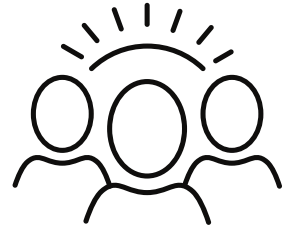


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Community and Wellbeing Candidates





About Me

HELLO, I'M REED JAMES



I'm running to *#reedvitalise* the Students Union by becoming your next ***Community and Wellbeing Officer***. As I'm passionate about making changes for students by bridging the gap between students and the Student's Union to ensure they focus on your priorities to improve everyone's experiences at the university. Until now, I've been just a student, so if I want to continue fighting for you I'm asking you to consider voting for me.

What I've done so far for you as a student

- Worked in Scrutiny Committee to ask tough questions to our Student Union officers to hold them to account.
- Collaborated with the National Union of Students (NUS) to fight for fairer fees and visas for international students as an NUS Delegate.
- Met with dozens of university societies to ensure their perspectives were represented on societies' council.
- Organised a charity night to raise food for Leicester Community Kitchen for all students who needed it.
- Passed a motion at student council that called for lower food prices.

MY PRIORITIES

REEDVITALISE



Wellbeing:

- Support the creation of a childcare system for students with children.
- Do more to tackle sexual violence by working with the university to deliver proper training and improved facilities to address it.
- Ensure the library has a space with a proper microwave and kettle that is open to all students 24hrs a day.
- Revamping the peer mentoring scheme to be more effective for first students and more rewarding for mentors by continuing the current review of the programme.



Sustainability:

- Produce a sustainability plan for the Student Union.
- Embed sustainability into the curriculum by funding carbon literacy training for all students who want to become more sustainable.
- Do more to support and promote our voluntary groups like Green Bubble and Food Rescue.
- Make the Green Careers Fair a yearly event.



MY PRIORITIES

REEDVITALISE



COMMUNITY:

- Have open office hours each week so that students can drop in and discuss any issue with me.
- Supporting changing the student union room booking system to be more like the library so they are easier to book and can be done far quicker for student groups.
- Revamp student group training to make it more engaging - such as having an in-person option.

AFFORDABILITY:

- Lower food prices and have campus food outlets be open for longer to make them more student-friendly.
- Ensuring the free breakfast scheme is delivered every week, and exploring the possibility of expanding it to include other meals and extend the times it is offered for.
- Increase the number of hours international students can work during vacation hours.
- Work to get rents to their lowest possible level and accommodations suitable for student habitation.
- Do more to promote employability by pressuring Leicester Student Partnership to offer more student jobs on campus



Satya for Community and Wellbeing Officer



ABOUT ME

Hi there! My name is Satya, I am a second year student studying Computer Science. I Love watching movies and sometimes I write.



My Priorities

- Reflect student opinions on issues that have an impact on their well-being.
- Work with student union advice team to expand their student support.
- Carry out training sessions and educational initiatives aimed at improving stress reduction strategies, mental health awareness, and general wellness habits.
- Encourage fellow students to talk about their mental health and to feel more comfortable asking for support when they need it.

Scan to Vote



(Poll starts from March 11, 8am -
March 15, 12pm)

#voteforsatya



WHAT I HOPE TO ACHEIVE

To put into practice a regular yoga and meditation program which helps in lowering stress, anxiety, and depressive symptoms and improving general resilience and emotional equilibrium.

BE KIND
TO
YOURSELF



I would like to start a "Chit-Chat" program where students may unwind to sit and chat in order to normalize it being a problem and provide information on where and how to get help.



#voteforsatya

Since mental and physical health are related, I want to work with the sports officer to increase the number of people who play sports and cut the cost of gym memberships to make it more affordable

Engage with the university to confirm that menstruation or period pain can be submitted as a mitigating circumstance without the need for supporting documentation.

Since many students' mental health is suffering as a result of their inability to make their fee payments on time, I will collaborate with the institution to launch a new pricing structure with small installments.



≡ YOU ARE ≡
enough

Ensure that the university shuttle bus runs from Oadby to the university until late at night during O2 events, and that students have no trouble returning home.



Mental Health Matters

- Normalize discussing emotions, stress, and mental well-being as part of everyday conversation.
- Activities that help people realize that asking for help is okay.
- Providing Information about what help is offered.



Financial Welfare

- Cut the cost of Gym Membership and make it affordable.
- Make sure that prices in university outlets are under students budget.
- New Pricing structure of fee with small Installments.

Take care
OF
YOURSELF

What I Intend to continue



- Proceed with De-stress Week and Give students the opportunity to study. Continue to provide complimentary fruit and tea for the week.
- Keep offering free breakfasts since a healthy meal supplies vital nutrients and energy and can also help students to be within their budget.
- Proceed with Dog Therapy, which offers company and social interaction to help reduce feelings of despair and loneliness.

WHY ME?


I want to create a space where no one feels alone and where people feel comfortable talking about their feelings, whether to friends, family, or professionals. Like most students, I struggled with mental health issues, and I spent the most of my time trying to deal with it on my own. Being an International Student I know it's quite difficult to handle everything on your own, especially when you miss home so much.

Vote

Naga Sudeepthi for Community and Wellbeing officer

Why you should vote me

As a candidate for the role of community and well-being officer. Through proactive engagement and compassionate leadership, I aim to prioritise the well-being of every individual within our community. I want to create a space where everyone feels like they belong and where we all support each other to thrive. As we embark on this journey together, I invite each of you to join me in shaping a future where no voice is left unheard, no hand is left unhealed and no dream is left unrealised.



1. Taking care of Mental Health

I want to make sure everyone knows about mental health and has access to support if they need it. We'll have workshops and activities to help reduce stress and promote mental well-being. Organising Yoga, Meditation and Aerobics classes for reducing anxiety, depression and relaxation to mind.

2. Keeping Healthy

I will organise educational workshops and campaigns to promote healthy lifestyle choices. This includes providing information on nutrition, exercise, hygiene and stress management techniques.

3. Bringing people together

Let's have more fun events where people can meet and make friends. I also want to support clubs and groups for different interest and backgrounds to help everyone feel included.

4. Helping each other out

I will setup programs where students can support each other and get help when they need it. I will also work with local organisations to make sure everyone has the resources they need.

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Education Officer Candidates



VOTE AHSAN KHAN

FOR EDUCATION OFFICER

IF YOU WANT:

- Free Coffee On Campus
- No More 9ams!
- Having Timetabled Classes Closer Together
- The Choice for in Person or Online Exams
- More Support and Events for Internaitonal Students
- A Revamped O2
- Better Support for Societies in Running Events
- No More Weekend Exams
- No Classes During JummaH Time
- Better Mitigating Circumstances Policy
- Better Help With the Cost of Living Crisis
- And More!



Vote for Ahsan Khan as Your New Education Officer Today!

Enquiries DM me on
instagram: ahsankhan_zx

WHY VOTE FOR ME?

WHY AHSAN KHAN AS EDUCATION OFFICER?

Free Coffee



So you save money, AND have energy to study

Choice for in Person or Online Exams



Because your choice matters



More Support and Events for International Students

So you can make the most of your time here at Leicester

No More 9am Classes



So you have energy to pay attention in class, and catch a few more Zs

No More Weekend Exams



Who wants to do an exam on a Saturday?

Having Timetabled Classes Closer Together



So you have time for better things

No Classes During Jumma Time



So you don't have to pick between your priorities

AHSAN KHAN FOR EDUCATION OFFICER

YOU WILL ALSO GET...

Better Support for Societies in Running Events



So committee members aren't as stressed out, with better and faster support from the SU

Better Mitigating Circumstances Policy



So laptop breakdowns and car issues don't cause your grades to fall

A Revamped

So you can actually enjoy yourself on a Wednesday

02

Better Help with the Cost of Living Crisis



To help you get through the year



**SO, WHY HAVEN'T YOU
VOTED FOR ME YET?**

**VOTE FOR THE GUY ON
YOUR LEFT!**

NAME IS UP TOP IF YOU FORGOT LOL

ACCOLADES INCLUDE:

- SCHOOL REP FOR BUSINESS
- FOUNDER & PRESIDENT OF UOL NINTENDO SOCIETY
- FOUNDER & VICE PRESIDENT OF KG EXCHANGE; INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ORGANISATION IN JAPAN

why vote for me

EDUCATION OFFICER

#SHETTYFORCHANGE

AS A MASTER'S STUDENT AND EDUCATION OFFICER CANDIDATE, I AM DIRECTLY EXPOSED TO THE ISSUES THAT STUDENTS ENCOUNTER ON A DAILY BASIS.

I AM DEVOTED TO USING MY DIRECT EXPERIENCE TO **ADVOCATE FOR FAIR ASSESSMENTS, AND COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT SERVICES.** WITH A THOROUGH GRASP OF STUDENT NEEDS, I AM COMMITTED TO ELEVATING VOICES, CREATING A WELCOMING ENVIRONMENT, AND PROMOTING CONCRETE CHANGE IN OUR COMMUNITY.



"AKSHAY THIMMASHETTY"

"VOTE SMART, VOTE SHETTY!" 🕊️



I'LL IMPLEMENT MEASURES TO CREATE A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE EVERY STUDENT FEELS AT HOME AWAY FROM HOME. THROUGH INITIATIVES LIKE **BUDDY PROGRAMS, CULTURAL EXCHANGES, AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT,** I'LL STRIVE TO CULTIVATE A CAMPUS COMMUNITY WHERE STUDENTS CAN THRIVE ACADEMICALLY AND PERSONALLY, KNOWING THEY HAVE A STRONG SUPPORT SYSTEM BEHIND THEM.



SCAN TO VOTE

**Voting Opens
March 11th
Make Your Voice
Heard!
#VoteShetty"**

 @shetty4education



SCAN TO VOTE

**VOTE for "AKSHAY THIMMASHETTY" as
STUDENT EDUCATION OFFICER**



VISION FOR CHANGE

As your prospective Education Officer, I am deeply committed to advancing academic excellence and safeguarding student welfare. Through collaborative efforts and proactive initiatives.



**Nothing changes
IF
Nothing changes!**



- Akshay ThimmaShetty

Vote for me to transform our educational landscape, ensuring every student's voice is heard, every need is met, and every achievement is celebrated."

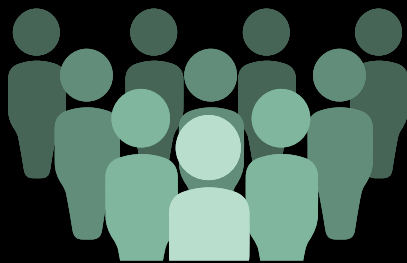
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EMPOWER, EDUCATE, ELEVATE

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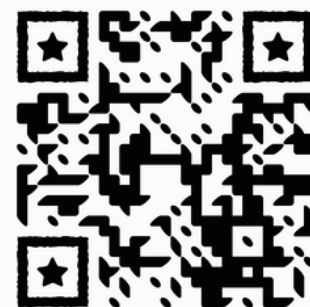


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- **WITH A DEEP UNDERSTANDING OF STUDENT NEEDS, I'LL ELEVATE VOICES AND PROMOTE CONCRETE CHANGE.**
- **I'LL CREATE A SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT THROUGH BUDDY PROGRAMS, CULTURAL EXCHANGES, AND MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT.**
- **SCAN TO VOTE AND JOIN ME IN CULTIVATING A CAMPUS COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY STUDENT FEELS AT HOME AWAY FROM HOME.**

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March 11th -
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SCAN TO VOTE

My Manifesto as your Education Officer

**“Building a Brighter Future: Our Vision
for Progress”**

SAM WALTER VIJAY KUMAR



About me

I am Mathari Sam Walter, I am honored to stand before you today as a candidate for the role of Education Officer in the spring student union elections. As a dedicated student pursuing my Masters in Advanced Computer Science, I have been privileged to witness the vibrant energy and diversity of our university community firsthand. Now, I am eager to take on a new role - to serve as a voice for our collective aspirations, concerns, and dreams.

Before embarking on this journey as a student leader, I gained invaluable experience in the corporate world, having worked as a lead at a top multinational company. This professional background has equipped me with strong leadership skills, effective communication abilities, and a keen understanding of organizational dynamics - qualities that I believe are essential for effective representation and advocacy.

However, my decision to contest in the student union election is not solely based on my past experiences. Rather, it is fueled by a deep-seated passion for making a positive impact and fostering a sense of community among my peers. I firmly believe that every voice matters, and as your representative, I am committed to amplifying your voices, concerns, and aspirations on the university stage.

“Fueling Change with Passion and Purpose”

My Pledges

“Empowering Education: A Vision for Student Success”

Representation and Engagement:

- I will be a strong advocate for under-represented groups, ensuring their voices are heard and their needs are addressed within the university community.
- I will oversee and enhance the Union's representational and democratic structures to promote wider student involvement and participation.
- Communication will be key - I will actively engage with the entire membership of the Union, listening to their concerns, ideas, and feedback, and ensuring that all activity and outcomes are transparently communicated back to the membership.

Trustee Responsibilities:

- As a Trustee of the Union, I will ensure that all services are relevant and have a positive impact on students, abiding by the Trustees' Code of Conduct and the Union's Constitution.
- I will promote the purpose, vision, aims, and objectives of the Union, actively working to reduce environmental impact and uphold ethical practices.
- With legal responsibility for the Union's services, I will prioritize Health and Safety, customer care, and equal opportunities Policies to ensure the well-being and inclusivity of all students.

Advocacy and Campaigning:

- I will represent student views to the University and external bodies, advocating for policies and initiatives that benefit the student body.
- I will promote equal opportunities within the Union and wider community, campaigning for inclusivity and diversity in all aspects of student life

“Committed to Excellence, Dedicated to Progress”

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Liberation Officer Candidates



Spring Elections 2024



**AISHWARYA
KOTE**

For Liberation Officer



About Me

I'm Aishwarya (she/her), I'm from India, pursuing my MSc in International Business at University of Leicester. I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for the position of Liberation Officer in the Spring Student Union Elections. With a deep-rooted passion for social service, equality, and women in politics, I am committed to advocating for the rights and empowerment of marginalized communities within our university. Through my leadership, I aim to foster inclusivity, amplify diverse voices, and drive positive change on campus.

“Together, let's work towards building a more equitable and inclusive university community for all”

 @aishwarya_kote31

 <https://linktr.ee/AishwaryaKote>



Explore my objectives as a Liberation Officer outlined in the following section

ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

1

- I will be a dedicated advocate for the rights and interests of women within our university community, ensuring that their voices are heard and their concerns addressed. I will actively engage with female students to understand their experiences, challenges, and priorities, advocating for policies and initiatives that promote gender equality and empower women.



COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT

2

- I will work collaboratively with student unions, liberation societies, and external organizations to amplify the voices of marginalized communities and effect meaningful change.
- I will work with the elected PT Officers acting as lead representatives for the sections and liberation campaigns



CHAMPIONING EQUITY AND REPRESENTATION

3

- I will be the primary Union representative and point of contact on all matters relating to representation of liberation, providing full-time leadership on the five specified NUS liberation campaigns (Women, LGBT+, Trans, BAME and disabled students)



CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY

4

- I will work with faith societies to organize events and activities that celebrate the rich tapestry of religious diversity within our university community.
- Collaborate with academic departments, student organizations, and external experts to explore issues such as cultural competency, allyship, and social justice, promoting a deeper understanding of diversity and its impact on society.



POLICY ADVOCACY

5

- Advocate for institutional policies and practices that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, driving systemic change within the university to benefit all members of the community.



MONITORING AND EVALUATION

6

- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts within the university, collecting feedback, analyzing data, and making recommendations for improvement to ensure continuous progress towards a more equitable and inclusive campus environment.



“Liberation: Together We Rise, Together We Thrive”

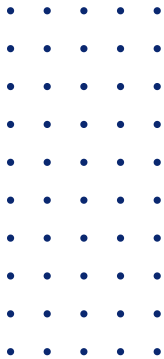
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AMINAH CHOWDHURY

**FOR
LIBERATION
OFFICER**

UNI CAMPUS SHOULD BE A SAFE
ENVIRONMENT FOR STUDENTS AND
REFLECT EVERYONE

STUDENTS HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE
THEIR VALUES AND PRINCIPLES
REFLECTED ON CAMPUS



**A VOTE FOR
ME IS A
VOTE FOR
THE
PEOPLE**



WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR ME

Who am I?

I am a deeply passionate law student who favours justice and freedom heavily. I believe in the right for the student body to express its concerns and be well represented at the university, especially in regards to liberation.

I am a student who has participated in the march toward equality and fairness on an academic level and would like to take my knowledge and experience to the next level.

I am an ally to those of any race, gender, sexuality, religion, disability, race and ethnicity and thoroughly believe in everyone's rights on both a legal and social level.

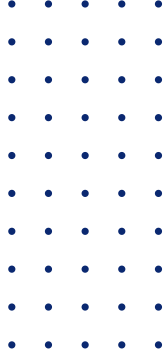
What I endorse:

I endorse all voices, but would like to ensure unheard and underrepresented voices are heard too. I think this should happen from an academic level as much as a social level. and it is important that our education reflects this.

Whether it be a degree in the arts or a degree in the sciences, it is especially important that we as students re-examine our own beliefs, as well as challenge the beliefs of others. A part of this may be done by encouraging students to celebrate liberation months/days and engage with the history and context from a critical level.



HOW I INTEND ON IMPROVING STUDENT EXPERIENCE ON CAMPUS



- Bridge the gap in conversations about domestic and international politics and its **personal impact on students**. This may involve **increasing wellbeing support** and **creating workshops or support groups** in order to express feelings and anxieties.
- Help further to **decolonise the university** by **implementing first year modules** that interact with relevant degree content from a **anti-colonial perspective** where applicable and not currently implemented.
- **Ensure restocks of sanitary items** are consistent and available in all areas.
- Continue with events for **significant cultural/religious holidays** on campus, as well as **introduce more** that have yet to be represented.
- **Celebrate other liberation events**, that include dates of decolonisation of **commonwealth states**, and express awareness of the history.
- Continue to **promote and engage** with **societies that represent minority groups**.
- **Improve** experiences with **AccessAbility and Wellbeing services**.
- Continue to **create a safe space for students** to discuss experiences with discrimination and hate crimes, and **guide students toward support and how to report**. This is especially necessary for when students feel dismissed or implied to be overreacting.
- Reach out to academics to hold **seminars pertaining to liberation**.

MANIFESTO

My name Collins Poku Effah, MSc International Business student vying for the position of Liberation Officer at the University of Leicester Student Union. I have been on the fore fronts for students' liberation over the years.

I have held several positions as School Prefect, SRC president and Union President back home in Ghana.

Personal Skills

- Empathic
- Critical Thinking
- Problem Solving
- Communication skills
- Active Listener

Action Plan

I will work closely with other executive members to ensure that;

- Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) students, including students of African, Asian, Arabs and Afro-Caribbean descent voices are heard.
- Disabled students, including students with a physical disability, mental health condition, or a Specific Learning disabilities are given equal opportunity as other students.
- Trans and non-binary students, including but not limited to trans men, trans women, non-binary people, and other forms are not segregated.
- I will work closely with the various University committees and working groups and ensure that students have their say on the issues that matter to them.
- Finally, I will coordinate events and campaigns, creating empowering community spaces and driving forward change on everything from student support to curriculum diversity.

Gelareh

Hey! I'm Gelareh (she/her) and I'm running to be your next Liberation Officer.

About Me:

I have a BA in Management and I am studying MSc in Business Analysis and Finance.



Active Representation:

Serve as a proactive voice for students, advocating for their rights and welfare in university forums, ensuring that policies and practices reflect the diverse needs of the student.

Inclusive Event Coordination:

Plan and execute meaningful events that address issues of liberation, equality, and diversity, engaging the student community in dialogues that promote understanding and change.



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gad15@student.le.ac.uk



Accessibility and Inclusion:
Advocate for structural and digital enhancements to make campus facilities and online resources universally accessible, ensuring that students with disabilities have equal opportunities to learn and participate in campus life.



Global Cultural Calendar:
Develop a comprehensive calendar of international cultural and religious events, providing educational content to enhance students' global awareness and foster a culture of inclusivity.

Cultural and Diversity Awareness:
Organize inclusive events that educate and celebrate different cultures, religions, and sexual orientations, fostering a campus environment that respects and embraces diversity.

Collaboration with Societies

Campaign Leadership:
Lead impactful campaigns on critical issues such as gender equality and racial justice, collaborating with other student officers and external organizations to amplify student voices and drive change.

Improve Hygiene Facilities in the restrooms



Support for Students with Attention Disorders:
Advocate for high-quality lecture recordings and accurate transcription services to support students with attention disorders, ensuring they have equal access to educational content.

Confidential Reporting System:

Establish a secure and anonymous reporting channel for students to disclose incidents of harassment or discrimination, ensuring their safety and anonymity while facilitating appropriate responses to their concerns.





Selvakumaran Ramjibabu

Liberation Officer Candidate

#Vote_for_SK



LGBTQ+



BAME




WOMEN'S





ACCESSIBILITY


Dear Trailblazing Students,


Buckle up for a revolutionary ride! As your Liberation Officer, I'm not just running - I'm soaring into a future where every voice matters, every story is celebrated, and injustice is shown the exit door!


 **Diversity Dynamo:** Together, we'll turn our campus into a vibrant tapestry of cultures, races, genders, and abilities. I promise to champion your uniqueness and ensure our union truly mirrors the kaleidoscope of our dreams.

 **Justice Jedi:** No more nodding heads – let's shout for change! From dismantling stereotypes to smashing barriers, I'm your relentless advocate for social justice. Equality isn't a choice; it's our legacy.

 **Education Emancipation:** Knowledge is power, but only if it's in EVERYONE's hands. I'll fight for inclusive curricula, accessible resources, and an environment where learning isn't a privilege but a right.

 **Mental Health Maverick:** Let's crush the stigma, break the silence, and build a campus where mental well-being is everyone's concern. Because a healthy mind is our strongest weapon!

 **Green Guardian:** Sustainability isn't a trend; it's our responsibility. I pledge to lead the charge for a greener, cleaner campus. Together, we'll make Mother Nature proud!

 **Unity Maestro:** Divided we fall, but united, we stand taller than ever. I'll be your bridge builder, working hand in hand with you, other union members, and the administration to create an unstoppable force for positive change.

Your vote isn't just a mark on paper; it's a declaration of your desire for a liberated, inclusive, and empowered campus. Let's rewrite the rules together!

Vote for SK Where Liberation Meets Action!



INSTAGRAM HANDLE :-lalsakshi1210



Manifesto for Liberation Officer:
Sakshi Raina

Breaking Barriers, Building Bridges

✿ Background :

Sakshi Raina, the radiant visionary from the quaint Village Lamberi in Jammu & Kashmir, India. A media studies alum and the voice for the voiceless! Sakshi's journey started with the establishment of the impactful NGO Saya in her hometown. Recognizing the need to amplify her impact, she then delved

into the media world, working with a prominent media house in India. A pandemic warrior, tirelessly aiding the underprivileged. As Liberation Officer, Sakshi promises a university metamorphosis.

💡 Vision :

Sakshi envisions a university as a microcosm of a harmonious world, fostering understanding and dismantling barriers.

🌀 Revolutionary Initiatives:

1. Global Perspectives Symposium:

Host an annual symposium bringing international perspectives on liberation issues.

Collaborate with universities globally for cross-cultural exchange programs.

2. Digital Safe Spaces:

Create a confidential digital platform for sharing experiences and solutions.

Organize virtual town halls with experts to discuss contemporary challenges.

3. Beyond Binary Workshops:

Conduct workshops exploring non-binary and fluid gender identities.

Advocate for gender-neutral facilities and accommodations on campus.

4. Socio-Economic Inclusivity Hub:

Establish a hub connecting students with internships in NGOs and social enterprises.

Collaborate with local businesses to create job opportunities for marginalized groups.

5. Diverse Literature Drive:

Curate a library with literature from diverse voices.

Organize book clubs to encourage dialogues on intersectionality.

6. Cultural Competency Training:

Collaborate with academic departments to integrate cultural competency into curricula.

Facilitate training for student societies on respectful engagement with diverse cultures.

Sakshi's Pledge :

" Together, let's weave a tapestry of inclusion, where every thread adds strength to our diverse community."

Innovative Measures :

Launch a Liberation Buddy Program pairing students for mutual support.

Institute an annual "Global Voices Festival" celebrating diverse cultures through art, music, and cuisine.

Vote Sakshi Raina - For a university where diversity isn't just a word but a lived reality!

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President Candidates



FEELING JADED? VOTE JADE!

VOTE JADE FOR PRESIDENT

My name is Jade Thomas, I am your current Liberation Officer and I am now running to be your next President! Since starting as a student here back in 2016, I have always endeavoured to leave the University a better place than I found it. My year as Liberation Officer has enabled me to achieve some amazing things for students, however, I want the opportunity to do EVEN MORE as your President. I believe looking at the entire student experience through the lens of Liberation will allow me to champion a University experience that truly is inclusive for all!



RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS/WINS

- Increased number of **PRAYER FACILITIES** across campus
- Expanded reasons for **MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES** to include specific traumatic events
- Leading the **BLACK STUDENT EXPERIENCE PROJECT**
- Introduced **FLEXIBLE GYM MEMBERSHIPS** in collaboration with the Sports Officer
- Initiated **PEER MENTORING REVAMP** to provide better support for students
- Hosted a number of **LIBERATION EVENTS** across campus, including Black History Month, Islamophobia Awareness Month, and LGBT+ History Month

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Current
**LIBERATION
OFFICER**
23/24

Current **TRUSTEE**
for Leicester
Students' Union
23/24

Elected **NUS
DELEGATE** and
LEAD DELEGATE
for NUS Liberation

PRIORITIES

COST OF LIVING

With the UK entering another recession and the cost of living continuing to increase, it's imperative that the University continues to support students financially. If elected, I intend to push for:

- Enhanced food support, including the continuation of **FREE BREAKFAST** as well as the introduction of **FREE BREAKFAST ON THE GO** across campus
- **LOWER FOOD PRICES** on campus, with a promise to only increase prices in-line with increases in student finance
- **FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING** for all students during induction period
- **STUDENT HAIRDRESSERS/BARBERS** on campus, with fixed student-friendly prices
- **FIXED-RATE FLEXIBLE GYM MEMBERSHIPS** - ensuring that the current £20 per month membership remains for the foreseeable future

UNION DEVELOPMENT

The Students' Union motto is 'Your Home Away from Home'. I want to continue to work to make this true for ALL students. If elected, I intend to:

- Introduce **EXECUTIVE OFFICER DROP-IN HOURS** so students have dedicated times to come and speak freely to Executive Officers without needing to book in advance
- Oversee the implementation of suggestions from the current **GOVERNANCE REVIEW**, which is something I have been actively contributing to
- **REARRANGE THE OFFICE SPACE** to make it more inviting and accessible for students
- **ESTABLISH STUDENTS' UNION SPACES** across campus, including staffed hot desks where students can access support from the Students' Union outside of the Percy Gee Building
- Work to ensure **STUDENTS' UNION TEAMS ARE FULLY STAFFED**, with a clear, student-informed plan put in place for when this is not possible

IF ELECTED, I INTEND TO...

...CONTINUE

- Reviewing the **Senate Regulations** and University policies, ensuring education is **inclusive for ALL**
- Working on the **#LeicsDecolonise** campaign, with a focus of decolonising the entire educational experience from the top down
- Working with the University to **expand prayer facilities** across campus, including the **development of suitable ablution facilities**
- Reviewing the University and Students' Union **wellbeing services**, ensuring they suit the needs of ALL students, including pushing for an **enhanced wellbeing hub**
- Continue to assist with the start-up/running of **NIGHTLINE** or the next academic year

...LOBBY FOR

- **IMPROVED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND STUDENTS** including making it easier and more accessible to report faults/issues around campus
- **SAFE SPACES FOR ALL** - sensory rooms/dedicated quiet spaces across campus, chilled food storage spaces for students bringing food from home, enhanced wellbeing hub within the Percy Gee Building
- **DEDICATED DROP-OFF/PICK-UP ZONE** to allow safer travel to and from campus for students travelling via Uber
- **VISA DROP-IN SESSIONS** alongside the fees and income drop-in sessions to assist International Students

WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE FOR ME?

Throughout my time as a member of our University Community, I have consciously made it my mission to leave the University a better place than I found it. As a current Executive Officer, I have worked hard to lobby the University and have made great strides to making our campus a more inclusive place. But I'm not done yet.

You genuinely will not find someone who cares more about students and the student experience; if elected, I promise to continue to do my best to make this University a safe, inclusive, and accessible environment for all who come here. With me as your President, this could truly be Your Home Away From Home.

FEELING JADED? VOTE JADE!

SCAN TO VOTE:



My Manifesto as your Student Union President



JOBANJIT SINGH

**"Vote for Change, Lead
with Purpose: Your
Voice, Our Future"**

Personal Insight

Hello everyone, I'm Jobanjit Singh, a dedicated MSC Advanced Computer Science student at the University of Leicester.

As an international student, I understand the diverse needs of our student body firsthand. Now, I'm thrilled to announce my candidacy for StudentUnion President. With a passion for fostering inclusivity and representation, I aim to create a campus environment where every voice is heard and valued. My leadership skills, coupled with a proactive approach to problem-solving, ensure that student concerns are not just addressed but actively resolved. Furthermore, I'm committed to enhancing student support services, promoting cultural exchange programs, and advocating for affordable education. Together, let's build a stronger, more united university community. Your vote for me is a vote for positive change and a brighter future for all. Thank you for your consideration.

“Leading with you, for you”

My Commitments

Welcome, fellow students, to a manifesto fueled by passion, purpose, and the unwavering commitment to transform our campus into a beacon of inclusivity and progress. As a candidate vying for the esteemed position of Student Union President, I stand before you not just as a contender, but as a fervent advocate for your voices, your aspirations, and your dreams.

Empowering your voice

I don't just promise representation; I pledge to be your megaphone, amplifying your aspirations to the corridors of power. Your ideas will fuel the engine of change, propelling us towards a future shaped by your vision.

Approachable Advocacy

My commitment to accessibility goes beyond rhetoric; it's a relentless dedication. My office isn't just a physical space; it's a sanctuary where your concerns find solace and your dreams find champions. Let's build bridges of communication where no voice goes unheard.

Affordability Initiatives

Financial strain shouldn't dictate your educational journey. I vow to lead the charge in breaking down these barriers, initiating transparent discussions on tuition and providing lifelines like emergency accommodation, ensuring no student is left behind due to financial hardship.

Global Safety Measures

Safety transcends borders. As your president, I will collaborate tirelessly to fortify our campus, implementing robust safety measures tailored to the unique needs of our international community. From well-lit pathways to empowering self-defense workshops, your safety will be our utmost priority.

Cultural Celebration

Diversity isn't just a buzzword; it's our greatest strength. Together, let's orchestrate a symphony of multiculturalism, celebrating our differences and fostering an inclusive environment where every voice adds to the chorus of progress.

International Student Support

Navigating a new academic landscape shouldn't be a solitary journey. I will expand resources and services catered specifically to our international students, offering them a lifeline of support, guidance, and mentorship as they carve their path to success.

Transparent Governance

Trust is the currency of effective leadership. Under my stewardship, transparency will be the cornerstone of our governance. I pledge to keep you informed every step of the way, ensuring that decisions impacting your academic journey and campus life are made with your best interests at heart.

Vote for me as your Student Union President, and together, we will sculpt a campus where every voice is not just heard but cherished, and every student finds their place in the tapestry of our vibrant community.

Support and Outreach

1. Elevate your voice by supporting my campaign for Student Union President, where I advocate for your needs.
2. Together, let's rally for positive change, ensuring every student's concerns are heard and addressed effectively."

“Empowering Tomorrow Together: Join the Movement for Positive Change.”

Manifesto

A Vision Beyond Horizon

Dear fellow students of the University of Leicester, I am thrilled to present to you my manifesto as a candidate for the position of President. I am Mohammad Ismail, and I invite you to imagine a Students' Union where your voices resonate with power, innovation, and inclusivity. My vision goes beyond the horizon, promising an unforgettable journey at our vibrant University.

Steering the Ship of Possibilities

In the role of President, I am not just a leader; I am the captain steering the ship of possibilities. My commitment is to seamlessly coordinate the Union's strategic direction, spearhead impactful campaigns, and meticulously oversee democratic structures. Beyond managerial duties, I am your advocate, your representative, and your guide to navigating the exciting journey of student life.

Elevating Every Voice

Picture a Union where every voice, regardless of background, is not just heard but celebrated. I pledge to champion the representation of under-represented groups, ensuring a rich tapestry of diversity within our Union and the broader University community. Together, we will create an environment where every student's experience is exceptional, and where advocacy for important issues becomes a collective mission.

Your Voice, Our Union

Communication is not just a tool; it is the heartbeat of our Union. I commit to being the resounding voice of student views, actively engaging with our diverse membership, and completing the engagement circle by providing transparent and timely feedback on activities and outcomes. Together, let's build an innovative Union that thrives on your ideas and aspirations for change.

Stewardship for a Better Tomorrow

As your Trustee, I take on the responsibility of ensuring that every Union service positively impacts your student experience. Upholding the highest ethical standards, abiding by the Union's Constitution, and actively promoting our purpose, vision, aims, and objectives

are not just duties but a solemn pledge to make our Union a beacon of integrity and excellence.

Orchestrating Brilliance

Leadership is not about authority; it's about orchestrating brilliance. I commit to being your primary representative, spearheading impactful campaigns, and maximizing our influence by collaborating with Officers/Representatives. Leading the charge in line managing the Chief Executive, chairing crucial meetings, and coordinating strategic reviews, I ensure that our Union is a dynamic force that evolves with the changing needs of our student body.

Elevating Every Moment

Our journey together is not just about academics; it's about creating memories and shaping experiences. From regular reviews and enhancements of representational and democratic structures to active participation in Union Council and Democratic Procedures Committee meetings, I assure to be the architect of an enriching and fulfilling student experience.

Unleashing the Potential Within

My manifesto is not just a set of promises; it is a commitment to unleashing the immense potential within our Union and our student body. Together, let's embark on a journey that transcends the ordinary, defines excellence, and creates a legacy that future generations will proudly inherit. Your vote for me is a vote for a future where our Union is not just a home away from home but a launching pad for dreams and achievements. Together, let's make history at the University of Leicester Students' Union!



Olaforpresident

Ola for SU President!

Why you should vote for me?

As your SU President, I aim to prioritize student voices and needs by focusing on practical initiatives. I want to focus on safety and well-being so every student can feel safe and enjoy the time at UoL. Let's collaborate to create tangible changes that benefit every student at UoL. I wish to focus on following:

Finance and resources

- Seek funding for mini-buses for society use, such as trips and competitions.
- Review current spending to ensure the budget is being used with students in mind.
- I aim to allocate additional resources to better support international students during their transition to university life. It's essential that we ensure they know where to seek help and guidance, as I recognize that many may not be aware of the available support services.

Safety

- Increasing bus service hours to Oadby i.e. Night buses
- Offering self-defence classes available to all students, free of charge.





Olaforpresident

Why you should vote for me?

I understand the challenges students face because, believe me, I've been there! As an international student who struggled with mental health, I know the importance of support. My goal is to create a campus where every student feels valued and supported. I aim to achieve this by prioritizing initiatives that promote mental health awareness, inclusivity, and accessibility. I want to foster a community where no student feels alone in their journey.

Well-being

- Extending opening hours at Danielle Brown and Roger Bettles Sports Centre
- Continuing campaigns like De-stress, Movember, and much more!
- I've noticed that students who do not drink often don't feel involved in socials, so I would like to promote and organize more sober socials!
- Many students aren't aware of campus support services, highlighting the need for better promotion. I advocate for Personal Tutors to be more proactive in reaching out to students regularly for guidance.

Student focus!!!

- Eliminating weekend exams to accommodate students' other commitments and to allow them to properly relax during stress-heavy exam periods.
- Enhancing the SU website, particularly for mobile use.
- Ensuring every student knows their personal tutor, course reps, and the support available.
- Implementing weekly drop-in sessions in the SU for students to provide feedback and share ideas.

Ola for SU President!





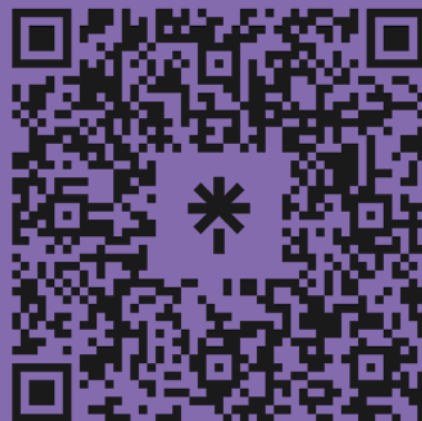
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Experience

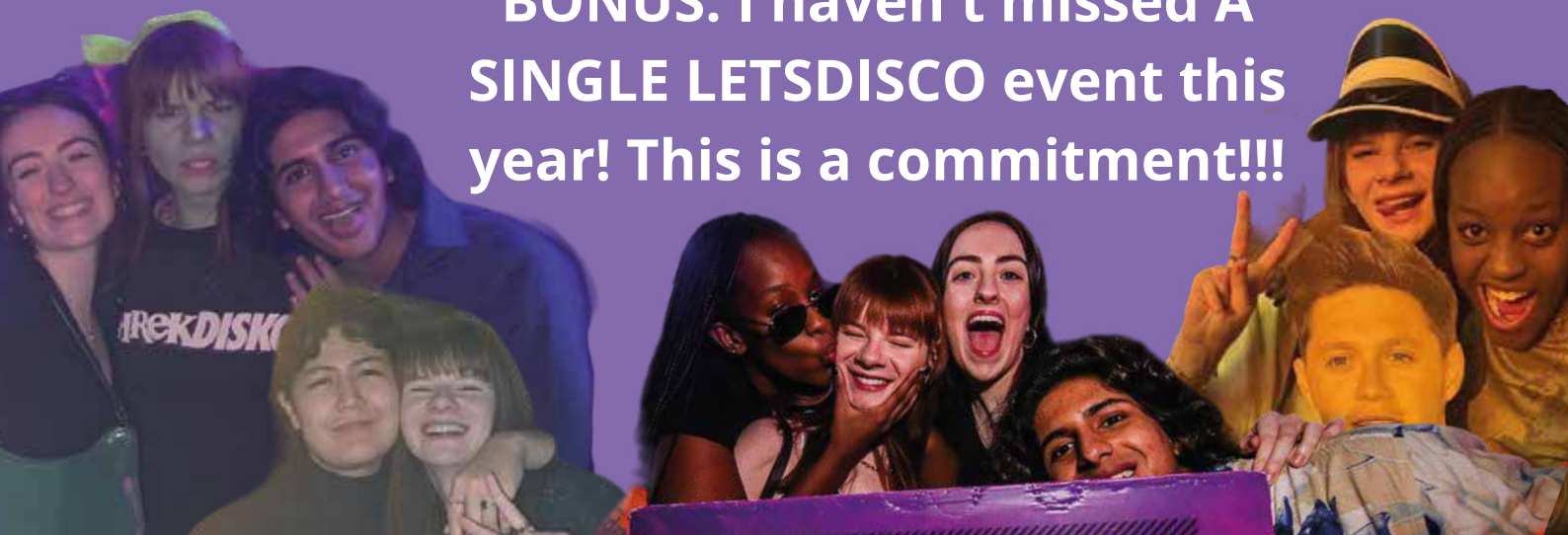
I've spent four years at the University of Leicester, where I've had the chance to represent fellow students. This experience has given me a good understanding of how both the Union and the University operate.

- Course rep (Marketing) (1 year)
- Placement Year at UoL - Gained insights from both student and staff perspectives (1 year)
- Polish Society - Wellbeing and Inclusion Officer (1 year)
- SU Content Creator - Provided me with insights into SU operations, identifying areas for improvement (1 year)
- Career Ambassador (1 year)
- Gliding Social Sec - Assumed social sec responsibilities in the second semester of this year!

Scan to vote, see my Instagram, ask me a question etc!



BONUS: I haven't missed A SINGLE LETSDISCO event this year! This is a commitment!!!



Shan's Manifesto and all the reasons to vote yes to Shan:



My name is Shannon Finlan, and I am a 2nd year Law student, and I am running for the position of Student Union President.

Fun facts about me:

I am from Cannock, Staffordshire and aspire to either work for the CPS as a Prosecutor or work in a charity helping victims of domestic violence/abuse legally untie themselves from their abuser(s).

I am a supporter West Bromwich Albion, yes this might be reasons to vote against me.



I have 2 cats, Fred, and George.

I ran as a first-year for the position of President.

I am an avid lover of Alternative and Indie Rock.

My main reasons for running for president of the Student Union are to help university life become a safer and more pleasant experience and to find solutions to the backlog of accessing key areas of support offered by student services.

I will first talk about my 2 main campaign promises:

Student Safety:

Student safety is always at the forefront of every single person associated with any university's mind.

Having spent 2 years in Leicester I have noticed a few things that can help to improve this.

These things are:

- **More lighting on university road, whether this is subtle lamps or speaking higher up in the university/local council, something needs to be done to ensure a safer and more visible route to and from the university when it is dark.**
- **Finding ways to ensure that more students can come forward when difficult times are happening, or a difficult event has occurred. Although the support teams are amazing, it can often be difficult to be able to locate and/or have the confidence to talk, my solution would be having more events tailored especially to fit these needs.**
- **Speaking to local emergency services to ensure that student's safety is carried forward to outside of campus. The University experience is not just limited to on campus, it extends into the main and wider community of Leicester, I would like to have a more "hands-on" approach to ensure that the Union is fully able to liaise and communicate with local authorities to ensure that every measure for student safety is being fully met, and that any services that can support students have been acknowledged by the university.**
- **Understanding and acknowledging the rise in crime that has been creeping up for the last decade. The Leicester Tab stated One in 25 students at Leicester University will be a victim of crime according to new statistics. Although this was in 2016, the same can be inferred to be a grave risk. I would propose to come up with a budding system held by volunteers for the university to ensure safety for people who go out in Leicester. This would work by volunteers offering to walk people home from o2 events or waiting for Ubers outside of the university. For events outside of the campus, each volunteer would have several people that they would have contact with and talk to if a serious incident occurs outside in the main city centre.**

Finding solutions to the backlog of accessing key areas of support offered by student services.

- **As of this moment, talking to students who are awaiting campus-based counselling services, the current estimated wait time is 6 WEEKS.**
- **I aim to be able to speak to advisors and higher-up officials overseeing these services and see why this is occurring and whether the Student Union can find either a way to find more student support officers or ask external organisations to come and offer support and sign-up days for their services.**

Finding ways to help elevate the financial stress of university.

- **During university, all of us are in the same or similar positions financially, the way that I would help to build a team, where the sole purpose is to compile lists of grants and bursaries available for students who are financially struggling and come for help.**
- **I would also liaise with local businesses and shops to see if there would be any chance of students receiving discounts and/or further promotions.**
- **I would also aim to run the University bus service to more affordable supermarkets for students on a semi-regular basis, examples of these being Asda, Aldi, Lidl, etc.**

Improving general facilities all over campus and off-campus learning places.

- **The facilities that the university offers are some of the best offered in the country but I believe that we can make these facilities even better.**
- **I would put more water fountains across campus, as someone who often uses refillable water bottles, I can often find it difficult to be able to refill these bottles and can find myself often spending money on single-use plastic bottles.**
- **Make sure that all the electrical outlets in buildings are working correctly, the worst part of any lecture is when your laptop loses charge and the fear of not being able to charge your laptop. Adding to this point, in lecture theatres that are lacking charger points I would aim to see if more could be added.**

Thank you all for taking the time to read and don't forget to vote on the student Union website!!! George says it is important to:



VOTE

Siya Bhatt

FOR PRESIDENT

#StandWithSiya



@siyaforphresident



@siyabhatter

Why I aspire to serve
as YOUR President!



Our students are facing challenges ranging from **academic pressures** to **financial constraints** and **mental health concerns**. As a proactive advocate, I recognise the magnitude of these issues and am prepared to tackle them head-on for you.

Every student here at Leicester deserves to be part of a **thriving campus culture** and have a **meaningful experience**. This fuels my passion to represent your concerns, champion your ambitions, and lead positive change!

My Vision



If elected, I aim to:

- **Strengthen** the student voice.
- **Secure** campus-wide affordability.
- **Sustain** fair governance.

My Priorities



- Advance the **Cost of Living Campaign**.
- Lobby the University for **increased funding** across all departments.
- Address **long waitlists** and boost counselling efficiency.
- Enhance **student support services**, including mental health.
- Advocate for increased **academic support**.

My Experience



- Currently sit on the Union's **Student Mirror Board** to ensure a balanced and supported journey for all students.
- **Course Representative** of Business whilst at College.
- Served as **Vice-President & Treasurer** in Lions Club International (Kenya).

Areas of Importance

Activities

- Work with the Activities Officer to enhance the **Freshers' experience** and make it more inclusive.
- Collaborate with Sustainability societies to make our campus more **ecologically responsible**.
- Work with Part-Time Officers to provide **more resources** for campaigns.
- Promote **student-led initiatives** and boost dynamic engagement.

Sports

- Work with the Sports Officer to initiate a phased approach for **expanding the gym** at Danielle Brown Sports Centre.
- Promote the creation of a **Women's-only gym** at Danielle Brown Sports Centre.
- Champion **student representation** across Sports Governing Boards.
- Ensure fair allocation of resources, including **funding and facilities**, for our Sports community.

Education

- Advocate for **consistent timetabling** and **balanced gaps**.
- Work with the Education Officer to **stop weekend exams**.
- Ensure **mandatory breaks** for students during 2-hour lectures.
- Ensure constant improvements to the **accessibility** of academic materials and resources.
- Push for increased **academic support**.

Well-being

- Meet the increasing demand for **mental health services** and effectively allocate resources accordingly.
- Ensure **transparency** in the reporting system for Sexual Violence survivors.
- **Bridge communication gaps** to enhance student support services.
- Address **long waitlists** and boost the efficiency of **counselling services**.

Liberation

- Ensure student representatives reflect our **diverse community**.
- Work with the Liberation Officer to offer **adequate support** across networks i.e. LGBTQ+, BAME, Women's, and Accessibility.
- Promote **Allyship awareness** and empower marginalized groups.
- Ensure **liberation-related training** is effectively delivered as required.

About me! :)

- I am 21 years old.
- I am Indian, and grew up in Kenya.
- 2nd Year Business & Management Student.
- I collaborated with various academic and extracurricular associations in Kenya. As a result, I understood the power of **diversity, internationalism**, and the **significance of making a difference!**

#StandWithSiya

 @siyaforpresident

 @siyabhatter

Bringing my Vision to Life

Strengthen the Student Voice and Experience



- Address **long waitlists** and boost the efficiency of **counselling services**.
- Push for increased **academic support** to foster a more positive learning environment.
- Ensure transparency in the **reporting system** for Sexual Violence survivors.
- Hold more **cultural events** to celebrate our diversity.
- Enhance the **Freshers'** experience and make it more inclusive for all students.
- Increase support for **student groups** in collaboration with the Activities Officer.
- Maintain measures and policies aimed at **combating discrimination and advancing equality**.
- Increase awareness of the Union's **open-door policy**, and ensure students' concerns are effectively taken into account.

Secure affordability across campus



- Provide **free food** to students in exchange for feedback through brand collaborations.
- Uphold our system for **one-off payments** to provide flexibility and financial relief.
- Create a **Cost of Living handbook**, which is an informative guide for students to assist them during their University journey in an affordable manner.
- Increase **support for signposting** students to the University's finance-related offerings, and ensure clear access to resources.
- Promote **Emergency Hardship Loans**, and ensure it is available for students who need assistance during challenging times.
- Commit to regularly evaluating the **Cost of Living on campus** and adapt our policies, programs and food outlet prices in response to evolving economic conditions.

Sustain fair Governance and Union development



- Establish an accessible Council of the **Student Parliament** to enhance democracy, and also promote clear communication by eliminating unnecessary jargon.
- Actively work with the University to tackle issues related to **Funding, Cost of Living and Sexual Violence** amongst others.
- Make the Union more **accessible and engaging** by creating a guidebook for students.
- Cultivate an environment that encourages **ongoing learning and growth** within the Union.
- Increase support to **empower** Part-Time Officers and committee members (including unelected members).
- Ensure all campaigns are adequately promoted through **cohesive communication** within the Union.
- **Bridge the gap** between the Union's Representatives and students by increasing their visibility on campus.
- Enhance the Union's assistance for **International students**, specifically the January intake.

Manifesto Booklet

Sports and Societies Candidates



CAMPAINING GOALS

3 Pillars

I will make an effort to either A: push to fix Stoughton Pitches so that our athletes have a safe, consistent place to perform, or B: find a better location to use.

SPORTS

I will provide a space for art and creativity to be valued and a push for a stronger marketing presence for the artistic venues and events such as Attenborough Arts Centre, an under utilized space

ARTS

Having regular meetings with executives of societies to find ways to bring a passion that University of Leicester students can be proudful in when participating in their talents or hobbies

SOCIETIES

SPORTS

Stoughton Pitches have been a consistent barrier to participating in University athletics because of it's terrible conditions, the lack of drain system, and remote location. As Sports and Societies Executive Officer, I would start a campaign to solve the problems with Stoughton, my solution would be:

A: Move to a different pitch

or

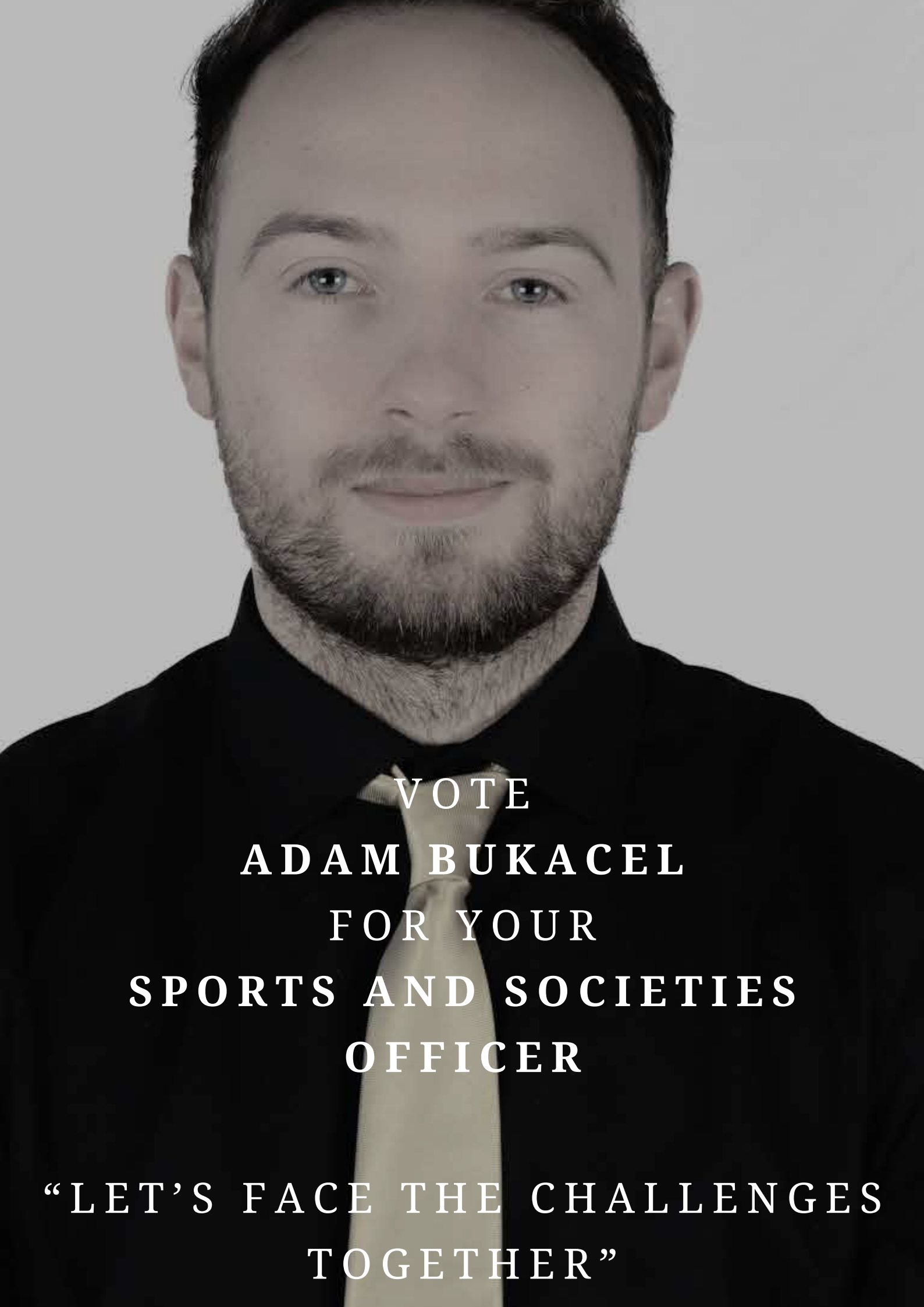
B: Fix the Stoughton Pitches

ARTS

Although the campus has many avenues for sports and recreational activities, there is less of a presence for the fine arts. I would start to promote the arts by setting up competitions, student galleries, and more artistic events to promote the creative expression of University of Leicester students. A competition that I have in mind that would blend the sports and artistic world would be a sports kits design competition.

SOCIETIES

My time apart of University of Leicester's lacrosse team has given me great pride in wearing the hawk, I would like to promote this pride and make our societies, not only a source of social value where you can meet many people and create many bonds, but a source of individual pride.

A black and white portrait of a man with a beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a light-colored tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a plain, light color.

**VOTE
ADAM BUKACEL
FOR YOUR
SPORTS AND SOCIETIES
OFFICER**

**“LET’S FACE THE CHALLENGES
TOGETHER”**



VOTE

AJAY REDDY FOR SPORTS OFFICER

**Why you should vote me as
YOUR Sports and Societies
officer!**

- You should #RallyWithAjay because I ensure equal opportunities and facilities for sports enthusiasts.
- I'd ensure a wide range of activities, from sports tournaments to cultural events, for everyone!
- Students have been overlooked I promise to restore trust and provide a vibrant sports scene for all!
- Vote for Ajay to revamp our sports clubs, retrieve sports kits, and energize sports and societies!

#RallyWithAjay





1. Inter-University Tournaments:

- Organizing inter-university sports tournaments to instill healthy competition and cultivate a sense of pride among participating students.
- Arranging on-campus sports tournaments, providing a platform for university students to showcase their skills while fostering opportunities to build new friendships and connections.
- Organizing summer sports activities and tournaments during the vacation period to actively engage students in physical pursuits and recreational competitions.
- Providing transportation and logistical support for university teams participating in external competitions, ensuring seamless representation and support for the university's sporting endeavors.

2. Sports Festivals and Events:

- Hosting sports festivals or events that feature a diverse mix of both competitive and recreational activities to cater to a wide range of interests within the student body.
- Incorporating entertainment, food, and music into sports events to establish a vibrant and festive atmosphere, attracting a larger and more diverse audience.

3. Fitness Challenges:

- Collaborating with the university to lower gym membership costs and enhance accessibility, ensuring that the gym is affordable and available to every member of the university community.
- If elected, I am committed to advancing Joe's pioneering initiative of integrating physiotherapists into sports, ensuring athletes receive comprehensive support for both their physical and mental well-being, contributing to a stronger and more resilient sports community."

4. Adaptive Sports Programs:

- Developing programs for adaptive or inclusive sports to provide opportunities for every student, regardless of ability, to actively participate in sports activities.
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7. Mobile App for Sports Community:

- Developing a mobile app tailored for the sports community, providing a centralized platform for communication, event updates, and virtual interaction among sports enthusiasts.

8. Thematic Sports Weeks:

- Organizing thematic sports weeks, dedicating each week to a specific sport or theme to generate excitement and anticipation for upcoming sports events.
- Hosting interactive sports exhibitions, offering students the opportunity to try out different sports, engage in virtual reality experiences, and gain insights into the history and culture of various sports.

5. Facility Upgrades and Maintenance:

- Advocating for improvements in sports facilities, ensuring they are well-maintained, accessible, and equipped to cater to the diverse needs of various sports.
- Collaborating closely with sponsorship representatives to ensure that university students receive high-quality sports kits in a timely manner.
- Working towards expanding or renovating facilities based on the evolving needs and demands of various sports, creating a conducive environment for athletes.

9. Wildcard Tournaments:

- Introducing wildcard tournaments that showcase unconventional or hybrid sports, fostering creativity and innovation in sports activities while providing unique and exciting experiences for participants.

6. Virtual Competitions:

- Introducing virtual sports competitions or esports tournaments to align with the growing interest in online gaming and foster a sense of community with in competitive gaming enthusiasts.

VOTE GEORGE GLOSSOP FOR SPORTS OFFICER

An immense passion for sport, an advocate for physical and mental health and a desire to see key improvements at our university. What more could you want from your sports officer?



Some of my key aims:

- **A consistent dialogue between leadership and students-** students cannot go unheard within a sports setting. I will implement monthly meetings between club representatives, myself and leadership, enabling a transparent process for any queries and complaints.
- **Using our own uni-based talent-** from keen photographers and journalists to coaches, match officials, psychologists and those in the medical fields. This enables our students to thrive and get vital experience whilst also benefitting our sports teams. It's a win-win.
- **Combatting the cost of living and mental health crisis-** students are facing damaging levels of stress, only worsened by the cost of living crisis. Sport is proven to aid mental health and one key policy would be more affordable campus leagues in a wider variety of sports. Furthermore, incentives should be in place for students to take part in community initiatives such as the Victoria Park Parkrun, which takes place right on our doorstep.

- **Using facilities elsewhere in Leicester if the universities own are not adequate-** leadership seem unwilling to spend money on our own facilities and I suggest an alternative solution would be to use other facilities within our wonderful city. However, this would by no means stop any campaign to improve our own facilities.
- **Valuing both inclusivity and performance, with neither being seen as more important than the other-** from a casual player in a campus league all the way up to world-class athletes competing on a global scale, the university should cater to your needs.

As well as so much much more!

Why am I well suited for the role?

- Significant public speaking experience, including presenting Leicester Fight Night, where I helped raise over £5000 for charity.
- Was the sports representative for my secondary school and then sixth form, where we successfully campaigned for a new 4g facility, something that would be great to have here on campus.
- Have been a part of several sports clubs within the university and seen with my own eyes what needs improvement.
- A real passion for sport and a desire for change in many areas.
- I love meeting new people and hearing what they have to say, combined with a willingness to learn and good communication skills that will enable me to thrive.

A bit about myself:

- I grew up in Derbyshire, not too far from here in Leicester.
- I found a passion for sports at my primary school.
- I have represented the university in rowing and football, both of which have been a great privilege to do.
- I am a 2nd year geography student, I have loved my university experience so far.
- I am passionate about our climate and will do all in my power for us to have a sustainable approach to sport, decreasing emissions where possible.
- I love to give new things a go, whether it be learning a new language or a sport, I'll give anything a try!

**MEANINGFUL CHANGE IS NEEDED WITHIN
SPORT AT OUR UNIVERSITY, VOTE FOR ME
FOR AN APPROACH THAT PRIORITISES
SUCCESS, INCLUSIVITY AND MOST
IMPORTANTLY, YOUR BEST INTERESTS.**

**Remember to cast your vote and
#GOFORGLOSSOP**

If you have any additional questions feel free to enquire on either
of the following:

Instagram: [George_glossop](#)
Email: gg211@student.le.ac.uk

Manifesto Booklet

Part Time Officer Candidates



Vote Bhavan

HEY!

FOR ACCESSIBILITY

I'm Bhavan a second-year psychology (BSc) student and have been advocating for youth mental health & wellbeing since leaving secondary school (where it was needed more than anywhere). I'm so grateful for the experiences I have had meeting so many strong & inspiring peers and am eager to meet many more, like you!



Name: Bhavan
Psychology BSc 2nd
Year

I want nothing more than to be a friendly face to you, acting as a bridge for your own advocacy for what you would like to implement in the University. Together, we can pioneer an inclusive atmosphere for every member of the university in an accessible way. Every person deserves to feel valued, empowered and comfortable to communicate how they feel. Without students, there would be no union – collectively we can put our thoughts in motion, something I would be honoured to support you with.

Vote here:

<https://leicesterunion.com/vote>



AIMS FOR THIS YEAR!

- **All disabilities matter, even if you can't see them.**
- Tackling the lack of support with health concerns/ anxiety.
- Mental health at the forefront.
 - Promoting diversity & inclusivity.
 - Support for undiagnosed needs.
- Advocating for safe spaces.
- Being a familiar face & a person you can trust.

VOTE

Caspian O'Donnell

Accessibility Officer



About Me

I am a current 3rd year MSc student in Biological Sciences (Zoology). Accessibility advocacy is something immensely close to my heart. As someone with Autism, I have had to spend most of my life advocating for myself and others.

After reestablishing the Autism Spectrum Society on campus in 2023, I learned how the disabled student experience on campus is vastly different from our neurotypical cohort.

I strive to be a voice for disabled students across the university. Being able to build upon my personal experiences as a disabled individual and apply it to the university community is immensely important to me, as I want to be able to help students know that the university is here for us, not against us.

Goals

- Re-establishing a dedicated social space for autistic students to decompress and regulate on campus
- Pushing for destigmatizing disabilities using inclusive language and student-body education
- Autism awareness, acceptance, and inclusion
- Disability-friendly workspace on campus

Disabled is NOT a bad word



Maria Ison for accessibility officer



little bit about me

Im a dyslexic psychology student who loves reading and using her friends to proof read everything!



what i would like to implement

I want to create a sensory friendly space on campus and create an anonymous forum for any issues

why should you vote for me!

Work with the accessibility center to improve the space and create change on campus

how can you vote?

([Leicesterunion.com/vote](https://leicesterunion.com/vote))
or at the SU





Re-Running for Accessibility Officer Siân Worton



- **Maintain communications** with different university departments
- **Continue collecting resources** for students in various disability related areas
- **Pressure the university** into fulfilling their duty of providing reliable disabled facilities
- **Represent students** with accessibility needs in whichever ways they may require
- **Increase campus accessibility**
- **Accommodation improvements** for students with accessibility needs on a variety of issues
- **Leading campaigns** for student raised issues to improve both accessibility and student satisfaction

As a physically **disabled student** who has specific learning difficulties and mental health issues, it is incredibly important to me that **students are suitably accommodated for in higher education.**

I know first-hand the **numerous barriers** there are at university and hope to remove as many as possible for students with disabilities - who make up roughly **11% of our student body!**

Let's make learning accessible!!

**Email me!
@SW634**

**VOTE
11th-15th!!**



Vote Natalie for DL Officer

About me

Full-Time Distance Learner

Final Year - BA Ancient History and
Classical Archaeology

Course and School Rep

I currently advocate the views of over
100 DL students at committees and
forums and to school staff.


I've recently created a school newsletter
specifically for DL students and their
needs.

I continue to try to make resources
more accessible and inclusive to DL
students and their learning styles.



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 [missmario](https://discord.com/users/missmario)

Projects

- Improve access to study skills and writing workshops, especially for those who have had a break from education.
- Reinstate DL Day - an on-campus event which invites distance students for tours and to meet staff and students.
- Continue with the creation of a DL Society.
- Work with the Student Union to better include distance learners.
- Work to ensure that all distance reps are able to attend meetings and are not being unintentionally locked out.

ELECT 

DHRITI
BARDHAN
FOR
INTERNATIONAL
OFFICER  AT
(leicesterunion.com/vote)
Democracy at YOUR HAND!

Why you should vote me as YOUR #INTERNATIONALOFFICER?

As an international student myself, I know MANY things are unsaid to avoid conflict, hence,

- **I want to create a space where nothing ever will go unsaid allowing YOU to exercise your rights as a VALID student of the university.**
- **My priorities lie in taking action for your current views and hosting creative and exclusive social events for you.**
- **Above all, passionately campaign to introduce bursaries and scholarships only for #INTERNATIONALSTUDENTS.**



BRIEF INTRODUCTION:
I am Dhriti Bardhan, an enthusiastic Law with Criminology International student from India. I love exploring diversity.

MY RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

- **As a Curriculum Consultant, investigated diversity, inclusivity and racial discrimination.**
- **Peer Mentor to many international and Study Abroad students.**
- **A Study Buddy for 2 consecutive years to Japanese students.**



Ruqyah Sweidan

For International Officer

Addressing the challenges faced by International Students:

- Work/Study/Life Balance
- Academic Support Needs
- Financial/Resource Needs
- Planning for Post-Graduation
- Time Management, Community Engagement & Peer Support

Advocating on Behalf of International Students

- Connecting within our community and with others on campus
- Being a bridge between students and University Leadership
- Increasing Cultural Activities
- Prioritizing Health & Wellness
- Introducing students' ideas for reforms within the University

Enhancing the Representation of International Students

- Sharing any concerns or debates regarding international political or social issues
- Increasing our visibility on the University's platforms
- Growing membership within international students societies
- Equitably supporting graduate, undergraduate, in-person & distance learning students

LGBT+ OFFICER VOTE MAEVE!

My name is Maeve Goddard and I'm a second year Criminology student. I am running for the role of LGBT+ part-time officer because I want to create an understanding, welcoming environment, and a secure support system for all. If I am elected, I will work passionately and enthusiastically to ensure:



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REPRESENTATION

- Represent the opinions, feelings and ideas of students who self-identify within the LGBTQ+ community.
- Push for inclusivity and equality within the university's policies and attitudes.
- Help celebrate our community by planning a variety of events.
- Ensure that students of all genders, sexual orientation and identity feel seen and heard.

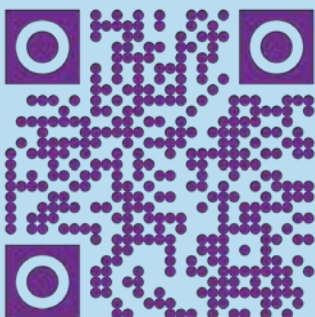
SUPPORT

- Provide support to those who need it, working to make sure no one feels excluded, unseen or discriminated against.
- Work to improve signposting to support services and push for the university to set up specialised support groups.
- Dedicate myself to better the university experience for all!

EDUCATION

- Provide a platform to educate concepts such as gender identity, in order to combat misinformation and discrimination.
- Raise awareness of different issues faced by the LGBT+ community.
- Increase education and accessibility to inclusive safe-sex products, such as mouth

11th – 15th March
VOTE HERE!



Greetings, the University of Leicester

My name is James John Chick, 18 years of age in first year, studying Politics and international Relations. This is my manifesto, the document sealing my bid to become Sustainability Officer at the University of Leicester.

I believe that progress can come from the smallest of actors in this world. The humble student certainly can still leave their mark on history to be remembered for generations. This notion, however, may well be under threat. The drive for sustainability that will secure a safe, livable future for these generations no doubt occupies the minds of many students Uni-wide. Often, I feel a sense of hopelessness riddled within the climate anxiety that plagues many of us; 'Why am I studying for an uncertain future?'. This ends with me. If I am to be elected Sustainability Officer, it will spell doom for climate doom; climate anxiety will fold to make way for a collective, student-led action, with student consultations, surveys, and democracy in the changes we make. I vow to you that I will strive to make even the action of studying at the University of Leicester a form of valid action for the climate.

What will this involve? Well, I must preface this by saying that the UoL currently sits bang in the middle of the table when it comes to sustainability according to Save The Student, placing 72/150. Crucially, our neighbours over at DMU are 7th. If that's not an incentive to better ourselves, I don't know what is. No offence, DMU, but with me we'll be coming for you. We'll achieve this in a coordinated effort, with the mandate of students across the uni. I am willing only to be a figurehead in our push for the planet. I will take none of the credit, and instead pass it onto every student here who participates in our push. This will include:

- A continuation of my SEED project, making Leicester more connected with the railways, and making fares to and from Leicester cheaper at vital times such as Christmas and other high student-traffic periods. This will save your wallet and save your footprint, two highly important reliefs that students at Leicester deserve
- An incentive system to walk more across campus and not use the bus for short hops, say between De Montfort Hall and Freemans. This will reward students for taking the sustainable route
- More instances of local vegan businesses offering their services on campus so that students may take a vital first step to a more sustainable diet. Obviously not forcing people to go fully vegan, but to help students eat guilt-free
- A campaign to ease sustainable travel for disabled students. Some sustainable actions are simply, yet unjustly, impossible for disabled students. How, for instance, is one meant to sustainably scale the mountain of the challenge before us if they are impaired in one way or another?
- A climate hotline. Many of our kin are terrified of the future that we are studying for – but it needn't be this way. Blind hope will no longer help, but to make someone realise they are a vital asset to the future of humanity, no matter the size of their arsenal for action, will give students the motivation they deserve to thrive once more
- A campaign with the SU to make carbon literacy training free for all, so we are equipped with the skills of green revolution
- And much more!

So join me, James Chick, on this phrase that sounds a lot like I'm presenting a documentary. This change all starts with you, the Leicester electorate – make a choice for the earth. Or to better DMU.



Jamie Hyland

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TRANS AND NON-BINARY OFFICER

My name is Jamie Hyland and I use he/him pronouns. I am a 1st year Psychology student. I identify as transgender and I have noticed the inequalities between trans and non-binary students and cisgender students. If I am elected, my main aim is reducing this inequality.

Pronoun Pins

- Pronoun pins available in places other than just reception
- Make sure pins are always stocked so no one has to use a pronoun badge that doesn't fit their identity

List of Trans Friendly Places

- Past Trans and Non-Binary Officers have put together booklets of information for trans and non-binary students
- I will carry on making a booklet of trans and non-binary safe places such as barbers

MY IDEAS

Name Changes

- I will advocate for quicker name changes on things such as registers and ID cards without having to have legal documents
- This will benefit the students that can't legally change their name because they are not out to their family or have financial issues

Gender Neutral Toilets

- Make information about gender neutral toilets on the university website more clear for students
- Advocate for more gender neutral toilets

Vote for Jamie - 11th~15th March

VOTE CIARA E.J. ROBINSON FOR WOMEN'S OFFICER



ABOUT ME:

HELLO! MY NAME IS CIARA AND I'M RUNNING TO BE YOUR WOMEN'S OFFICER. I AM A FIRST YEAR STUDYING AEROSPACE ENGINEERING AND WANT TO REPRESENT THE WOMEN OF OUR UNIVERSITY AND MAKE SURE YOUR VOICES ARE HEARD.

MY THREE MAIN GOALS:

-CONTINUE TO CULTIVATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT FOR FEMALE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS BY ADDING MORE LIGHTING TO DARKER AREAS ON CAMPUS, DISTRIBUTING PERSONAL ALARMS TO BE ADDED TO KEY CHAINS, AND IMPLEMENT WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING SESSIONS ON BYSTANDER INTERVENTION AND CONSENT EDUCATION.

-ORGANISE MONTHLY SOCIALS WHICH WILL PROVIDE CHANCES FOR NETWORKING, MENTORING AND SUPPORT IN ORDER TO DEVELOP A SENSE OF COMMUNITY AND SOLIDARITY AMONGST FEMALE STUDENTS.

-CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR WOMEN OF COLOUR, LGBTQ+ WOMEN AND WOMEN WITH DISABILITIES THROUGH WORKSHOPS, SEMINARS AND AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS FOCUSED ON INTERSECTIONAL FEMINISM AND THE EXPERIENCES OF MARGINALISED WOMEN.

WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE FOR ME?

MY MOTIVATION FOR RUNNING FOR THIS POSITION IS THAT I WANT TO CHALLENGE MYSELF WHILE SERVING A GREATER CAUSE. I'M AN INTROVERT AT HEART BUT I FEEL THAT TAKING ON THIS ROLE WILL BE AN INCREDIBLY EMPOWERING AND REWARDING EXPERIENCE. AS A FEMINIST AND A STRONG SUPPORTER OF GENDER EQUITY, I AM COMMITTED TO MAKING A POSITIVE DIFFERENCE FOR ALL FEMALE-IDENTIFYING STUDENTS ON CAMPUS. ULTIMATELY, I WANT THE EXPERIENCES SHARED BY ALL STUDENTS AT LEICESTER TO BE THE SAME AND NOT DIFFER DUE TO INEQUALITY.



A VOTE FOR ME, IS A VOTE FOR EQUITY

SCAN THE LINK TO VOTE

OR VOTE AT:

[HTTPS://WWW.LEICESTERUNION.COM/VOICE/DEMOCRACY/ELECTIONS/](https://www.leicesterunion.com/voice/democracy/elections/)

I am **KEERTHANA Gajjala**
running for the 2023-24 Women's
Officer Position . This is not just a
chance for me to bring change in
the university but it is for all of
US!

So VOTE wisely ❤️

I would gracefully extend my
gratitude to my previous
graduate institution where I was
ranked as " Junior Under Officers
" in NCC for college committee.
I have learned and kept in
practice discipline , unity. I would
bring up the changes especially
in these factor's:

1. Representing women
and focusing on the
most prominent issues
we face (especially
security),
2. Working with the
Student Union and
University to gain
feedback from women
and implement what
resources will permit,
and
3. Expanding and
continuing the End
Period Poverty
Campaign to ensure
that women on campus
have access to free
menstrual products,
which can otherwise
cost women thousands
of pounds over a



I would love to take up
this opportunity to bring
my self back on my toes
to make complete use of
the chance of making a
change!

Change in the university
Change outside the
university
Change for a Good!



Because I strongly believe
in this that !

“Leadership should be
more participative than
directive , more enabling
than performing “

FULL LIST OF CANDIDATES

WOMEN'S OFFICER:

Antara Nage
Keerthana Gajjala
Saranya Nambiar
Ciara E.J. Robinson

ACCESSIBILITY OFFICER:

Caspian O'Donnell
Sian Worton
Bhavan Bains
Maria Ison

TRANS AND NON-BINARY OFFICER:

Jamie Hyland

DISTANCE LEARNING OFFICER:

Natalie Hayward
Dr Precious Kemkanma Ezekwu
Chloe Williams
Yasir Alwulayi

SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER:

James Chick
J'dyl Vicker

LGBT+ OFFICER:

Maeve Goddard

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER:

Viraj Gopal Sure
Mahsima Mahdipour
Srinidhi Muralidharan
Dhriti Bardhan
Venkata Kolaparthi
Ruqyah Sweidan

MATURE AND PART TIME:

Avtar Singh

This list of candidates includes those who didn't submit their Manifesto

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FULL LIST OF CANDIDATES

EDUCATION OFFICER:

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Ahsan Ahmed Khan
Sam Walther
Akshay Thimmashetty

PRESIDENT:

Siya Bhatt
Jade Thomas
Ola Tomkowicz
Kaushik Chodvadiya
Mohammad Ismail
Shannon Finlan
Jobanjit Singh

COMMUNITY & WELLBEING OFFICER:

Sudeepthi
Reed James
Sahar Buttar
Meeraj Krishnamurthy
Satya Kundurthil

LIBERATION OFFICER:

Aishwarya Kote
Gelareh Ahadi
Collins Poku Effah
Selvakumaran Ramjibabu
Madhavi Thanniru
Sakshi Raina
Aminah Chowdhury

SPORTS & SOCIETIES OFFICER:

George Glossop
Adam Bukacel
Ajay Reddy



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