

WHAT IS AN SVF?

A Student Voice Forum is a place where students can talk to Beds SU about anything relating to their student experience.

This includes good experiences and encounters with staff. But it also includes any negative or dissatisfactory moments throughout the year.

WHAT HAPPENS IN THEM?

Our structure thus far has consisted of 5 topics for discussion. These headings have been chosen to help us refine feedback and to cover as many bases as possible. The categories are as follows:

- Teaching and Learning on the Course
- Course Organisation and Management
- Academic Welfare Support
- Student Voice and Beds SU
- AoB

WHEN DO THEY HAPPEN?

We try to ensure that students are giving feedback consistently throughout the year by getting in touch without with SVFs.

The SVFs provide a safe space once every term for students to come and speak to someone.

Keep an eye on our events page to see when our next SVFs are taking place:

<https://bedssu.co.uk/events?category=&date=all>

WHO CAN ATTEND?

We encourage students to attend so that we can hear from the directly. However, we are more than happy for staff and other reps to attend. It is useful to have input from all areas.

If, as a lecturer, you have recommended that you class attend, it might be worth thinking of attending the SVF yourself to show support and to encourage them.

WHAT CAN I DO (AS STAFF) TO HELP?

Staff have a lot of influence when it comes to giving feedback. You can:

- Strongly suggest that students attend
- Share our promotional materials about SVFs and other ways that students can give feedback (i.e., SVF dates and feedback surveys)
- Encourage students to become Course Reps (and represent their course at the SVFs)
- Get students to reach out to Beds SU if you notice a common theme/complaint among the cohort.