Buddy Scheme Volunteer Role Description

The Buddy Scheme is run by the Students’ Union and helps new students settle into life at Warwick by putting them in contact with current students who provide informal support by sharing their experiences and tips. The scheme offers the opportunity to make new friends from all walks of life and be a part of something that celebrates diversity in an informal, fun and sociable way.

About the role

The purpose of the role is to match new students with current students who will support them during Welcome Week and beyond.

**Main tasks & responsibilities:**

* Make regular contact with your Buddies during Welcome Week and to be available for them during the Autumn Term and Spring Term.
* Signpost to any services they may require such as relevant student support services, social activities and local services.
* Offer friendly support and share personal experiences and tips about Warwick University and the local area to help the new student settle in and make the most of their time at Warwick.
* Help Buddies find activities they may be interested in, such as SU sports clubs and societies
* To help buddies integrate into the Warwick community and meet new people.
* Respect confidentiality, unless you feel that your buddy is at risk to themselves or others

**Commitments:**

* Complete online training
* Contact your Buddy as soon as you have been assigned
* Set aside an hour a week to communicate or meet up with your Buddy during Autumn Term and Spring Term
* You follow the Buddy Scheme Volunteers Code of Conduct

**Why volunteer?**

* Gain excellent CV boosting skills including; mentoring, problem solving, leadership, communication, team-work and citizenship
* Build confidence by taking on a leadership role and supporting students
* Meet new people from different backgrounds and life experiences- making friends is what we're all about!

How to apply:

* Simply complete the application process at [www.warwicksu.com/welcome-week/buddy-scheme](http://www.warwicksu.com/welcome-week/buddy-scheme) and you will then be put in contact with your buddy/ies.
* For more information please email [buddyscheme@warwicksu.com](mailto:buddyscheme@warwicksu.com)