

Hi everyone. I am Ngoc Ha Phuong Nguyen, a Master of Social Work student at the Institute of Education, Arts and Community. I would love the opportunity to represent you as your Student Representative.

Before coming to Federation University, I worked with Blue Dragon Children's Foundation, an Australian NGO based in Vietnam as a Donor Relations Officer. I helped run campaigns, coordinate events, and support social workers who were protecting street children and survivors of trafficking. From exhibitions and emergency relief to "back to school" campaigns, I have seen the power of community in action and what we can achieve when we listen, speak up, and work together.

I also served as Head of External Relations in the Student Union at Foreign Trade University, Hanoi. There, I led a team that organised large-scale events like blood donation drives with thousands of participants and successfully built partnerships with local businesses to fund community projects. That role taught me how to listen deeply, organise effectively, and always put people at the centre of every initiative.

Since arriving in Ballarat this February, I have worked on three campuses as a content creator for the university media team, met students from all walks of life, and listened to so many of your stories through interviews as well as events. I have seen what inspires us, but also what challenges us, such as housing stress, cultural barriers, or simply feeling heard.

If elected, I would be dedicated to turning your feedback into real change, whether that is improving how we connect across campuses, hosting more inclusive events, or simply creating safe spaces where every voice matters.

I will bring warmth, empathy, and a whole lot of energy to this role, and I will always be just a message or coffee away.

Thanks so much for reading - I would be honoured to have your vote!

Warmly,

Ngoc Ha Phuong.