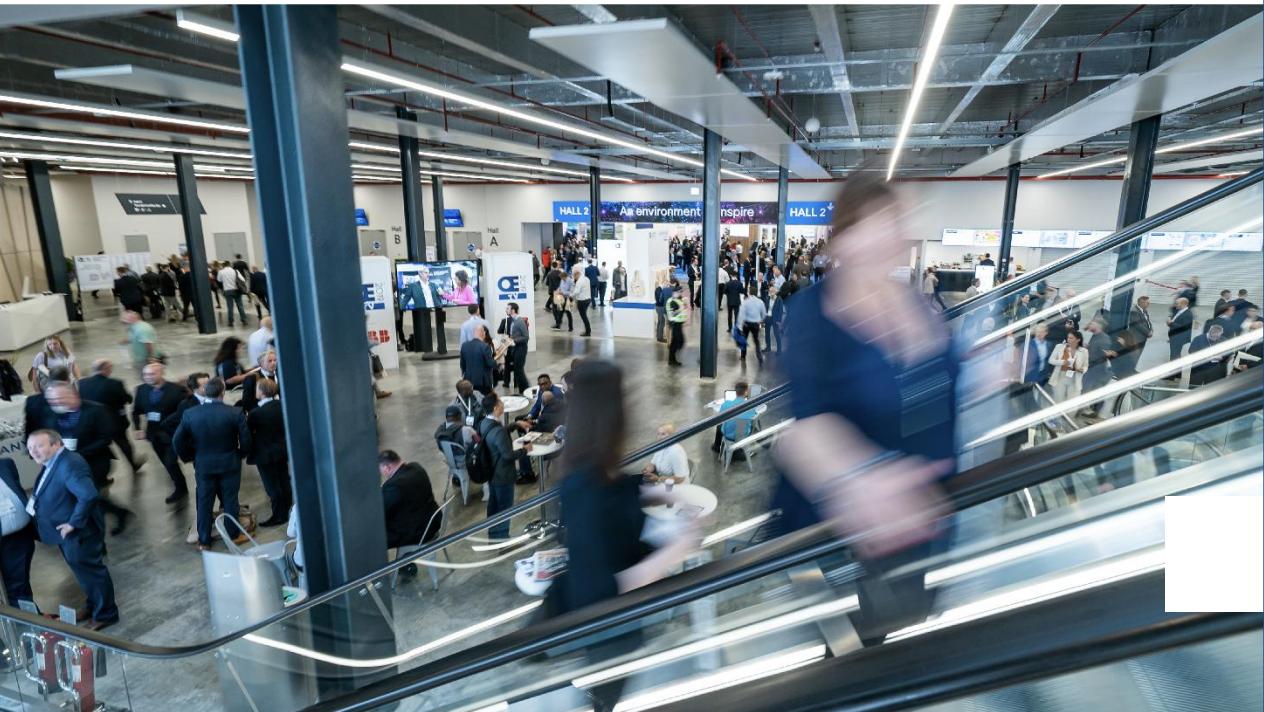




Aberdeen Section

All you need to know about volunteering with the Student Development Committee!



To volunteer, request more information or simply chat about volunteering with SDC, please email Gillian at aberdeen.admin@spe-uk.org



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About the Student Development Committee...



The Student Development Committee supports students from universities across the SPE Aberdeen Section (Robert Gordon University, University of Aberdeen, University of Dundee, and Heriot-Watt University) by connecting them to opportunities within SPE and the wider energy industry.

Our work includes running the annual student bursary programme, reviewing applications, and helping select award recipients. We also support university engagement by sharing opportunities, promoting SPE activities, and participating in events such as technical talks, hackathons, and skills sessions.

The committee helps create practical, career-shaping experiences for students, from bursary support to networking sessions, competition involvement, and early exposure to industry professionals. Our aim is to make it easier for students to understand available pathways and take confident steps toward internships, graduate roles, and further studies.

Volunteer Role Description

What will I be asked to do? As a volunteer, you'll help with activities that support students across the Aberdeen Section. This may include reviewing bursary applications, helping with student events, sharing opportunities with universities, or supporting competitions and workshops. You can choose the tasks you're comfortable with, and you'll always work alongside other committee members.

How much time will this take? Most volunteers spend around 2–3 hours a month on committee activities. The time can vary depending on what events or student initiatives are happening that month, but the workload is flexible and you can choose the tasks you're available to support.

Where do I have to go? Most tasks can be done remotely. Committee meetings are usually held online, and a lot of the work involves reviewing information or supporting planning from home. When there are in-person events at universities or local venues, volunteers can attend if they are available, but attendance is optional.

Will I be alone? No. You will be part of a supportive committee, and tasks are shared. You will work with the Chair, Vice Chair, and other volunteers, and you can always ask questions or get guidance. You will not be expected to handle anything on your own.



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Do I need a specific skillset? No specific skills are required. An interest in supporting students is enough. Any experience with communication, organising activities, or mentoring can be helpful, but everything you need will be explained, and you can choose tasks that match your comfort level.

What do I get out of it? You will build connections with other professionals, gain experience supporting student-focused activities, and take part in events across the Aberdeen Section. It also adds solid volunteering experience to your CV, which can be useful when discussing teamwork, communication, or leadership during interviews. Many volunteers enjoy the sense of contribution and the insight it gives into how SPE operates.

Who do I speak to for more information? Email Gillian on aberdeen.admin@spe-uk.org in the first instance.

What opportunities are there right now? The bursary award programme is currently underway with winners to be announced Feb/Mar 26. The 2026/27 bursary programme will be announced around Nov 26 when we will have opportunities for bursary judges. Contact Gillian for other initiatives and to express your interest in volunteering with us!



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