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What was your role in the Singapore Society Committee?

I served as President of the Sheffield Singapore Society for the current academic year (2016 – 2017)

How's the workload like?

Truthfully, the workload is pretty manageable. There will be peak periods during the ramp up towards events, planning is key to managing the events and your schedule. Prioritisation is key to juggling between your commitments. Society events and socials can be scheduled in advance, allowing some leeway the planning. Undeniably there will be late nights and long meetings, but the effort is well worth seeing the accumulation of YOUR EVENT and the appreciation of the society.

One of the more important aspect of working in a committee is knowing that you're never in it alone. The committee operates as a unit; everyone looking out for one another. If you do need help with organising the event there is someone there who is willing to help.

What can I expect as a President?

You're one of or the most visible person on the committee, people will turn to you if they have queries or feedback. Acting in your official capacity, you represent the Singapore Society of Sheffield.



As President, you'll be required to oversee the events as a whole. The process starts with your vision for the society, the type of events that you want to hold and how do you think that will interact with your vision. Then comes the actual process of planning, preparing for the event and finally the event itself. Being President does not mean delegating work to your committee and monitoring their checklist of tasks. Your role is to ensure that the purpose of the Singapore Society is met, that is creating a community or Home for your members while they are here in Sheffield. Your vision is the one that is guiding your committee in their work and for the events that you're organising. Believe in your vision, your committee and your society in creating a community for Singsoc here in Sheffield.

I'm still unsure whether I'm up for this, can I approach you for advice?

Anytime! If you have any questions or are feeling uncertain about parts of the role, send me a text, WhatsApp, Facebook, snail mail, email (szlim1@sheffield) and we can meet up to talk it over.

What, in your opinion, was your most fulfilling experience as being part of the Singsoc committee?

Watching the Singsoc community come together for events like Mid-Autumn Festival dinner, X-mas adventure and everyone coming together as part of the community here in Sheffield forming in the words of the previous committee "a Home away from Home". Beyond that, it's how the society is always willing to help each other. The seniors contributing time and effort to the running of the chalet or helping juniors settle in here. Justin and his volunteering team reaching out to the wide Sheffield community. The committee is here as facilitators, it's really the members that give the society its heart and on behalf of the committee I'll like to thank everyone of our members helping us build our little slice of Singapore here in Sheffield. 😊



Vikram



What was your role in the Singapore Society Committee?

I was the Vice-President of the Sheffield Singapore Society!

How's the workload like?

The workload was actually very manageable thanks to my very supportive and hardworking committee! Each event had 2 people in charge of it, but everyone would still chip in to help wherever they could and that's what allowed us to never be overburdened. Communication and teamwork plays a large part in being a member of the committee, and letting your fellow committee members know when you're swamped or unable to take on a task is key.

What can I expect as a Vice President?

Being the Vice-President of the Singapore society has been a very fulfilling role. Planning events with the committee and seeing them go through the various stages till the day of the event is amazing. Each time someone signs up on the event page, there is a little burst of happiness that you're that much closer to a successful event. Your role in planning and executing these events will be largely dependent on your own committee and how you guys choose to work. You can expect to nonetheless work closely with each and every member of the committee in many different ways. The Vice-President role is not one that is specific, such as that of the treasurer and secretary, so I'd say to keep an open mind and support your committee to the best of your abilities!

I'm still unsure whether I'm up for this, can I approach you for advice?

Yes! You can email me at vtiwary1@sheffield.ac.uk or you can drop me a message on Facebook. You could also meet me in person to address any concerns you have over a cup of coffee!



What, in your opinion, was your most fulfilling experience as being part of the Singsoc committee?

When I first ran for the position of Vice-President it was because the previous committee had made my introduction to Sheffield and life in Sheffield so fun and I wanted to be able to do the same for others. In the planning of events, I think our committee has managed to organize and cater many events for our members and adequately be their family away from home. Knowing that I was able to be a part of the committee that welcomed in our current freshers and helped them to the best of our abilities, giving them the same experience that I received is without a doubt the most fulfilling part of being on the Singapore Society committee. It was not one single memory or experience that made it fulfilling and satisfying but rather the entire journey with my committee and the members support throughout our term.

Shobana



What was your role in the Singapore Society Committee?

As the treasurer of the Sheffield Singapore Society, your job is to treasure the funds of the society. Making sure it stays wealthy at all times for events that your committee would plan.

How's the workload like?

The period immediately after the AGM, would be the most hectic, for about a month, this means introducing yourself to the existing and possible future sponsors and signing sponsorships for upcoming academic year. After that, it's smooth sailing, and does not require too much of your time. In addition, you will be able to help your colleges in planning certain events and help them stay within the budget that you set!

What can I expect as a Treasurer?

The job scope is pretty straightforward. For starters, you will have to learn and understand the Students' Union financial system. You will also need to apply for the annual grant and extra funding from the Union as necessary. It is also important that you keep track of all income/expenditure (In your preferred way) so that you can keep your fellow committee members informed of the society's financial situation. If necessary, you would be required to organise fundraising or sponsorship for our society. Don't forget that you are required to countersign every claims form. And most importantly, your job is to budget events and make sure your comm doesn't overspend.

I'm still unsure whether I'm up for this, can I approach you for advice?

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions on what this role in the committee entails. If you don't have my number or Facebook, feel free to email me at spasupathy1@sheffield.ac.uk.

What, in your opinion, was your most fulfilling experience as being part of the Singsoz committee?

As the Treasurer this year, I have learnt a lot, and I have had the opportunity to socialise with many managers and business owners around Sheffield that I would not have had the opportunity to otherwise which makes for great networking! However, the most fulfilling and rewarding experience out of this journey is still the satisfaction you get after a successful event planned by your comm and you get to see that all of our collective had paid off while we stand around in a room of smiling familiar faces bonding and enjoying themselves. Knowing that you together with your Committee members made someone's day, and even better, knowing that we have spread the Singaporean love to a new person one event at a time is a great sense of fulfilment that you will just not be able to get elsewhere. The kampung (family) spirit is real and I'm blessed to have been a part of it.

Justin Ooi



What was your role in the Singapore Society Committee?

I was the secretary of the Singapore Society. On the side, I am also in-charge of volunteering for the Singapore Society.



How's the workload like?

The workload depends on how much you want to contribute. As a secretary, your role mainly involves administration for the society – this includes maintaining the emails for the society and making sure that everyone is informed of what they are doing. You also take minutes during meetings to ensure that everyone is on track with what they are supposed to do.

For volunteering, it also depends on how much you want to organize. This involves simple events planning such as craft and food activities, centered on Singapore culture. You will be liaising mainly with the SU Sheffield volunteering and getting volunteers from the society.

What can you expect as a secretary/volunteering leader?

As a secretary, you can expect to organize files and documents so that the committee knows where to find relevant documents. Being handy with Google Drive, Word and Excel will come very useful.

For volunteering, expect a lot of fun working with kids and elderly! And volunteering is flexible in the sense that you can decide how you want to run your projects – you can make your own team of volunteering leaders to plan projects together.

I'm still unsure if I'm up for this, can I approach you for advice?

Sure! Drop me a message on Facebook or email the singaporesociety@sheffield.ac.uk.

What, in your opinion, was your most fulfilling experience as being part of the singsoc committee?

Apart from learning a lot about myself and about the different roles that I have done, the most fulfilling thing is to see members enjoy themselves. I remember organizing the team to play for Nottingham games where juniors and seniors got together to play games and bond amongst each other and was really touched by that experience. It is a privilege to be a part of the committee to learn more about yourself and see what you can do for others.



Julia Tan



What was your role in the Singsoc Committee?

As the events officer, I basically, plan events. Fun part of this role is coming up with new ideas or places to go for the society!

How's the workload like?

Personally, I have trainings twice a week on top of Singsoc and uni and I feel like I am doing fine. There might be quite a lot of work when you are in charge of an event but it is honestly manageable. My committee members were also very helpful which eased my role a lot more. I believe time management is key and with that, anything is possible. It is just how much you want to do it

What can I expect as an Events Officer?

Expect that many things can go wrong when planning an event. But this is where you will grow and learn how to always have a back up, think ahead and make rational decisions, obviously with the approval of your committee members, etc. You should also expect to work very closely with your committee. Initially there might be some issues. But you will learn to sort your differences out and bond a lot more! You will also work with other societies (if you want to, it's highly encouraged though). Expect to have fun with your committee and your society members!!

I'm still unsure whether I'm up for this, can I approach you for advice?

Yes! I will be real with you and give you the most practical answers, don't worry

What, in your opinion, was your most fulfilling experience as being part of the Singsoc committee?

Most fulfilling experience for me is having many people turn up and enjoying themselves. I also feel very accomplished when I am able to bring people from different ethnicity to our events, shows that we are inclusive and makes me and hopefully everyone else feel like home here in Singsoc.

Joelle Cheong



What was your role in the Singapore Society Committee?

My role was very simply to plan events! (:

How's the workload like?

The workload was very manageable, thanks to the rest of the committee. Our committee worked in a very collaborative way—we split being in-charge of different events, so that the Events Officers were not too overly burdened, and everyone got to take charge of events that they were interested in. That being said, naturally the workload would definitely get a bit heavier when the events came around, but as long as you manage to plan your time well and ensure that you always keep an eye on your academic schedule and deadline, I am sure you would be able to manage. From my own personal experience, I did have a few close calls when I was in charge of events very close to essay deadlines, which was challenging for sure, but you just had to be very discerning and efficient about your time, and all will turn out fine (:

What can I expect as an Events Officer?

If you have planned any events before, the things that you would be doing as an Events Officer would be very similar. The work can essentially be split between the planning phase and the execution phase. For the planning phase, it would involve: conceptualisation of the event, settling logistics such as transport, and encouraging people to sign up for the events. The committee typically comes together to decide when the event would be, and what the event would broadly encapsulate. Thereafter, the responsibility will be passed to the IC of the event to settle the logistics such as getting quotes and booking of transport, location etc. And when all the logistical planning has been settled, we would look to publicising the event and getting both members and non-members to come. The execution phase would differ greatly depending on what the event is. But it would very generally involve being able to think one step ahead and ensuring that everything and everyone is at the right place and the right time when you need them to be.



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For sure! (: email me at sejcheong1@sheffield.ac.uk with any questions you have, I'll be more than happy to answer them. If you have questions that cannot be answered over email, I would be happy to meet you for tea or something to talk about it in more detail (:

What, in your opinion, was your most fulfilling experience as being part of the Singsoc committee?

For me, the most fulfilling part of being in Singsoc committee is hearing a large group of Singaporeans talking in the Singaporean accent during Singsoc events. This might sound very minor and very silly, but it is always meaningful for me, because I feel like we have brought a bit more of home to Sheffield for Singaporeans studying here. Feeling at home would involve talking to people you are familiar with, about things you are familiar with, and in an accent natural to you. Therefore, it is always a very heartening moment for me when we have events and everyone is chattering away in their Singaporean accents. It reminds me again why I wanted to be in the Singsoc committee in the first place—to play a part to bring a little bit of Singapore to Sheffield.

Penelope Song



What was your role in the Singsoc Committee?

As publicity officer, I was in charge of the society's publicity materials on the official Facebook page, the society website, our Instagram and YouTube channel (speaking of, have you followed us yet?). You've probably seen me behind the camera at Singsoc's events because that's also my job. Other than that, there are the occasional



advertisement pitches to draft from our sponsors or from other UK universities' Singsocs to be publicised.

How's the workload like?

Usually, the workload increases before, during and right after each event because there's advertising to do beforehand, taking pictures & videos during followed by editing and sieving through seemingly countless photos before uploading them onto our various social media platforms. It may seem like a lot seeing as how there are quite a number of events during the year but depending on your future fellow committee members, it's all manageable. I say that because my fellow committee members always helped me out when I needed it, especially to help take pictures during major events. All in all, it wasn't as scary nor overload as it sounds.

What can I expect as a Publicity Officer?

You could expect to work closely with all members of the committee especially during planning of events when you've to collate the information that's to be publicised to the society members. Also, you could expect to spend time monitoring the various platforms Singsoc has, especially the Facebook page. If you're into meeting new people, photography, advertising or social media, this would be the job for you! 😊

I'm still unsure whether I'm up for this; can I approach you for advice?

Of course you can! You can always Facebook message or email me at pxsong1@sheffield.ac.uk.

What, in your opinion, was your most fulfilling experience as being part of the Singsoc committee?

As clichéd as it may sound, I think one of the most fulfilling experiences for me would be seeing the smiles on everyone's faces at our events and that I undoubtedly enjoy filming and photography. Not only that, I couldn't pick just one because getting to play a part in (hopefully) making Sheffield a home away from home for the society members was also a fulfilling experience for me!