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# Becoming a Student Representative

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*(based on information available from Student  
Participation in Quality Scotland (sparqs))*





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## Why should you become a Student Representative?

- It's a great opportunity to...
  - Represent the views of your classmates
  - Influence change in learning and teaching
  - Develop effective working relationships with your classmates and staff
  - Develop your inter-personal skills



## What's in it for you?

- Student Representative Training (optional but recommended)
- Recognition of the Student Rep role on your academic transcript
  - Provided you have attended training and Staff-Student Liaison Committees (SSLCs)!
- Opportunities to develop skills sought by employers
- Experience of formal meetings
- Greater understanding of the University and current issues in higher education
- The chance to make a real difference



## What will it involve?

- Consulting with your classmates to get their views on their learning experience
- Representing the majority views of your class at SSLCs
- Working with other Student Reps to negotiate improvements for students
- Reporting back to your classmates



## What's the time commitment?

- Student Representative Training
  - 2½ hours (various dates available)
- Attendance at SSLCs
  - normally a minimum of one meeting per semester
- Consultation with and reporting back to your classmates
  - You may do this in class (with permission), via noticeboard, e-mail or VLE (e.g. Moodle)
- Other than that – as much or as little as you choose



## Is there support for this role?

- Advice and support are available from:
  - Your SRC Faculty Convener
  - SRC Vice President (Learning & Development) –  
[vp-learning@src.gla.ac.uk](mailto:vp-learning@src.gla.ac.uk)
  - SRC Student Rep Moodle site –  
<http://www.moodle2.gla.ac.uk/src>
  - Convener of the SSLC



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## What transferable skills might you develop?

- Communication
- Organisation
- Team work
- Negotiation skills and conflict management
- Time management
- Speaking in public
- Confidence



## How do you become a Student Representative?

- Your Course Leader will explain the process
- See also:
  - Section 4.2 of “*Guidance on the Operation of Staff-Student Liaison Committees*” on the Senate Office website  
(<http://senate.gla.ac.uk/qa/studentrep/studentliaison/studentliaison.html>)



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## How do you sign up for training?

- On-line sign-up function available on the SRC website ([www.glasgowstudent.net](http://www.glasgowstudent.net))
- Automatic confirmation of training date, time and venue will be sent to you



## You did the Student Rep training last year – do you have to do it again?

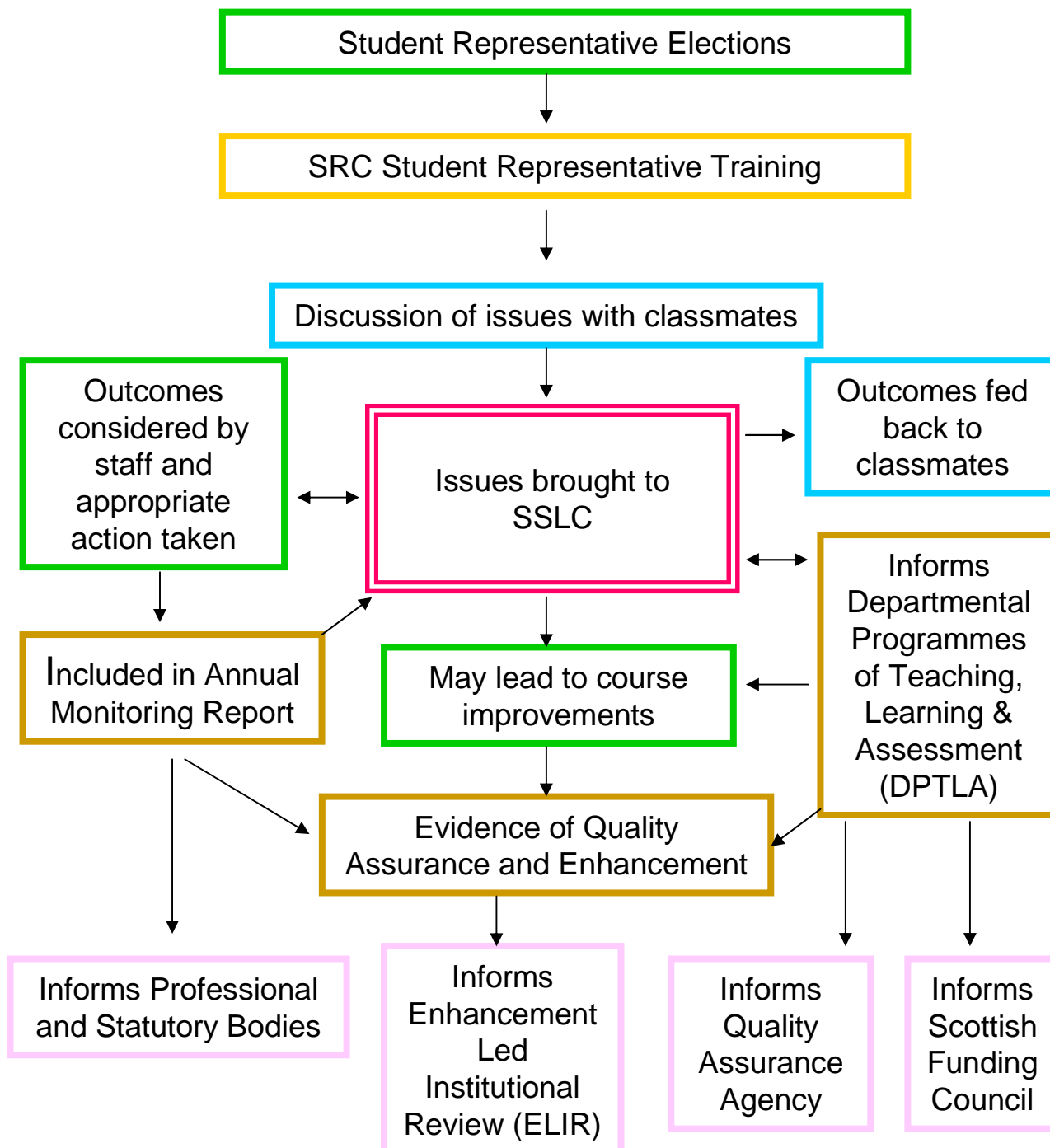
- No - you only have to attend the core training once
- **BUT** – you **must** ask your Course Leader to record your 2006-07 attendance at training on the Department's "Student Representative Details" spreadsheet
- Optional advanced training is available for those returning to the role of Student Rep
  - Highly recommended
  - Details from the SRC website ([www.glasgowstudent.net](http://www.glasgowstudent.net))



## Training Dates

- Basic Student Rep training - various times are available on the following dates (details from [www.glasgowstudent.net](http://www.glasgowstudent.net))
  - Thursday, 21 February 2008
  - Friday, 22 February 2008
  - Tuesday, 26 February 2008

## Effective Engagement in the Code of Practice on Student Representation





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