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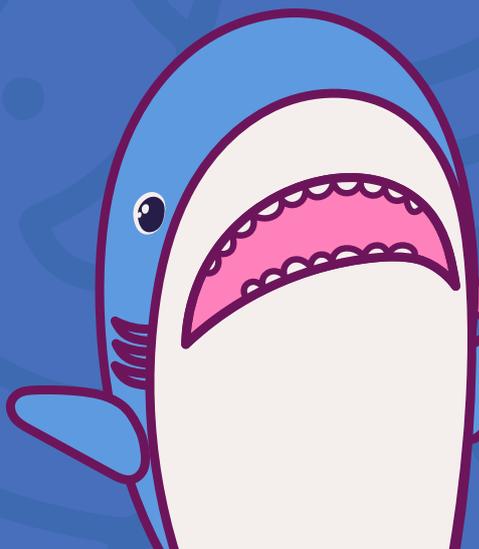
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Meet Your Candidates!

200 Words Manifesto



Who will you vote for?



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Education Officer
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Blessy Akkidasari

Stop the Squeeze: Because One Size Fits None

The University's Strategic Plan promises a community where we can all Thrive, Belong, and Succeed. But you can't "Thrive" if you're stressed about your visa, and you can't "Succeed" if resources don't fit your life. As your Education Officer, I will turn these strategic goals into your reality.



My "Stop the Squeeze" Plan:

The International Safety Net: I will advocate for a fail-proof attendance system so no student faces visa stress or immigration risks due to technical errors or cancelled lectures.

Fight for Fair Funding: I will lobby the University and national bodies to address the cost-of-living crisis, pushing for the unfreezing of student loans and expanded hardship funds to ensure financial barriers don't hinder your academic journey.

Bespoke Success: I'll leverage the Union's push for Academic Societies to ensure every cohort has tailored resources and a direct voice in module design.

Proactive Transparency: I'll utilize the Union's "knowledge bank" to ensure you know exactly how strategic changes affect your specific course before they happen.

Inclusive Mentoring: I will ensure the expansion of Peer Mentoring specifically prioritizes PGT, Foundation, and Distance learners.

Vote Blessy —for an education tailored to your life.

Srirama Madusuthanan Murugan

Hi, I'm Srirama, and I'm running to be your Education Officer.

1. Your Voice, Your Power

- Make the LeicsChat Survey more accessible and ensure it reaches every student, so your feedback is heard and acted upon.
- You Said, We Did: Publish clear reports on how your feedback leads to real change.



2. Support When You Need It

- Increase the availability of academic support sessions during exam periods, so you have the help you need at crucial times.
- Campaign for shorter waiting times for counselling services and introduce more drop-in wellbeing sessions to better support mental health.

3. From Classroom to Career

- Organise career events tailored for each course (CV clinics, employer panels, internship Q&As) to help everyone access opportunities.
- Promote part-time roles, internships, and skills workshops that are accessible to all students, not just a select few.
- Build a System/Env for transferring Resources from Seniors to Juniors

Why Me?

As a Course Rep and Peer Mentor, I've worked with staff to solve issues like better academic support and quicker access to wellbeing services. I'm ready to scale this up for everyone. If you want an Education Officer who listens, acts, and delivers, vote Srirama Madusuthanan Murugan.

Cassandra Trainor

Hello, I, Cassandra Trainor (she/her), am an Urban History MA student, and candidate for the position of Education Officer.



My primary pledge is that if elected I will do what I can to vocalise the student opposition to the subject cuts, a goal I'm calling S.O.S. (Save Our Subjects). The threat of cuts has put a number of departments at risk. These cuts deeply hurt the education and research capacities of the university and the student experience. Therefore, I suggest we hold a Student Union referendum to demonstrate student thoughts on the matter.

If elected, I would do everything I could to reflect the thoughts of the student body, and to build sustainable channels of communication to enhance our ability to be heard, not just today, but in the future also.

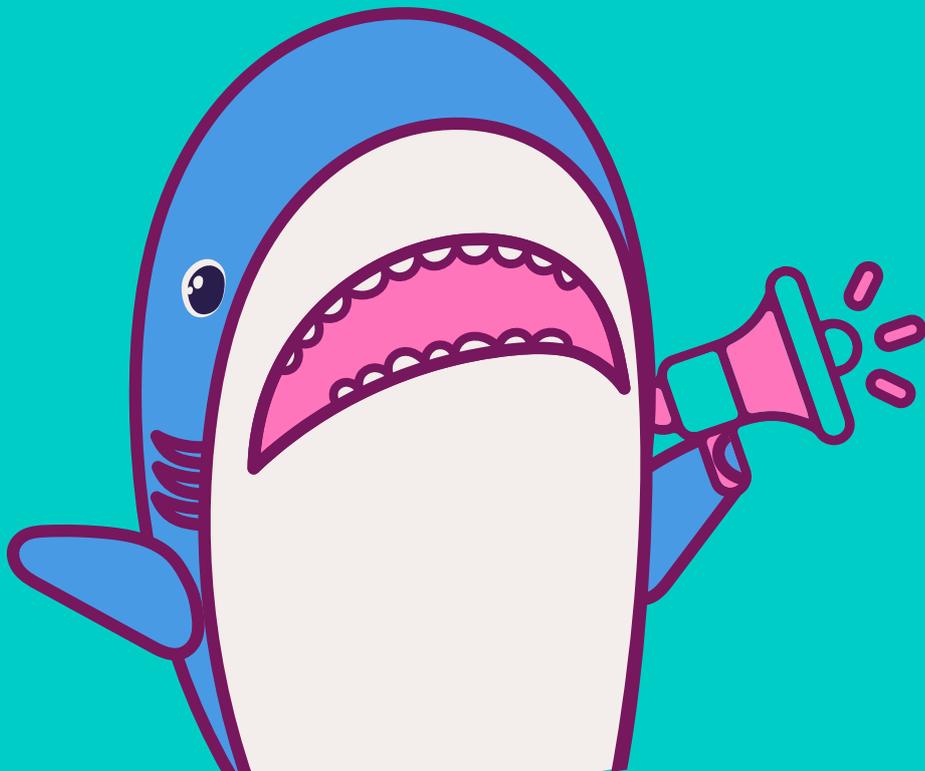
Together we can make our university an even better, more accessible, safe place to learn. I myself am autistic and a part of the LGBTQ+ community, so I understand deeply the value of accessibility and support resources in making student life possible and fulfilling.

I want to build strong links between staff and students in our common interest, to enhance our already wonderful capacity to learn and work together

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♥ **Communities Officer** ♥
200 Words



Cleo Cornou

My name is Cleo and I am re-running to be your Communities Officer!

After a successful year, I want to be in this role again to build upon my previous projects, as well as address the new issues that students face. This year I focused heavily on safety in the O2, by training security on bystander awareness and University support services to signpost to.



Next year, I want to follow that path and focus on safety in the Library. There is a growing culture of harassment within that space that needs to be addressed. I plan on working with the University to improve the social space provision, increase CCTV in the library, and more.

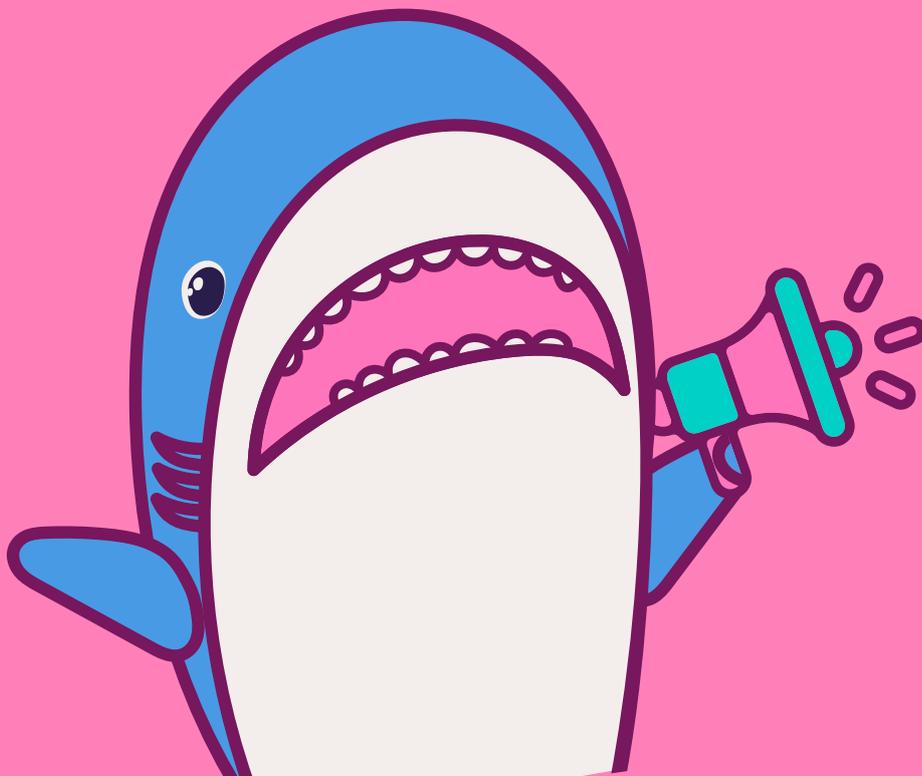
This year, the Strategic Review has been the SU's biggest priority, and in the following year, I will continue to lobby the University, particularly to improve the compensation offer to students who were impacted by the situation. Students deserve better, and I will fight for that. On top of this, I will create a new Community Kitchen in Bob Burgess. It is not okay for students to have to walk all the way to main campus to use a microwave or get hot water.

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**SU President
200 Words**



Will Daubney

As your Student Union president for 2026/27 I will strive to emphasise the unique and important opportunities that campus-based socialisation can present for the betterment of your university life. This will be achieved through a variety of diverse opportunities and events that will take place regularly on university campus. Another key focus of my campaign will be the improvement of access to and quality of artistic and especially musical expression on campus. This can be sought out by promoting more student-made art installations in and around the SU, plus the renovation of music practice rooms, and also allowing easier access to all students. Additionally, I will aim to host multiple exciting events such as open-mic nights and gigs where possible around the campus.



Furthermore, my campaign will focus on the safety of all students, staff and visitors; whether it be from physical harm or any other form of distress through robust health and safety measures and wellbeing resources. I will also be vigilant in protecting your rights and privileges as young adults and I will work in liaison with existing student rights and safety organisations to protect those rights.

Vote for Will for a safe, free and artistic campus.

Aimee Thomas-Lane

Do you know your Students' Union?

You should.

I want to help make an SU that does not feel distant or bureaucratic, but one that feels visible, supported, and genuinely student-led. I have seen first-hand just how much potential the SU has – and how it can improve.



The SU just needs a little TLC:

As president, my goal would be to improve 3 main areas:

- **Transparency:** You should know what your SU is doing; you should never be left guessing.
 - o I will introduce weekly 'What Happened This Week' updates.
- **Listening:** Support systems should be in place when students need them most; they should be visible, organised and ready for you.
 - o I will work with officers and services to develop clearer processes during disruption.
- **Collaboration:** Student issues do not sit neatly in one box; officers and departments should work together to make your student experience the best it can be.
 - o I will support collaborative campaigns that create long-term, lasting change.

I would love to talk to you further about improving our SU. If you would like to know more about what I plan to do, read my full manifesto or feel free to email me at atl10@student.le.ac.uk

Will Blewitt

My name is Will, I'm a second year History and Politics Student and I am thrilled to be a candidate for the next President of the SU. I have experience in the SU as a School rep and serving on academic council.

My experience has shown me that our SU is best when students feel listened too. This is the heart of my campaign.

My campaigning is about bringing students as close into decision making as is possible. As the strategic review takes effect and with the UCU extending their strike mandate, it's vital that the SU stands up for students. As President, I will ensure student opinion is always heard in these decisions that affect our entire university. It is also clear that Student's require greater support in finding suitable part-time employment. I would address this by organising events bringing local employers offering student-friendly work.

Finally, at a time where students are lonelier and more disconnected, we must build a community students want to be a part of. I will consult with committee members on how we can encourage further engagement with societies and with the wider student body on how students want their social spaces to function.



Ahmir Riaz

Why should you choose me as President?

Because I bring responsibility, experience, and a clear vision for progress. I do not seek this role for a title; I seek it to serve, improve systems, and represent everyone fairly. I believe leadership is about action, accountability, and measurable results.



What experience do I have?

I have academic and professional experience that strengthened my analytical thinking, decision-making, and teamwork skills. I have worked in data analysis roles managing complex projects, improving systems, and delivering measurable outcomes. These responsibilities required planning, coordination, and performing effectively under pressure. I have also participated in hackathons, volunteer initiatives, and operational roles that demanded discipline, communication, and reliability.

What leadership qualities do I bring?

- Strategic, fact-based decision-making
- Ability to remain calm under pressure
- Strong collaboration and communication skills
- Structured problem-solving approach
- Transparency and accountability

What kind of leader will I be?

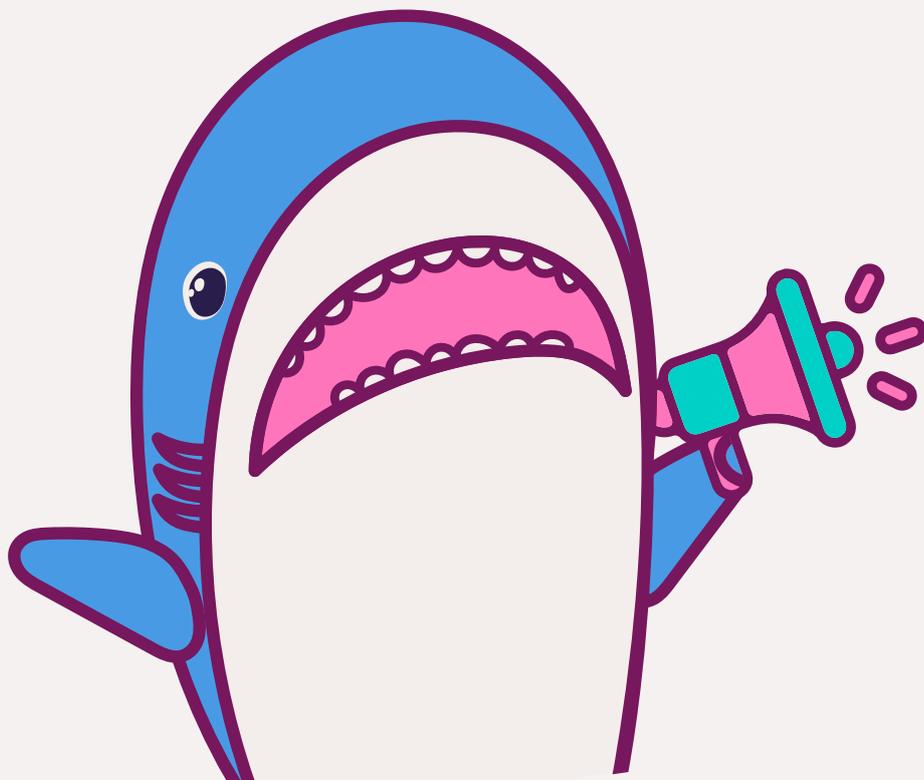
I will listen first, act responsibly, and ensure every voice is heard. I will focus on practical improvements, clear communication, and creating opportunities for growth. My goal is unity, measurable progress, and delivering real results consistently.

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Part-Time Officers 200 Words



Distance Learning

Natalie Hayward

I'm running for re-election as Distance Learning Officer because there's still more I can do to improve the experience of DL students.

About Me

- MA Ancient History and Classical Archaeology; previously completed my BA via distance learning at Leicester.
- Distance Learning Officer 24/25 and 25/26 and have completed all previous manifesto aims. These have directly benefitted, so far, over 4000 students.
- Part-Time Officer of the Year 24/25.



Projects

- Continue expanding Distance Learners' Day
I expanded Distance Learners' Day to an entire college in 2026; I'd like to expand it to include all colleges in 2027.
- Improve DL engagement with university services
Although many university services are available to DL students, they're underutilised. I'd like to try a holistic approach to improve this, involving personal tutors, schools, academic reps and support staff.
- Expand and improve DL academic representation
DL academic representatives often struggle to engage their cohorts. I'd like to work with the Voice team to provide extra training, dedicated networking events and increase the visibility of the rep system.
- Help DL feel included in societies
Many are currently not accessible for DL students, I'd like to improve this by working with societies and the activities team.

Arts

Aaron Connor

Creativity has always been central to who I am, even while studying Software Engineering.

My background across arts, design and media shaped my passion for visual storytelling and creative collaboration, while photography continues to be an important personal outlet beyond academic work. During my placement year as a digital designer within the NHS, I combine technical skills with creativity through meaningful digital projects.



Many creative students have the ideas and motivation to create but feel limited by access to spaces that support collaboration and experimentation. I'm running to represent creative students and help build a more visible and supportive arts community where creativity feels encouraged, accessible and valued.

As Arts Officer, I want to advocate for more accessible and visible creative environments across campus where students feel encouraged to experiment, collaborate and share their work. This includes exploring opportunities for collaborative creative workspaces, supporting photography and media-friendly environments, and encouraging exhibitions and informal spaces that allow students to showcase their work.

Let's create a campus where creativity has space to grow, connect and be seen.

Destiny Oboh

As Arts Officer, my vision is to make creativity more visible, accessible and connected at UOL.

Having led the 'We Create' society over the past two years, I have come to see how much talent exists on campus. My goal is to ensure this talent is nurtured through stronger support, greater accessibility, and opportunities to reach a wider audience, welcoming all students I plan to invite guest speakers from Leicester's growing creative scene to share their personal journeys and provide practical insight into building within the creative industries.



I will continue strengthening the relationship between the university and the Attenborough Arts Centre while also planning collaboration between students and the wider Leicester creative community by encouraging involvement in local creative events. By working closely with societies, I aim to help transform smaller ideas into campus-wide events and explore how UOL can better support societies in developing and delivering their projects.

Alongside this, I will organise low-pressure, workshops for students who simply want to try something new. Ultimately, my main goal is to build upon the creativity that already exists at the UOL, ensuring it is more visible, more widely celebrated and appreciated.

Arts

Viel Talens

Hi! I'm Viel, a Geology student with a lifelong passion for art.

Personally, I think art is for everyone. The main things I find that prevent interest in it are money for supplies or lack of exposure to the wide range of art media out there.



As your Arts Officer I will strive to break these barriers and make art more accessible. To do this, I will provide a larger range of activities that allow for maximum creative freedom like lino printing or clay trinket crafts; taking popularity and student availability into account.

Currently, the University of Leicester doesn't offer any explicit art courses. However, this does not mean a student art scene doesn't exist here. To support our artists and small businesses, I will also organise Artist Alley style fairs. This will allow them to promote and sell their products, encouraging connectivity between artists and curious students. These also possibly being set up to raise money for charities in relation to heritage months, e.g. Women's Aid for Women's History month.

Among many other plans, these will only be possible with your help. If my goals interest you at all, vote Viel for your 26/27 Arts Officer :D !!

Accessibility

Upasana Chatterjee

Hi, I'm Upasana, a second-year Psychology with Neuroscience student and your current School Rep, and I'm running to be your Accessibility Officer.



Accessibility matters to me because I live it every day. As a student with ADHD, I know how frustrating it can be to chase adjustments, explain your needs again and again, or feel like university spaces were not designed with you in mind. Support should not feel like a battle.

I want to help create a campus where accessibility is built in from the start, not added as an afterthought.

If elected, I will focus on four things: making sure reasonable adjustments actually happen, improving accessibility at SU events, creating supportive spaces for disabled and neurodivergent students to connect, and raising awareness of invisible disabilities so no one feels overlooked.

I am approachable, practical, and committed to listening. I will work closely with students and staff to turn feedback into real, everyday changes that make university life easier and more inclusive.

Everyone deserves to feel they belong here.

Vote Upasana for Accessibility Officer and let's make our university work for all of us.

Accessibility

Eloise Humble

My name is Eloise, and I am both neurodivergent and physically disabled. Due to this, accessibility was on my mind when I was looking at universities and has continued to be a concern as a student.

I'm running for this position to support students in being able to access equal opportunities.



Issues

From my own experience, and from talking to other disabled students, I know that disabled students often struggle to access opportunities that are more easily available to able-bodied students. One barrier to access is that it is not always clear if an event will be accessible. To tackle this, I would push for clear accessibility information to be available for all university run/affiliated events. In addition, I believe that accessibility often suffers because people aren't aware of the range of access needs students could have, so I would encourage better information around accessibility. This could be promoted through a variety of means, from small scale actions such as informative posts on social media, to training sessions. I would also ensure that students received clear communication on who they should speak to about any accessibility issues that arise, as I have found that sometimes information isn't entirely clear.

Accessibility

Nathaneal Smith

Hi! I am Nathaneal (Nate) and I am running to be your next Accessibility Officer at the Leicester Student Union. As a disabled and neurodiverse student I am passionate about breaking down the barriers that students like me face every day at Leicester.

University is challenging enough without the stress of inaccessibility. I am running because I want to turn our conversations into real action. from creating a reliable campus access map to making sure society committees are effectively trained. My goal is to make sure accessibility is built in from the start, not just added as an afterthought. Because accessibility is everyone's responsibility.



My Core Pledges:

- **The Ultimate Access Map:** Creating a student-led map detailing step-free routes and sighted guide information across campus.
- **Inclusive Student Groups:** Mandating accessibility training for all society committees so every student group is inclusive.
- **Academic Equity:** Pushing for mandatory auto-captioning on lectures and requiring slides 24 hours in advance.
- **Sensory-Friendly Events:** Introducing "quiet hours" for major SU events and campaigning for inclusive gym sessions.

With experience as a Course Rep and disability support volunteer, I have the lived experience to spot the problems and I have determination to fix them.

Ethnic Equity

Oyinda Adeyemo

I believe every student deserves to feel seen, valued, and empowered to succeed.

As Ethnic Equity Officer, my goal is to build a university environment where students from underrepresented backgrounds feel a true sense of belonging, socially, culturally, and academically.

I will work to create more inclusive and meaningful cultural events that celebrate the diversity of our student body. Cultural showcases, heritage months, and collaborative events with student societies will help ensure that diversity is recognised. Second, I will prioritise greater presence in academic spaces. Students should feel confident and supported within their courses. I will advocate for accessible academic support such as study groups and workshops focused on navigating university. No student should feel isolated when seeking help or unsure where to turn.

I will also create safe and open conversations where students can speak honestly about their experiences. Listening feedback sessions, and anonymous reporting opportunities will help ensure concerns are heard and acted upon. In addition, I want to strengthen practical support networks. This includes partnerships with academic departments, wellbeing services, and student societies to make resources clearer and easier to access.



Ethnic Equity

Abigail Bawuah

I am excited to run for Ethnic Equity Officer. I plan to prioritise the mental health of Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) students by tackling loneliness, providing accurate representation, and striving for equitable education opportunities for ethnically diverse individuals.



How Can We Build a Community Where Everyone Thrives?

- Tackle loneliness and foster community for ethnically diverse students.
- Encourage collaboration between societies to increase exposure and reach students who may feel isolated.
- Support initiatives that improve visibility and accessibility.
- Create inclusive spaces that foster meaningful connections.
- Ensure initiatives reflect student voices through surveys, consultations, and feedback, so BAME students are truly represented and their mental health is prioritised.
- Advocate for equitable access to opportunities such as internships and placement years.
- Partner with organisations like SEO London to help underrepresented students access mentoring and internships for competitive industries

Let's make our campus a place where everyone can thrive. I would be proud to represent your voices as Equity Officer.
#AbiforEQUITY :)

Ethnic Equity

Thibi Kogulanathan

As an inclusive and approachable person, I believe I am a strong candidate for the role of Ethnic Equity Officer because I am keen to promote safety and encourage ethnic students to voice their opinions.



Ever feel like a visitor instead of a student?

Although there is a diverse range of cultures within our university campus, the sense of belonging feels concealed, especially for international students and students from outside of Leicester. My aim is to change this perception and create a friendlier and welcoming environment. What I will bring to this role

I intend to act as a responsible and approachable leader, enabling other students to reach out to me when they feel unheard or left out. Introducing history curriculum schemes that represent every culture will be more inclusive, and even encourage students to connect with each other to find out more about each other's backgrounds.

In regards to the international students, I hope to encourage them to be more confident with interacting with me and other peers, without allowing language to act as a barrier.

VOTE FOR THIBI

My manifesto is a promise of action, not just words – vote for a transparent and dedicated voice on campus.

Ethnic Equity

Razia Memon

Hi voters, my name is Razia Memon and I am running to be your Ethnic Equity Officer this academic year.

I am committed to ensuring that every student at the University of Leicester feels included, valued, and ethnically represented.

As a community, one of our primary goals should be strengthening safety measures so that every individual feels protected and has a positive experience during their studies.

My Policies and Objectives Include:

★ | Launching an Ethnic Minority Mentorship Network, enabling students from BAME backgrounds to connect with senior professionals within their chosen industries and receive tailored support and guidance.

★ | Introducing Cultural & Interfaith Collaboration across cultural and religious societies, creating opportunities for students to share their traditions, heritage, and lived experiences.

★ | Establishing Clear & Supportive Reporting Pathways through confidential 1-1, in-person or virtual drop-in sessions, ensuring students can raise concerns regarding discrimination or abuse.

With your support, we can bring meaningful change to the Students' Union. Your Voice. Your Vote.

- ★ | Vote Reformation.
- ★ | Vote Representation.
- ★ | Vote Racial Equality.
- ★ | Vote Razia Memon

2nd-6th March.



Sports

Demi Adewuyi

As a member of the American Football Society and an elite athlete scholar, I have experienced university sport both in the UK and the United States. I have seen how strong sports culture shapes university identity, pride and student life.



Leicester is a diverse university with over 40 sports teams and incredibly talented athletes. However many teams struggle with limited promotion, poor matchday environments, minimal spectator provisions and funding concerns. Students often do not know when games are happening or how to support their teams. Right now too many of our athletes feel invisible.

I am running to transform Team Leicester.

My priorities are to improve matchday visibility and promotion, advocate for better spectator provisions, push for clearer transport and funding processes, and explore financial support for students who may struggle with sports fees. I also want to strengthen communication between clubs and the SU through structured forums so that athletes have a consistent voice in decision making.

Sport should not feel like an afterthought. It should be something the whole university is proud of.

Vote Demi Adewuyi.
Transform Team Leicester.

Trans and Non-Binary

Jack Duggan

My name is Jack Duggan and I'm running to be your next Trans and Non-Binary (TNB) Officer. I'm non-binary (they/them) and have significant experience relevant to this role.

I've volunteered as Student Rep for three years. I've been professionally employed in a university Student Experience team, so I know what university looks like on the other side. My ongoing PhD research is centred on the representation (or lack of it!) of marginalised communities, and I regularly present on this topic.

As the Trans and Non-Binary Officer, I would work hard to help TNB people feel safe, understood, and supported in their time at the University. To do this, I would ensure that there are regular community spaces available for TNB people to meet up and support each other; I'd ensure that Cis people have the opportunity to learn more about TNB identities and issues to gain understanding and to be better allies; and I would petition and work with the University to make certain that all University practice is planned and conducted with an understanding of issues facing and concerns of TNB people.

Let's work together to show TNB people that they are seen and that they are safe here.



Trans and Non-Binary

Abby Simpkin

For too long, trans* and non-binary students have gone ignored and deprioritised by the University.

If you elect me as your Trans and Non-Binary officer, I will ensure that trans* identities are integrated into all relevant aspects of university life, including being platformed during 2SLGBTQIA+ History Month, organising university-wide awareness and education opportunities during Trans* History Week, and continuing the tradition of hosting a vigil on Trans* Remembrance Day.



I am qualified for this role because I have a history of speaking up for trans* rights at protests and Pride events, in the academic year 24/25 I was the president of the LGBTQ+ Society, and during my presidency, we ran 'The Big Gay Gala', one of the society's most attended events in its history. I plan to work closely with trans* students, the LGBTQ+ Society, the LGBT+ Officer, the Liberation Officer, and whoever else I must meet with to improve trans* students' experience at the University of Leicester.

I am committed to normalising the presence of trans* people, which will reduce the amount of discrimination we face on and around campus, and creating a community where members of the trans* student body can feel safe and unjudged.

Sustainability

James Chick

My name is James Chick, a UoL student studying abroad in Strasbourg. Some may remember me from my last tenure as Sustainability Officer in 24/25. This time, I plan to go bigger.



I pledge to

- Roll out a 'climate census' across the University with the goal of producing a tailor-made climate action plan, built to accommodate what makes Leicester special.
 - This would clear the way to making the mere act of studying at UoL a meaningful form of climate action in an environmental sanctuary
- Continue fighting hard to give sustainable travel back to Leicester. This includes an investigation as to whether the diesel buses between Leicester and Oadby are still fit for environmental and accessibility purposes. As well as this, campaign for a discount on train and coach travel for students.
 - If this happens on open days, why not for actual students?
- Continue my campaign for greater rail connectivity in Leicester, from building new lines to asking for more services.
- Dispose of the companies with horrendous environmental and human rights records that we encounter daily from our shelves. This can be in line with international boycott lists.

I hope I can count on your vote,
-James

Sustainability

Leon Lehal

I am a course rep for year 2 physics, as well as a Leicester 100 member, giving me experience in leadership and decision making.

The university has a role in protecting our environment and ensure we will not be held back by climate change. It is vital that people are educated about sustainability and what they can do to play their part.

I will push for more sustainability events closer to individual departments across the university, so that people studying different subjects can learn how they can contribute to improving the climate through their interests.

To get people involved, I will organise recycling competitions where people can earn prizes, as well as interactive events for people to taste plant-based foods and use sustainable technology. Every voice needs to be heard, so I will push out surveys about what people think about sustainability at university.

Vote for me so that we can improve sustainability for everyone.



Societies

Yajna Seebaluck

Hello, I am Yajna Seebaluck and I am a first year Law LLB/Maîtrise student. I am committed towards strengthening the relationship between societies and the Students' Union so that every committee feels supported and every student feels included.



I will work to improve communication between societies and the SU by encouraging regular updates, open forums and shared meeting summaries. As a central point of contact, I will ensure societies are aware of available resources, funding guidance, training opportunities and promotional support so that they may thrive. I am dedicated towards helping societies design more inclusive events that accommodate commuter students, those with parttime jobs, marginalised groups and students facing financial barriers. This includes promoting bursary schemes and facilitating effective financial management. I will also prioritise yearround promotion of society activities and foster intersociety collaboration to enrich student life.

I believe in inclusivity, transparency, proactive leadership and equality. My experience as Course Representative and FirstYear Representative of the Law Society has strengthened my communication, timemanagement and problemsolving skills. As Societies Officer, I would empower societies, amplify student voices and build a more connected, accessible and vibrant university community. Thank you for your time and I hope to secure your vote!

Societies

Yeeb Tanim

Hi!! I am Yeeb, a first year who loves music, anime, food, humor, and maybe a few too many horror games.

As an international student, I enjoy meeting new people and discovering different interests, and I want to help others do the same.

My goal is to make student life more inclusive, creative, and engaging for everyone. I want to support niche interests, help students find their communities, and create spaces where people feel comfortable sharing ideas and feedback.

To do this, I plan to open monthly suggestion windows on Instagram so students can easily message ideas for new societies they'd like to start. I'll also post simple guides explaining how to create a society step by step, plus host open workshops where students can share thoughts about existing groups and suggest improvements.

To boost engagement, I want to launch a dedicated Instagram page showcasing what societies are really like. This will include fast paced mini vlogs visiting different events, answering student questions, and highlighting each society's vibe. Polls, clips, and photo features will keep content interactive while giving societies more exposure and help students discover where they belong.



Women's

Jamila Bhagat

I am Jamila, a first-year Law student and international student from Dubai, running for Women's Officer with one clear aim: to ensure every woman feels supported, represented, and able to thrive academically, socially, and personally. Women's experiences are shaped by diverse backgrounds, responsibilities, and pressures, so a one-size-fits-all approach does not work.



Building on initiatives such as women-only study spaces, increased sports access, and wellbeing content, my focus is on deepening impact, improving accessibility, and ensuring support is consistent and visible rather than one-off. My leadership experience spans organizing a 750+ delegate conference, holding multiple committee roles, managing pro-bono projects, and working across sectors, including education, research, marketing, and nonprofit advocacy for women's education. I believe well-being is foundational to academic success and must be treated as integral, not optional. Representation must also be active: listening to women's voices and translating them into accountable action.

My priorities include consistent wellbeing support, inclusive women-only fitness sessions such as Zumba, expanded academic support during assessment periods, intergenerational community building by assisting student mothers and mature students, and greater engagement with the Students' Union through visible, responsive leadership. I aim to be an Officer who is approachable, proactive, and committed to meaningful change.

Women's

Faheemah Ismael

Every woman at university knows that feeling. Checking over your shoulder after dark, timing library sessions to avoid walking alone, anxious at bus stops in winter. We've normalised it, but we shouldn't have to.



I'm a Year 2 Medical Physiology student, a Muslim hijabi woman from a minority ethnic background, and a first-generation immigrant- one of the first in my family at university. I've earned my place here, and so have you. If you look like me or navigate campus without a roadmap, I want to represent you. You deserve to feel safe and heard.

Working evening shifts and using public transport daily. Walking after dark or waiting at bus stops alone. A reality for many. As course rep, women confide concerns they'd never formally report, and through being part of ISoc spaces, bringing women together, reflecting Islam's emphasis on our rights.

What I'll deliver:

- Women-only safety forums + anonymous evidence form
- Safe Routes Map (lit routes, CCTV, help points, waiting spots) – updated termly
- Lighting audit on University Road and Oadby with Security/City Council
- Press Arriva for better winter evening buses – publish responses
- "Report in 60 seconds" QR linking to support

Let's walk freely.

Women's

Zaynab Mohammed

Officers are responsible for shaping real change, which would include ensuring student voices influence institutional decisions.

I am standing for Women's Officer because representation must be effective. While progress has been made, many women still face barriers that impact their confidence. These concerns should not be treated as isolated incidents but addressed with structure.



If elected, I will prioritise key areas:

Creating clear and accessible channels for women to raise concerns safely and confidently

Strengthening collaboration with societies to foster a community that is ambitious and supportive.

Delivering impactful networking and speaker events featuring inspiring professionals, complemented by structured study initiatives and thoughtfully curated social events

Leadership requires composure, not just discussion. I am committed to representing women with professionalism, ensuring their voices are heard at every level of the Students' Union. If you believe in structured advocacy, I would value your support and would deliver results with poise. Ambition deserves structure; I intend to provide it.

Women's

Vinita Panchal

I'm a second-year Engineering student and School & Academic Representative who understands firsthand what it feels like to study in a male-dominated space. I've already worked to build a fully gender-balanced Engineering Society committee – and I want to take that same practical approach into the role of Part-Time Women's Officer!



 **Making Support Clear & Approachable:** Creating simple, student-friendly guides for reporting, wellbeing, and academic support so no one feels overwhelmed when seeking help. I will also hold regular women's forums  (online & in-person) to ensure your concerns are heard and acted upon.

 **Building Community & Connection:** Organising informal events , peer-support spaces , and cross-discipline networking, especially in underrepresented courses, and build a stronger sense of belonging.

 **Confidence, Leadership & Opportunity:** Promoting women in leadership , celebrating achievements , and collaborating with external organisations for mentorship and career workshops .

 **Inclusive & Safe Spaces:** Working alongside liberation and cultural societies to ensure all women feel represented, respected, and supported .

Vote for change, empowerment, and a stronger community that genuinely supports you .

Edith Malemba

I'm running for re-election as PGR Officer to continue building a PGR community that is connected, inclusive, and genuinely representative.

Over the past year, I've worked to create spaces where PGR voices can be heard, supported campaigns and events that prioritise wellbeing and connection, and ensured that distance-learning PGRs are part of the conversation - not an afterthought. If re-elected, my focus will be on embedding and expanding this work.

I will push for a dedicated PGR Pitstop on the SU website, host more meaningful and accessible events for distance learners, strengthen routes for every PGR to share their voice, and develop a clear, inclusive PGR activities calendar. This role isn't about one-off initiatives - it's about building structures that support PGRs throughout their research journey.

Vote Edith - for community, visibility, and voice.



International

Sanya Dudeja

Hello, I'm Sanya Dudeja, a second year international LLB LAW student and I'm running to be your Part-Time International Officer because your voice deserves to be heard loud and clear.



Since arriving in the UK alone, I have grown from a confused newcomer into someone ready to lead and represent our community. From confusing first days to finding housing, managing money, and planning a future career, I have lived those challenges and I want to turn them into opportunities for all of us.

My motto is simple: Stronger representation of international students, clear communication and real housing support you can rely on.

If elected, I will organise monthly meet-and-greet and social events made especially for international students, building a welcoming community where no one feels alone. I will listen through surveys, open forums, and direct communication so your ideas shape every decision.

I will launch an International Student Life Toolkit, a one-stop guide covering banking, GP registration, housing, budgeting, wellbeing, and adapting to UK life. It will also include career advice, internship resources, and job-market insights to help you succeed from day one.

I will also provide practical housing support with clear guidance on contracts, deposits, and affordable living, so every student feels safe and secure.

Vote for me and help shape a future that puts international students first.

International

Xiaofan Liu

A bit about me:

I am a first year Chemistry student and the current first year course rep.

- I was born and raised in Malawi, Africa.
- I studied in an international school from reception to high school.
- I am bilingual (fully fluent in Mandarin and English), and I also studied French and Spanish for a few years.
- I have led and participated in multiple service clubs with student members of different cultural backgrounds and ages.



Key aims:

- Talk to, listen to, and represent all International students.
- Plan fun and culturally diverse events to help international students integrate into University life, as well as build, and develop a sense of community.
- Promote culturally inclusive environments, and reducing isolation by encouraging social engagement, and participation in campus life, and the local community.
- Improving current resources and information hubs to address a wider range of issues and challenges that new, and current international students face.
- Looking at ways to tackle language barriers: offering resources in different languages, providing subtitles/translations, creating a University key terms/definitions booklet.

Vote Xiaofan for International Student's officer

International

Anton Ryans

Hey! My name is Anton Ryans (he/him), I was born in India, raised in Qatar, and now I am an international student in Leicester, currently doing my year abroad in Amsterdam, Netherlands and I will be back to Leicester next academic year for my final year for my BSc Computer Science degree.



Why me?

Awarded the Best Student Group of the Year in 23/24 for Computer Science Society while serving as Social Secretary.

Founder and President of Filmmaking Society for 24/25.

Exchange Student in VU Amsterdam, Netherlands for 25/26.

My goals:

- Introduce Speed Friending events to foster friendships.
- Introduce Culture Spotlight events showcasing Games, Music, Dance, Art, and Food from a Culture.
- Celebrate Various Cultural Events throughout the year.
- Monthly check-ins and being approachable and reachable via my Instagram account (@anton4internationalofficer)
- Providing an organised collection of useful guides for international students (like cheap student meals and food).
- Listening to the community and raising issues with the SU and the University about issues related to the international student community.
- Organising monthly support groups & discussions to discuss issues & student life.
- Providing career support events.

Follow @anton4internationalofficer on Instagram :D

Full list of FTO candidates



SU President:

Ahmir Riaz
Aimee Thomas-Lane
Will Blewitt
Will Daubney

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Xiaofan Liu

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Jamila Bhagat
Vinita Panchal
Zaynab Mohammed

Accessibility Officer:

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Nathaneal Smith
Upasana Chatterjee

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Aaron Connor
Destiny Oboh
Viel Talens

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Jack Duggan

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