

MANIFESTO BOOKLET

PRESIDENT CANDIDATES



re-elect rhannon



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@rhannonforpresident

I WANT TO BE YOUR PRESIDENT (AGAIN) BECAUSE...

I've absolutely loved working for students in the SU, amplifying your voices and passion, but the first year was all about recovery from COVID - now I'd like to finish the projects I've started and get to work on student-led campaigns that highlight your concerns and promote your well-being and experience.

achieved

- **Rebuilt the relationship with Uni staff to ensure we could work together to support students**
- **Delivered graduation ceremonies for all students who had missed out because of COVID**
- **Made sure all UCU compensation went straight back into the student experience**
- **Increased visibility + engagement of SU to ensure wider student representation**
- **SU Officers now attend ExB three times a year to directly report on student concerns**
- **Revamped Student Council to increase participation**
- **Reformed Scrutiny processes to ensure fair accountability of SU**
- **Relaunched Community Kitchen**
- **24hr Library return (w. Ed Officer)**
- **VC directly approved clinical well being support funding**

MY PRIORITIES

- Address cost of living for students to ensure accessible experience for all, from food price points to Sports Inclusion fund
- Promoting student-led campaigns to make sure issues are resolved ASAP and your concerns heard
- Re-evaluating Union structures to make the SU more approachable
- Finishing the work I've started on sustainability, inclusive training, student representation at University levels & more

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Union Structures

I want to continue the work I've started on making the Students' Union more approachable by:

- Introducing office hours for Exec officers for students to visit
- Publicising the work of part-time officers and course reps more to celebrate achievements and highlight change on campus
- Simplifying the SU website for finances, questions and societies

Cost of Living

With the cost of living increasing, it's really important that the University supports students financially:

- Return of Sports Inclusion fund
- Hidden Costs bursary
- Tuition fee transparency on where fees are spent per course
- Academic societies sponsored by departments so memberships are free
- Hardship fund application made easier and more accessible

Things I'll continue working on in the future:

- International Women's Day campaign
- Funding from University to increase SU's offering
- Free childcare room on campus
- Ethical investment sustainability framework
- Introduced Officer open hours for direct feedback (think in-person Here to Hear!)
- #MeTooOnCampus meeting
- Sober socials and sponsorship programme
- COP26 declaration review with University signing
- Full Uni working group transparency to promote student representation at every level
- Continue #LeicsDecolonise with Edu. and Lib. Officers to address exclusion
- Actioning approved Boycott, Divest and Sanction policy

more for you



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- A year's worth of experience in the job, which means already established relationships and trust with key stakeholders
- A voice for students to make your campaigns the focus of the SU's year, which I've already done - from bringing bagels back to leading the Green Bubble in sustainability issues
- Raising and giving at the centre of what we do, always supporting student-selected charities



Sustainability

To continue the work of the student-led Green Bubble I'd...

- develop a sustainability framework
- look to make the zero waste shop cheaper for students
- introduce a clothes swap and more regular vintage fair to tackle consumerism
- improve waste signage and introduce compost bins on campus

Wellbeing

Having already collaborated with the well-being officer, this year I'd...

- continue the #NoShame campaign to prioritise men's mental health, through the introduction of the Locker Room
- continue to reduce counselling waiting times by increasing resource to the welfare team
- continue DeStress week to ensure safe spaces during exam season



SCAN TO SUPPORT A PRESIDENT WHO...

- has experience in the role already
- loves Leicester
- will continue supporting other officers in their campaigns and work
- hasn't missed a LetsDisco all year

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VOTE SHAHBAAZ KIANI FOR PRESIDENT



A little bit about me...

I am 23 years old and studying my master's in mechanical engineering. At the same time, I am balancing my studies with being the president of the art society, vice president and secretary of the Pakistani Society and the well-being ambassador and social secretary of the UoL volleyball club.

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I am running because...

Before I started my engineering degree, I did a medical biochemistry degree for 2 years; this has led me to have studied at the university of Leicester for 6 years. First-hand I have witnessed 6 years of change, both for better and for worse. First-hand I have witnessed years of strikes and industrial action, life before the pandemic, life during the pandemic and now life after the pandemic. As your president I want to be at the forefront to represent **YOUR** views and **YOUR** voice as we finally reach a new normality.

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#NoShame

- Men's mental health is an ongoing problem; according to the Samaritans, in England, the male suicide rate was 15.3 per 100,000.
- Building upon Karli's work, I will set up a long-standing campaign using the questionnaire results to raise further awareness and support men's mental health on campus.

#AlcoholAwareness

- Many students at the university do not drink and are unfortunately left out of socials as they are unable to attend such events.
- I plan to develop the 'be the influence' training to introduce a week-long campaign each semester, speaking to the social secretaries to get more societies involved in sober socials. This would potentially invite more people to meet one another through joint events.

#SustainabilityWeek

- I plan to continue the fantastic work being conducted with GoGreen week, Divestment, and the sustainability framework.
- With societies such as Plan-It Change, Innova society and more, we will encourage students to travel together, walking, cycling schemes, using public transport, and sharing Ubers through ideas such as increasing sheltered bike storage and umbrellas for students.
- I will implement a litter picking campaign to clean Leicester's streets and parks.

PROJECTS

Transport and Food

- I will work to have bus times extended, especially on weekends.
- Students without passes should be allowed onto the buses, where they may pay a one-way charge.
- I will work to have free busses to and from Oadby so that all students can watch their teams on Wednesdays.
- I will reintroduce the safety bus, especially considering the library is back to being open for 24 hours.
- The food provided in the SU will be cheaper so that all students can afford to eat lunch on campus.
- In order to reduce waste, food outlets will serve discount prices before close.
- I will organise trips around the UK for international students to encourage everyone to meet more people during their time here.

Well-being

- Waiting times for the university counselling service are still far too long. I will lobby for more funding to be allocated for further outsourcing.
- I will continue the work of the #NoShame and #MeToo as mentioned in my campaigns.
- I will address the issue that not enough students are aware of the report and support service.

Activities

- Oadbyfest is a fantastic event but is far from city living students. I plan to run a similar event on campus accessible to all students.
- I will address administrative issues; student groups deserve faster responses, and matters are dealt with more efficiently.
- New societies need more support; I will implement a strategy for particular focus to be assigned to new societies till they are up and running.
- The Here to Hear initiative has been a success, but I will introduce a feedback loop to indicate changes publicly.

Sports

- I will extend the opening hours of Danielle Brown and Roger Bettles sports centre, providing extra training time.
- I will lobby to improve the free weight section in the DBSC; RBSC is too far for city living students to travel.
- I will work with the university to keep the gym membership price low and allow an option to spread the cost with a direct debit.

Education

- I will work closely with the education officer to develop the blended learning strategy further. Not enough lectures are conducted in person, I will work to reverse this whilst keeping the live recording option.
- Many subjects have had blackboard exams with no option for students to show their methods. I will ensure that exams are conducted fairly, especially for STEM subjects where method marks are vital.
- Many essential books are not available on the library website. I will conduct a survey to find and lobby for further funding, so these are added.
- Secure more funding and crack down on IT issues

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