfare services to residents, working closely with UPP's Home@Halls programme and running activities within each hall i.e. the Wantage Founders Formal.