

## **Board of Trustees Report for AGM 2009**

As UPSU is an exempt charity, we are governed by our Board of Trustees, who are individually accountable and liable for financial, legal and organisational decisions for seven years from the year of their appointment.

This year we have appointed our new Board of Trustees in line with our new governance structures. The Board of trustees, which once consisted of the five elected sabbatical officers, now includes two appointed student trustees and three appointed independent trustees. The Chair of the board of Trustees is the President of UPSU, as stated in our constitution.

All the trustees were interviewed for the positions, and have been appointed based on their experience and knowledge that they can bring to UPSU.

We have had a Trustee Away Day for training and planning for the year ahead, and have had one meeting.

The appointed trustees are as follows:

*Matthew Clarke (Student Trustee) 2 years*

*Eva Hesmondhalgh (Student Trustee) 2years*

*Adrian Bratt (Independent Trustee) 1 year*

*Matthew Horton (Independent Trustee) 2 years*

*Tony Parry (Independent Trustee) 3 years*

In the first recruitment process, the independent trustees were appointed for one, two or three years, but in future years all trustees will be appointed for three years. This staggered process will assume continuity within the Trustee Board in the future.

Aleshia Sampson  
President and Chair of the Board of Trustees (2009/10)