

JESSIE YEUNG

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Detail-oriented, passion-driven and highly self-motivated individual. Decolonial ecology and pedagogy enthusiast. Students' Unionist and social justice activist, with extensive community organizing and student pastoral support experience. Board leadership and confident committee chair and event facilitator.

EMPLOYMENT

International Students' Officer, Trustee and Company Director, Bristol SU

2025-Current

- Democratically elected to represent 32,000 students, including 12,000 international students, at university, regional and national levels.
- Chair of Trustee sub-committee 'People, Culture, EDI' facilitating challenging discussions that balance risk, legal responsibility and student voice. Oversee strategic finance and risk management.
- Sector-leading strategic partnership with the University Executive Board, agree on annual priorities aligned to democratically mandated objectives.
- Managed high-level stakeholder relationships with University's senior management and contribute to civic engagement.
- Campaigning and lobbying for International students' welfare against an anti-migrants, xenophobic political landscape.
- Secured over 10 scholarships for displaced students and researchers from Gaza, Palestine through monthly Vice-chancellor meetings.
- Organize events with over 2,000 attendees to support students poverty crisis and reduce student loneliness, using data to inform event decisions while using creativity to bring about a variety of activities.

Peer Mentor, University of Bristol

2024-25

- Empower Year 1 Undergraduate students through weekly catch-ups.
- Support young migrants to navigate transitions and act as first point of contact to signpost relevant support avenue, contributing to 6.4% increase in NSS question around university mental wellbeing support services.
- I utilize my skills of empathy, active listening, and effective communication with people who do not speak English as their first language.

PASS leader, University of Bristol

2024-25

- Facilitate study sessions to lower-years students in the same degree, delivering weekly hour-long session to 6-15 students.
- 95% of PASS students agreed that PASS has improved their experience.
- I create and maintain a positive and students-led space for everyone, encouraging collaborative learning to support lower-years students in their academic journey to develop skills and learning techniques.

Student Decolonisation Partner, University of Bristol

2023-24

- Collaborate with academic staff in improving curriculum content creatively, providing feedback on 'Decolonise Biology' workshop, 'Global Future' and ecology lectures to decolonise and diversify the Biology Curriculum.
- Organise focus group for international and POC students, navigating sensitive and emotional discussions around race and migration.
- Thematic analysis: identify and categorise themes and patterns from textual,

qualitative data, publishing an 11-page document, including an action plan for the School of Biological Sciences.

Home tutor for English as a second language, Oxford 2023

- Part-time paid work to teach English and provide extra-curricular activities for international students on short English booster courses.
- I provided tailored English lessons for English speakers of all levels of proficiency.

EDUCATION

A levels 2021-23

- A* in Maths and Biology
- House Committee, student helper for open days and welcome events

Secondary education (Hong Kong) 2016-21

- Recreational Secretary in the Student Union

VOLUNTEERING

WWOOF-er at an organic, biodynamic, permaculture community farm 2024

- The farm is dedicated to sustainability, and see itself as ‘a revolutionary act, trying to defy a trend that is depleting our planet’s resources and diversity’

Regular volunteering

- 4 hours a week as a tutor for students aged 7-13 from disadvantaged backgrounds, in Hong Kong (2020-2021) and Bristol (2023-2024)
- 2 hours a week at Oxford Gatehouse (a charity for the unhoused) (2021-2023)
- A total of 10 hours a week in Ealing Council Library, Oxfam, community food bank service in London (2023 summer)
- Work with folks from diverse backgrounds and ensure equal opportunities.

Activism

- I dedicate around 15 hours a week on community organizing and political activism to bring about systemic change, in particular in the aspect of decolonial justice and intersectional environmentalism
- As a vegan, I am committed to living my personal life in a way lives up to my values.