

# MEET YOUR 2021 CANDIDATES



# EDUCATION OFFICER

## ANNEMARIE DEEB

As Education Officer, I will represent the students of UoL, making sure they have a voice in their education. I will ensure direct links between the students and myself. I wish to work on the following:

- **Blended Learning Standard:** I want to create a charter that sets a standard for the way learning will go next year. It will allow students to attend lectures in person or online. It will also ensure professors regularly update their online materials.
- **Decolonise the Curriculum:** Continuing Adnan's campaign to decolonise the curriculum making it more representative.
- **Extend and Revamp Safety Net Policy:** Grades should represent a student's academic achievements. To do this I want to ensure a fair safety net policy is in place. I will fight to keep the "No Evidence" policy for mitigating circumstances
- **Wednesday/Careers:** I want to continue to have Wednesday afternoons free from lectures. I will work with the Career Center and Activities Officer to bring students more internship and job opportunities.

I will also work for:

- Library Improvements
- Two personal Tutors
- Education Support Days
- Accessible Emails

For more information about me,  
my campaign, and where to vote:

**[www.facebook.com/AnneMarie4Education](https://www.facebook.com/AnneMarie4Education)**



# EDWIN GALLEGO

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## **Quality, consistent and value-for-money education**

- **Boosting Employability** – More department-specific career events, improving the university's mentoring platform, and introduce a referee programme whereby members of staff make themselves available to write quality references for students.
- **Redeveloping Ignite** - Extensive feedback given on all assessments, lectures with accurate captions are posted on time and students have the first say on exam timetables. Mitigating circumstances and safety nets must be updated regularly according to our needs given the mental and physical pressure students currently face.
- **Reducing Financial Barriers** - Revisiting the Additional Costs campaign to ensure students receive financial support on digital equipment, printing costs and hardship funds. All students from all courses must have equal access opportunities to their education without financial limitations.
- **Addressing Mental Health** - By centring the importance of mental wellbeing to your educational experience with compulsory mental health and cultural competency training for personal tutors. Taking steps and putting up processes in place to monitor workload, address issues and set realistic deadlines and targets for students.
- **Promoting Inclusivity** - An education accessible for everyone with quality adjustments for students with learning disabilities, increasing awareness of scholarships for marginalised students and putting liberation at the core of our education.

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# RAVI KIRAN

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## About Me

Current Course at UOL- MSc Data Analysis for Business Intelligence with Industry 2021-23

## Qualifications

MBA (Durham University, UK), U.G. Information Technology, received additional training in counselling psychology.

## Work Experience

I worked as a skill development trainer and coach among students and trained over ten thousand students. Worked closely with educational institutions to improve their curriculum.

## Manifesto

1. To ensure that the constructive feedbacks and complaints of course representatives are addressed without delays and train them adequate skills to perform their roles more pragmatically.
2. Based on your suggestions, working with the academic departments to ensure that the course content is fresh and updated for prospective employment.
3. Work with the university to make sure that students are provided with safe and hygienic learning spaces.
4. To make sure that the academic issues of both the local and international students are addressed without any bias at all levels.
5. Strive forward to convince university to bring in more industrial connections, so that students will have more on campus placement and internship opportunities.
6. Build on the legacy of outgoing educational officer on important issues surrounding decolonisation of curriculum, personal tutoring and liberation groups.

# PRESIDENT

## PEDRAM BANI ASADI

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Hello, my name is **Pedram Baniasadi** (He/Him) and I am a third-year law student. Over the past 3 years, **I have fought for your interests as a Course Rep, Department Rep and NUS delegate.** I realised that systematic change comes from the top so **I am running for the President of the SU** because I want to fight on a bigger scale, pressure the senior management and renovate the SU structure.

**Here is what I want to do for you:**

### **Stand up to Nishan**

- Reduce Senior Management Salary
- Advocate for more student representation in University management meetings
- Work effectively as a Union to Pressure the University management on every decision that's against student interests

### **Why is the University taking my money?**

- A full report on how tuition fees are spent
- Provide more Financial Hardship Funds to students and continue Covid Survival Packs

### **Upgrade the SU**

- Renovation of Student Networks - turn these elected positions into a volunteer position where anyone could sign up
  - Student Council - representatives from two sides of the proposal present, live fact-checking by SU staff
  - Easier access of societies to SU grant funds
- Central board on campus which displays objectives of SU and Society events



**Manifesto Link:** <https://www.instagram.com/pedroasadi/>

# RHIANNON JENKINS

I'm running to be your President because I believe I can bring about change to improve our student experience. I don't want anyone's time at uni to be defined by COVID and I want to stop students being ignored by the very people meant to represent us.

If you vote me in, I'll ensure your voice is heard through reforming, rebuilding and realising the University's potential. My main aims as your President will be:

- To restructure and democratise University governance to ensure there's student representation at every senior board meeting, allowing for transparency and accountability
- To stop the University investing in buildings and manager salaries and instead invest in students. I want to see a full breakdown of how our £9,250 is spent and work towards ending the marketisation of Higher Education
- Bring students back to campus safely and return to the University experience we've all missed recently by securing sport and student group funding
- Make our campus safe for all by introducing mandatory training on sexual violence and alcohol awareness, unconscious bias and LGBTQ+ support
- Look after students by reducing the waiting time on counselling and providing staff with trauma based training

... that's what Rhi said!



# ACTIVITIES OFFICER

## MANOJ CHOWDARY KANIKANTI



Hello, I'm **Manoj Chowdary Kanikanti**,  
MSc International Management.

### **About me**

President, Directorate of Student Affairs SRMIST - India  
Convener, MILAN- A National Level Cultural and  
Sports Festival – SRMIST India

### **CAST YOUR PROBLEM, CAST YOUR SUGGESTION CAST YOUR VOTE!**

Reach out to me on Email: [mck15@student.le.ac.uk](mailto:mck15@student.le.ac.uk)

### **Why me?**

- Empathize International Students
- Increase Fundraising activities
- Transparent and simpler complaining
- Encourage good and focus on what can be better
- Experience in organizing activities for 4 long years

### **Awareness Programs:**

I would start an awareness program of services in diversity that are actually provided at university.

### **International Student Policies:**

I would help international students with their Post-study work VISA updates and help in your accommodation.

### **Student Groups:**

I would be the supporting person to all student groups and enhance the university experience by improving student engagement across all sectors.

### **Fund Raising:**

Covid-19 has deeply affected all the industries, to get on from this Pandemic situation and improve the facilities in the University, Funds will be raised to improve the safety facilities at the University.

### **Student Career Development:**

I would be your single point connection between Union and Career Development Service and help in increasing the internship opportunities to all students.

# TOM WOOLSEY

Hi! My name is Tom Woolsey and I'm a third year Accounting & Finance student who is running for Activities Officer!

I am currently secretary of the LGBT+ Society and Vice Chair of Societies Council, and through these experiences I realised my passion for societies and activities and so when I heard about this role it seemed perfect! I'm an extremely approachable, friendly and honest individual, and I'm super excited about the prospect of working with all of you to improve your societies, your activities and your union!

I believe voting for me is a good idea because I am adaptable and ambitious, and I'd love to be able to give back to the student body and organisation that gave me so much over my last three years at the university. With consideration to the coronavirus situation, I believe my adaptability would serve me well in this role, and I also want to ensure everyone reading this that your voice is so important!

Through collaboration I plan to make meaningful change with you all this year – and help your student groups thrive no matter the situation.

Stay safe, all my best, Tom.

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# WELLBEING OFFICER

## MILLIE LOADER

- As your wellbeing officer I will be implementing 1-to-1 chat sessions, where you can talk about anything and everything or offer suggestions on how I can improve your wellbeing at university. These will be accessible online or face to face (restrictions permitting).
- I will be working on introducing a buddy system, like the peer mentoring system but all years will be able to participate. This is so that all students will have someone they can talk to about.
- I will be trying to keep the university facilities (workshops, events, societies, wellbeing services etc) accessible online so that distance learners or students with anxieties will be able to access them still.
- Mental Health Matters campaign- working with the wellbeing services, highlighting the importance of student mental health and banishing stigma.
- Continued workshops and events surrounding sexual health, mental health, mindfulness, consent and many more.



# KARLI WAGENER

## Continued Campaigns:

### #NoShame (Men's Mental Health)

- Bring back locker room
- Events raising suicide awareness.
- Student feedback to shape campaign

### Random Acts of Kindness

- DIY workshops
- 'Stronger Together Week' against loneliness

### Here to Hear

- Listen to student issues and react accordingly

## Post-COVID Strategy:

**Flexible teaching** upon return to university.

- **Clinical Psychology Postgrad Scheme**  
Clinical Psychology postgrad students could assist counselling, reducing waiting. Wellbeing advice talks

### Outsourcing Counselling Services

- Cater to variety of needs
- Tailored support
- 48-hour access

### Wellbeing Wednesdays

- Workshops to help transition back to normality
- Work with welfare secretaries to schedule events where possible

### 2 Personal Tutors

- Familiarity with more staff members and provide choice
- Stronger support networks

### Flexible Engagement

- Continue online activities following return of in-person activities (e.g. in-person LetsDisko streamed online).

## Projects:

### Welfare Secretary Support

- Additional training and support for welfare secretaries
- Increased communication between welfare secretaries and wellbeing officer

### Women's Day Brunch

- With empowering performances from student groups
- Wall of Women

### Period Equality

- Sustainable period products on campus

### Sexual Violence

- SV Awareness Week
- "Erase the Grey"
- Empowered Campus to review procedures
- Fundraiser for Jasmine House



# LIBERATION OFFICER

## NIC FARMER

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- My name is Nic Farmer (pronouns they/he) and I am running for Liberation Officer.
- I am a 3rd year psychology undergraduate.
- I identify as a queer, black individual.
- Working as your current LGBTQ+ Officer has reinforced my passion for wanting to help students from different Liberation Groups.
- I've split my manifesto into three sections: Support, Empowerment and Morale, and Training.

### Support

- Advocating for improved counselling services for liberation groups using specialised external providers.
- Advocate for better support for religious minorities on campus.
- Continue to support the Union's Accessibility Audit.
- Creating spaces for queer and trans people of colour through online forums and groups

### Empowerment and Morale

- Continue to work with Part-Time Officers to facilitate their projects.
- Working with the Equality and Liberation Champions.
- Continuing to create amazing campaigns for important events such as International Womxn's Week.

### Training

- Implementing inclusivity training for sport societies
- Working with the Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Department (EDI) to ensure that inclusivity training for staff happens at all levels.
- Working with the Careers Service to uplift individuals in liberations groups.
- If you have any questions or queries, don't hesitate to contact me at **[nf90@student.le.ac.uk](mailto:nf90@student.le.ac.uk)**

# LAUREN HAMPTON

**REFORM THE LEICESTER AWARD:** to include training on unconscious bias, micro-aggressions, consent workshop, education programs on the issues different groups face, and Ally Skills Workshop

**YOUR VOICE MATTERS:** I will never be able to know what it's like to have faced the experiences and challenges of all liberation groups. However, I will try and understand and educated myself on all the matters. I am here to listen and advocate for your needs and bring better awareness to the issues you face.

**EVERYDAY EXPERIENCES CAMPAIGN:** Aligned with the concept of the 'Everyday Sexism Project'. This would be a platform where people could share their everyday experiences navigating their difference on a day-to-day basis.

**CONSENT IS SEXY:** Lobby the university to create a policy around affirmative consent, which establishes a yes for consent rather than the absence of a no.

**EQUITY OVER EQUALITY:** Bring about a focus on this to ensure that everyone has access to the same opportunities.

**WOMENS HOUR:** Work with the Uni's gym to implement a women's only hour once a week with only female staff.

**ATTAINMENT GAP:** Lobby the university to investigate and address the BAME attainment gap and ensure equal access to academic services

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# SPORTS OFFICER

## GEORGIA HENTON

### Main manifesto points:

#### Make sports more accessible

- Distribute free gym passes
- Review how accessible the sports facilities are
- Reintroduce the 'inclusion fund'
- Provide support for clubs with hidden costs

#### Support all clubs and sports societies during recruitment periods

- Help clubs promote themselves
- Organise competitions during "Give-It-A-Go" week to increase participation

#### Promote body positivity across all clubs

- Ensure all club members feel comfortable
- Dismantle the "perfect body" ideal
- Signpost nutrition advice

#### Ensure that all students are safe when keeping active

- Provide panic alarms and high vis accessories
- Provide free self-defence classes

#### Celebrate your achievements

- Introduce "Sportsperson of the month" where clubs can nominate individuals that they think deserve special recognition
- Showcase any achievements made by a club or society

#### Help clubs engage with the general community

- Start an annual Team Leicester food drive
- Contact schools and give clubs the opportunity to run sports sessions
- Host more RAG events to raise money for local and national charities
- Work with clubs to keep engagement high if another lockdown happens
- Work with Sport and Active Life to create safeguards surrounding gym and club refunds





# MANOJ KUMAR PALADUGU

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Universities aren't successful, People are! Sports Leadership for the Future!

My name is Manoj kumar (Paladugu), I'm a sports loved person all the time from my school. But, I haven't represented as a sports person anywhere. I need only one chance to project my interest.

Here, My first chance to represent my self to all of you as your sport officer. I believe that under my leadership University of Leicester Students' Union Sport can progress using the strong foundations already built.

## **Development and Management of Recreational Sport**

Currently our Recreational Sport for the University is being outsourced. In order for increased participation this needs to be managed internally by the Students Union in partnership with the outsourced company. There is not enough publicity or emphasis on recreational or social sport at the University, and it is likely with emphasis put on this it will diversify the participation of BUCS sports which will undoubtedly lead to an increase in participation of competitive BUCS sport.

If you support me as your friend, I'll definitely be helpful to you like a sport team. I'll take your inputs and I'll make it happen if they are really good for that I'm ready to give anything I can.

VOTE FOR ME...!

# OLIVER HAIGH

## My experience

- UOLBBALL Team Captain/Coach
- Club Committee 2019-Present
- Club Colours recipient 2020
- Final Year Law Student

## My Goals

- I aim to provide an accessible platform for all students to join the Team Leicester sporting community.
- I want to improve the overall student experience at this university, and provide support for all students staying active, not only Team Leicester members.
- To ensure a smooth reintroduction back into sporting activities, so clubs can seek to improve on the level of competition of their sport.

## How I will achieve these goals

- Greater transparency regarding eligibility and the process application of the inclusion fund.
- Placing a larger emphasis and providing more support for the creation of intramural leagues.
- Reintroduction of initiatives such as the Healthy Body Healthy Mind Campaign.
- Encouraging more students to stay active by incentivising activities such as Couch-5k.
- Maintaining successful policies such as the Exercise Pack Giveaways.
- Introduce an intermediate period for sports members where they can train without membership for an initial period at the start of the year.
- Encourage a longer preseason in order to get members up to speed.



# SAI KRISHNA VADLAMUDI

***Your Voice  
Your power***

## **My Manifesto for every student**

- Protect everyone's ***right to equal opportunity*** - no student should face any discrimination
- Contribute to improve ***female participation*** in games. (Conduct surveys and face to face sessions with female students to understand and resolve their issues)
- ***Special focus to engage disabled students*** active in sports. Monitoring and improving the ***sporting facilities for disabled students***
- Work effectively to ***implement safe gaming procedures*** immediately when sports are relaxed from COVID-19 restrictions
- ***All University of Leicester sports and games in one App!*** – This platform would give easy access to all UoL sports and have a dashboard that keeps the record of teams, players, player performances and statistics
- ***Free and anytime accessible home workout sessions*** to all students. This can be either done by publishing daily workout routines through newsletters or provide workout recordings to students
- ***Conduct surveys*** through questionnaire to a) understand the necessity of introducing and organizing new gaming events, b) improve the success rate of students in games, c) Identify financial needs and work with university committee to aid the sports students





# FULL LIST OF CANDIDATES

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## EDUCATION OFFICER:

AnneMarie Deeb  
Edwin Gallego  
Ravi Kiran  
Nagendiran Ramasubbu

## PRESIDENT:

Pedram Bani Asadi  
Rhiannon Jenkins  
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Millie Loader  
Karli Wagener

## LIBERATION OFFICER:

Nic Farmer  
Lauren Hampton

## ACTIVITIES OFFICER:

Manoj Chowdary Kanikanti  
Tom Woolsey  
Gaurav Satish Kumar  
Amulya Gantla

## SPORTS OFFICER:

Georgia Henton  
Manoj Kumar Paladugu  
Oliver Haigh  
Sai Krishna Vadlamudi



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