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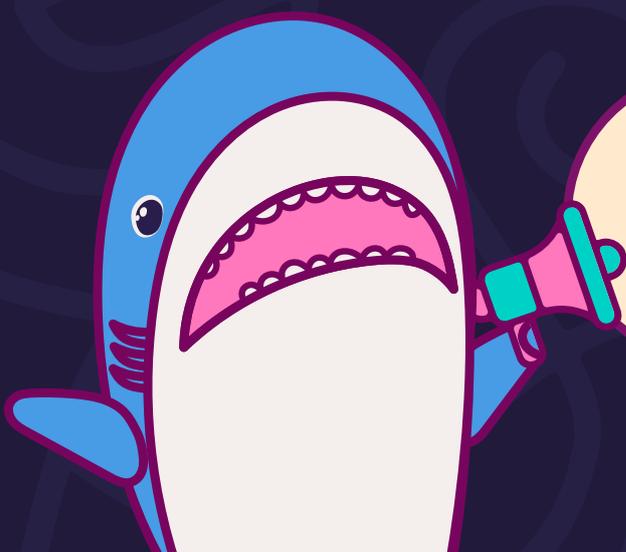
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Candidate Manifestos!



The views expressed by the individual candidates are not necessarily the views of the Students' Union. We encourage you as a student to carefully consider what the candidates have stated in deciding whom you wish to cast your vote(s) for.



**Your voice
Matters!**

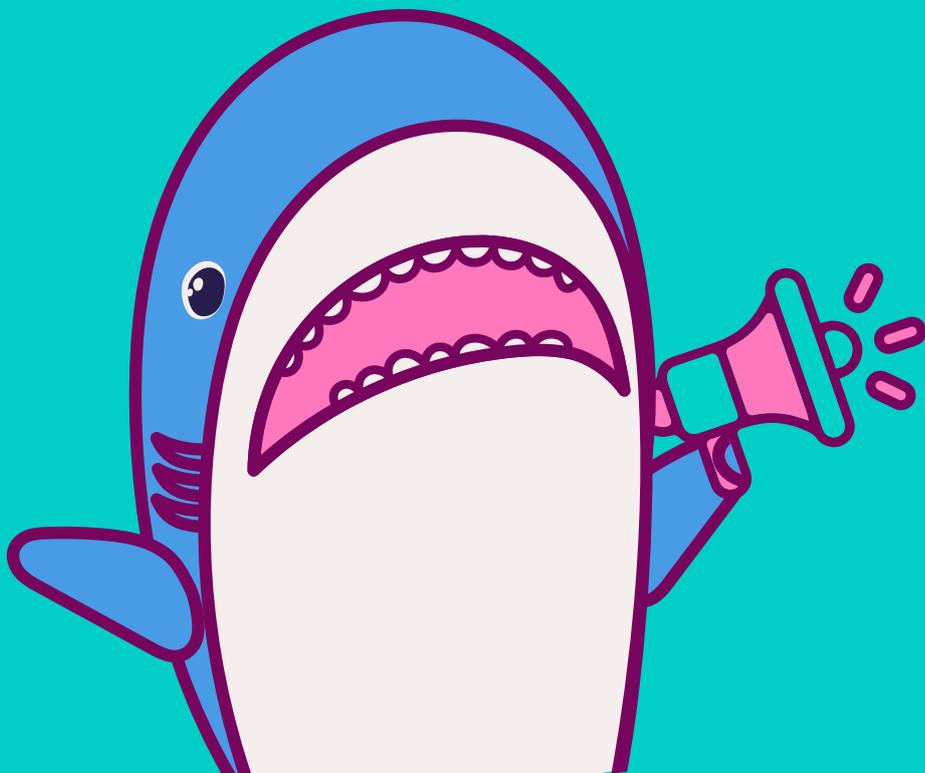


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♥ **Communities Officer** ♥
Manifestos



Re-elect **Cleo** for **Communities**



About me

- I am the SU's current Communities Officer
- I coach Hip Hop for the Cheer Society
- I play Ultimate Frisbee Internationally!
- I am French
- I graduated with a BSc in Criminology with Forensic Psychology last summer

Why me?



- I have experience in this role
- I have a deep understanding of the Strategic Review and can lobby the university effectively on this topic.
- I can build upon my successes so far (check out page 2!)



Key Successes

New Policies

- The Student Remuneration Policy ensures students are consistently compensated for their time and work
- The Personal Relationships Policy safeguards students with a stricter ban on intimate relationships between University staff and students



O2 Safety

Security in the O2 will now be trained on bystander awareness and University support and report services to signpost students appropriately

Representation / Lobbying work

I have lobbied the University heavily on multiple topics such as the Strategic Review, compensation, the bus service, and student employment.



and more... check out my instagram!
[@cleo4communities](#)

My Priorities

Library Safety



After focusing on the O2, I want to make the library a safe space to study, free of harassment and anti-social behaviour.



Social Spaces on Campus

After introducing the SU Lounge this year, I will create more social spaces, like a cinema room, and renovate the current spaces (SU Square etc) to be more comfortable and inviting

Compensation for missed teaching

I will continue to lobby the University for more students to receive fairer and better compensation for their missed teaching. I will also ensure the University minimises the impact of the Strategic Review on students



Community Kitchen in SBB

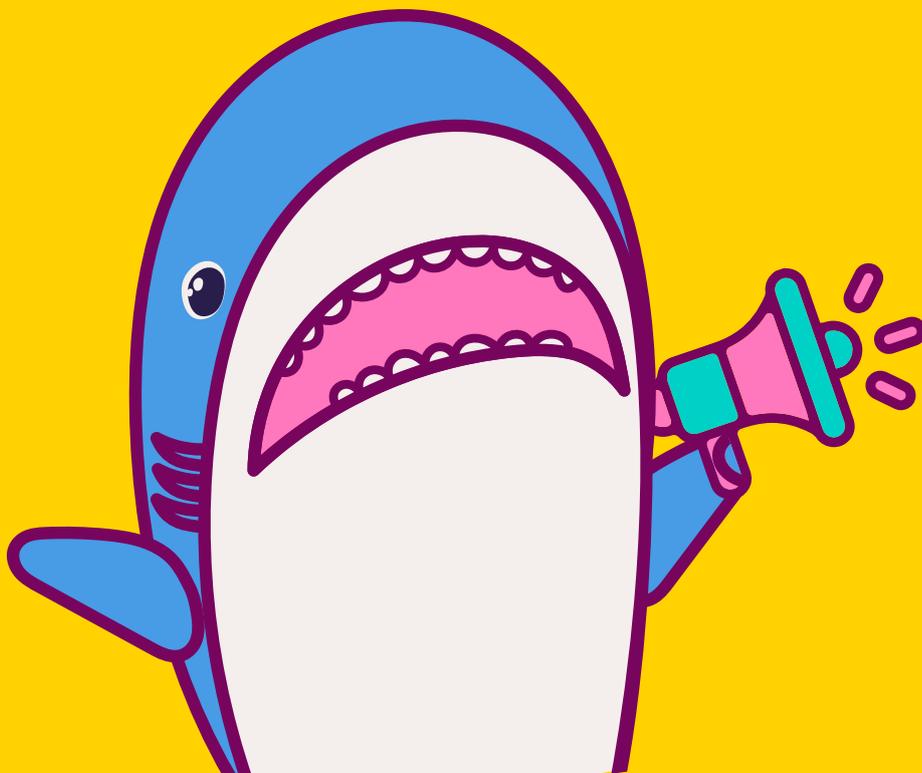
Introduce a kitchen with a microwave, free hot water, and free leftover food for students in SBB

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Education Officer Manifestos



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CASSANDRA TRAINOR

For Education officer

- I believe in this university and it's student body.
- If elected my aim will always be to represent the beliefs of my fellow students, to relentlessly pursue our interests and wellbeing.
- I wish deeply to build strong links between staff and students in our common interest, to enhance our already wonderful capacity to learn and work Together



**Studying Urban History MA
23 Years Old (She/Her)**

My Primary Pledge: S.O.S. (Save Our Subjects)

If elected to the position of education officer I will do all I can to voice student opposition to the threats of cuts to various subjects across our university.

Modern Foreign Languages, the Film school, Chemistry, Geology, Geography, and my own history department have all been put at serious risk by university administration.

Needless to say staff cuts in these or any department would **MASSIVELY** impact the education and research capacities of the university. I have seen and heard serious opposition from students on this issue, and I personally believe that we in the student body ought to be allowed a Student Union Referendum on the topic, much like the one recently conducted on defence contracts, so that we can properly document and convey the opinion of we students to the administration.

MY AIMS AND IDEAS

Point One: S.O.S. (Save Our Subjects)

Beyond an SU Referendum on the question of cuts, I'd also seek to strengthen our existing student voice organisations and build sustainable links within the student body and in our relations with staff, to hopefully not just fight this issue, but future challenges we may face.

It causes me deep concern to imagine that degrees like that which drew me to this outstanding university may no longer exist, and I can only imagine how it feels to hear that your entire department itself is at threat. It is, I believe, a threat to education itself at our university, and that is why it is such a priority for me.

Point Two: Accessibility

As an autistic person accessibility is something I take seriously. Were it not for excellent support at this university and throughout my academic career I would not have been able to pursue my deep held interests in education. I'm deeply thankful for these resources and the help I've been given, and I would if elected do what I can to keep those services running, and supporting my fellow students, at all stages of their university journey.

Point Three: Communication

Communication is integral to my ideas for improving the student experience. I support projects like the Leicester 100, and the strides the voice team have made in pursuing genuine student representation.

I would aim to build community among students, and with staff. I would aim to expand pre-existing feedback and communication systems, get seriously involved in planning for education related events, such as departmental social events, symposiums and more, and to be as transparent as possible in my work.

I want to be able to convey YOUR ideas.



Point Four: Quality of Life

As a final point I wanted to mention my commitment to improving our study spaces, I spend a great deal of time reading and working in the Attenborough Building and the Library and in that time have thought of some things which would improve the experience. For example the addition of water machines to those buildings which do not yet have them

My Experience

I have elaborated my ideas and now feel I must explain why I believe myself to be capable of the job and worthy of your trust.

Hands-on Experience:

I have worked in a public facing job for my local council within the library service, worked for my undergraduate university as a Research Assistant. I have ran in student elections all my academic life, including for my previous university's equivalent role to the Academic Officer role I am running for today. I served as a departmental representative for history at that same university, doing what I could to convey student's needs and suggestions to the staff and that university's student union.

I am autistic and a member of the LGBTQ+ community, I think these life experiences give me a specific perspective on building community and communicating with staff and fellow students, I deeply believe we can work together to make our university and our world a better place.

I have also been taking Dutch Lessons with the university through the Languages at Leicester program and have met many fellow language learning students through events, these ties to the department of languages are part of why I feel so strongly about the threat they face.

I studied History and Politics as my undergraduate and have always had a serious appreciation for organisation and the ways we can work together to achieve common goals. I pledge that I would bring all the skills I can muster in communication, listening, and learning to this job should you choose me as your representative.

CONTACT ME: CCET1@STUDENT.LE.AC.UK

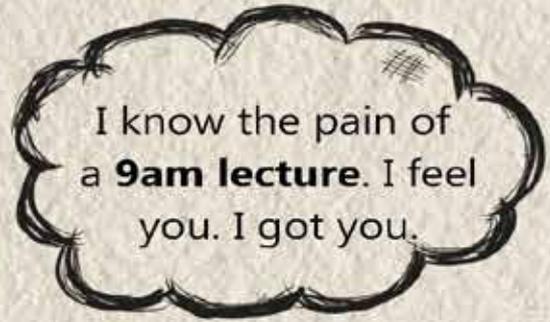
If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to reach out, I want to hear any idea no matter how small, if you believe it will aid your capacity to learn here, I would love to hear it :)

#1 Vote

If stress had a fan club, I'd be the president ,
now I'm running to shut it down.



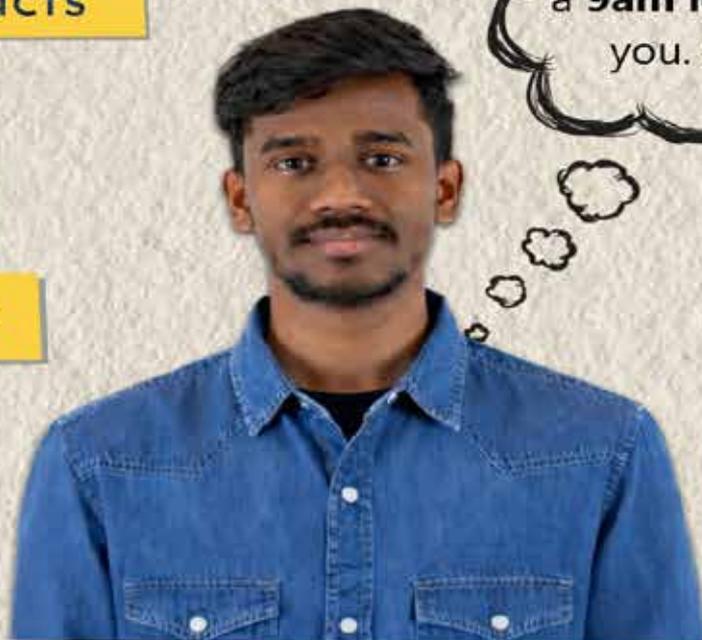
acts



listens



delivers



sriram

Candidate for Education Officer

Turning Student Voices into Real Change

My Promises if I get elected



#1

Encourage career and development events tailored to each course, supporting UG, PGT, PGR, and distance learners.



#1

Make the Survey and Feedback more accessible and ensure actions where taken. You Said, We Did Publish clear reports on how your feedback leads to real change.

#1

Increase the availability of academic support sessions during exam periods



HOW ?

Create a System/Env to pass Resource to Juniors

Spread Awareness

More Study Space

Stronger university, employer partnerships

Strengthen the Course Rep & Peer Mentor culture

shorter waiting times

You said we Did Reports

Students Together: More Sports, Clubs, and Events

Better Timing for the Classes and Lab

Campus Second-Hand Book Fair

I have more bricks to add, but unfortunately I've run out of space...**

Why Me ?



Experienced. Approachable. Ready to Deliver



www.srirama.uk

#1

sriram

Course Rep. Peer Mentor. Problem Solver. National Level records in Sports and Academic.

I've already worked with staff to improve academic support and wellbeing access and I'm ready to scale that impact across the entire university.

Structured. Accountable. Results-driven.

Vote Srirama Madusuthanan Murugan.

#1

Practical Policies. Relevant Experience.
Real and Meaningful Change.

Voting begins from 10.00am on March 2nd

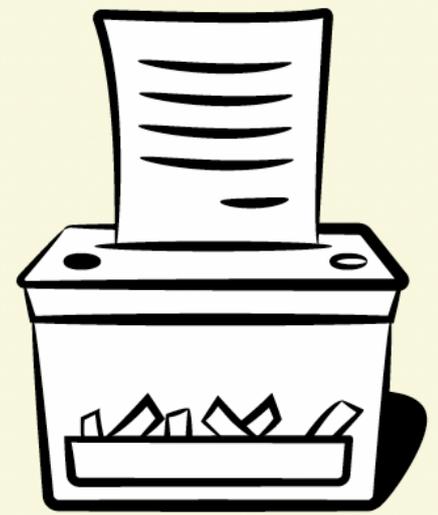
<https://www.leicesterunion.com/voice/democracy/elections/voting/>

Vote Online | 11:00-13:00 and 17:00-19:00

 **Vote Srirama Madusuthanan Murugan
#1 Education Officer -2026**

Thank You for your Valuable Time

Education OFFICER



VOTE BLESSY

EDUCATION OFFICER

A MANIFESTO FOR CHANGE

- *Departmental town halls:* Moving beyond surveys to introduce Cohort Clinics so every department from STEM to ARTS has direct access to raise module specific concerns
- *The 24 hour rule :* All lecture materials must be uploaded 24 hours in advance to allow for preparation.
- *Visa Safety Net:* A Visa Safety Attendance Policy that automatically protects international students CAS status during strikes or campus disruptions
- *Student loans:* Most students don't know which plan they are on. I will organize SU workshops to explain 2026 interest rates and lobby for "Don't freeze our future" campaign.

Why VOTE me??

I'm a student who has felt the "squeeze" of the current system. I have lived experience of navigating Leicester as it is today.

I'm not here to fit into the University's existing boxes. I'm here to redesign the boxes that measure up the potential in YOU.

WHO AM I?

I'm not a Career Politician. I'm a student that sees the gap between the fabric. I've seen the petitions for bring back the bagels and complaints about bus timings. I'm a fellow student currently pursuing Master's in Crime, Justice and Psychology.

I've been a Course Representative who loves the Student Union and everything in it. I'm running for the Education officer as I'm tired of being Squeezed into a 'One size fits all' approach.

I'm been an active listener and would put your ideas into practice. I don't have a history with fancy titles but I don't have a reason not to protect our courses, our voices, our reasons and our college experiences.

My ONLY Agenda is "Making sure your degree fits your life"





FAIR FUNDS

I Will lobby the University and National Bodies to address the cost-of -living crisis, pushing for the unfreezing the student loans and expanded hardships funds to ensure Financial Barriers don't hinder your academic journey

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

BESPOKE SUCCESS

I'll leverage the union's push for academic societies to ensure every cohort has tailored resources and a direct Voice in Modules design

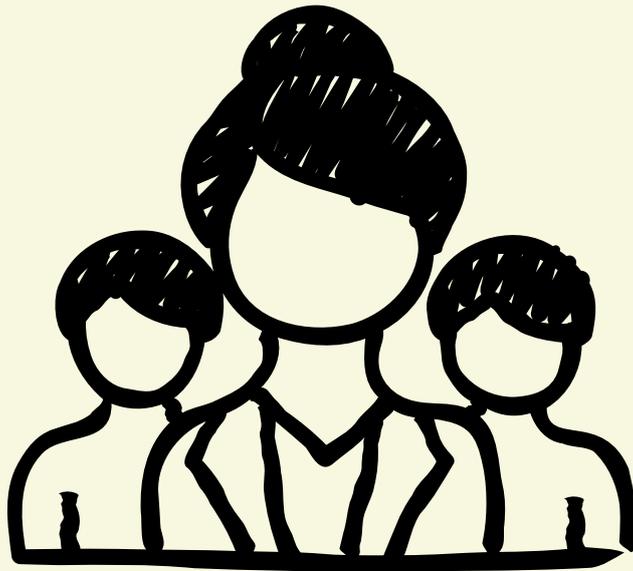
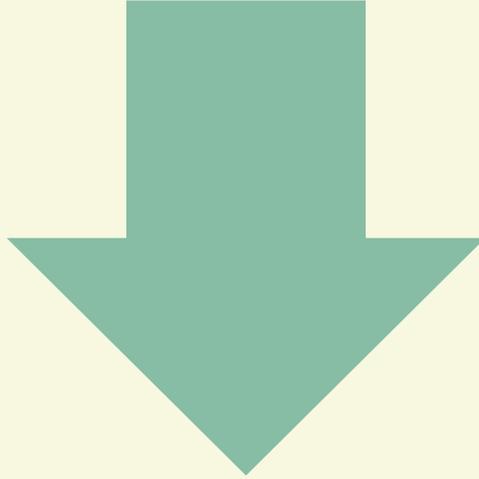
PROACTIVE TRANSPARENCY

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

BLESSY'S MANIFESTO



YOUR IDEAS HERE



Send your ideas in @for_blessy for turning them into actions

Stop the Squeeze!

Be sure to Vote
@for_Blessy

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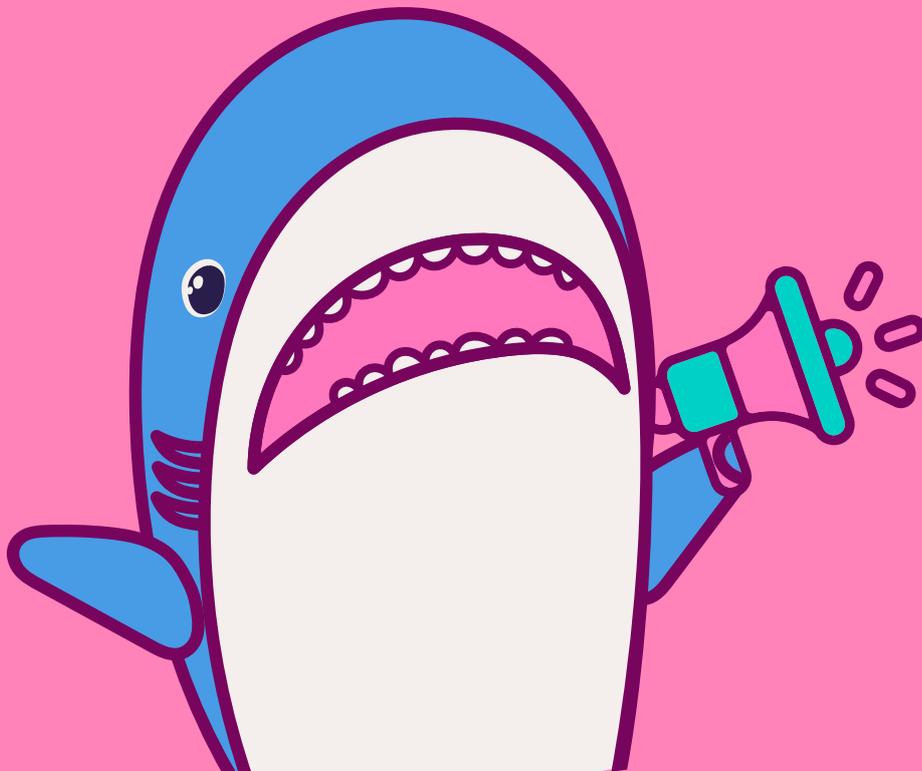
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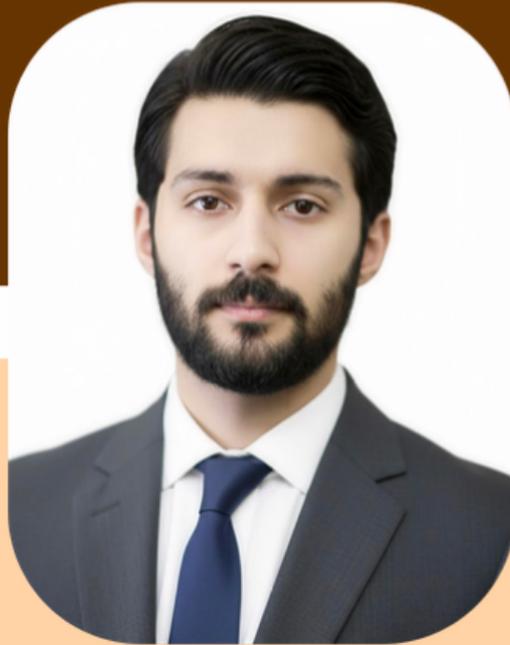
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SU President Manifestos





VOTE FOR

Ahmir Riaz

FOR PRESIDENT - 2026



@ahmirriaz



Aimée Thomas-Lane ***FOR PRESIDENT***

I'm running for President to make the SU more open, responsive and connected to the students. I want an SU that does not feel distant or bureaucratic, but one that feels visible, supported, and genuinely student led.



Check out my link tree for socials and voting information!



Transparency

You should always know what your SU is doing for you



Listening

Support that really works, not just signposting



Collaboration

One union, working together

The SU needs a little TLC...

Who am I?

I'm currently involved in society committees and a member of the Societies Council, working across different projects and campaigns. Through this, I have seen first-hand just how much potential the SU has - and where communication and support fall short.

My knowledge of how the SU operates, and how the SU interacts with student voices puts me in a strong position to build on that interaction, allowing me to make the SU more representative, and work better for everyone.

Transparency

Transparency isn't about oversharing; it's about ensuring you aren't left guessing when it counts. The Student's Union shouldn't feel like a closed system and you have a right to know about decisions, meetings, and strategies.



How I will deliver

- Weekly "what happened this week?" updates, summarising key meetings and decisions
- Clear, accessible explanations of major policy discussions
- Attending each Student Council at least once per semester to stay connected
- Strengthening feedback loops so students see outcomes, not just agendas

You should have an open and communicative SU. No more closed doors. No more mystery meetings.



Listening



Students deserve systems that activate when they need them most. When you are affected by issues like strikes, housing, cost of living pressure, or academic disruption, you need real support from services that are visible, organised, and ready.

How I will deliver

- Prioritise practical guidance and accessible information during crisis
- Work with officers and services to develop clearer response processes during disruption
- Improve coordination between the SU, advice service and university support teams
- Ensure campaigns move beyond awareness to tangible change

When students are struggling, the SU should step up - not just redirect.



Collaboration

The SU shouldn't just be connected for open day, it should be connected for you. Student issues rarely sit neatly in one box, whether it's academic, society, welfare, or liberation. When the officers are siloed, you feel it. When the SU works together, you benefit. When the departments collaborate, issues can be fixed quickly and smoothly.

How I will deliver

- Introduce regular officer strategy meetings
- Encourage cross-council communication and joint initiatives
- Increase visibility between societies, academic reps, and liberation networks

Support collaborative campaigns that create long-term, lasting change

The SU is a group project, if we don't work together, why would you work with us?



VOTE
WILL BLEWITT
FOR SU PRESIDENT



My name is Will and I am a second year History and Politics student. I am incredibly proud to be a candidate for President of your SU. I have been involved in the SU since my first year having been School Rep for two years, served on academic council as well as being a peer mentor. I know how the SU works and how to get things done and it would be a privilege to serve as your president.

**STRATEGIC REVIEW AND INDUSTRIAL ACTION:
PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST**

The ongoing strategic review has and will continue to cause huge anxiety to many students. Combined with strike action, the impact on students has been significant. As a student from an affected school, I understand these concerns.

As president, I will:

- Consulting with students across all affected schools.
- Lobby for fair compensation where teaching has been affected.
- Improve communication on the Strategic Review and strike action.
- Standing up for students at every stage of the Strategic Review.

COST OF LIVING AND STUDENT JOBS

University is not meant to be a time where students are struggling to make ends meet. It should be a time of fun, with new experiences. The cost-of-living crisis has made this much more difficult. Ensuring students have access to jobs with fair pay whilst allowing them to achieve academically is vital.

As president I will:

- Bring together employers across the region so they can outline their offering to students.
- Review employment on campus and lobby for greater student access to these roles.
- Improve signposting to support locating part-time work and support once in these roles.

COMMUNITY

At a time where student loneliness sits at an all-time high, community has never been more important. Ensuring that current societies are accessible and to allow new student groups to be created is vital. Furthermore, maximising the space available in the Student's Union to create a student-centred environment will be a top priority.

As president I will:

- Create a student-led proposal on how to make the most of social spaces on campus.
- Placing committees at the centre of changes to societies.
- Connect the university with the wider community to expand the opportunities available to students.

**WHERE THERE'S A WILL,
THERE'S A WAY!**


Will Blewitt



VOTE FOR WILL



SU President
2026/27



A Bit About Me

- 21 Years old
- Hometown: Gainsborough, Lincolnshire
- Currently in 3rd year Psychology
- Former Cricket Social Secretary
- Multiple Cricket Committee roles
- Love to travel
- Raised £800+ in December - 24 hour darts marathon

- Huge darts, football & cricket fan
- Drummer with 12+ years experience
- Currently in 2 Leicester based music groups - gigged in multiple Leicester venues
- Avid gig-goer
- Top 40 UK university darts player
- West Ham fan (shows resilience)

Will Daubney SU President Manifesto 2026/27



A Brief Summary:

- Improved access to student music facilities
- Renovated artistic and musical equipment
- Increased opportunities for expression on campus
- New, diverse array of campus-based student events & the benefits of social life
- Liaison with existing student groups
- Protecting student rights and privileges
- Emphasised Health & Safety on campus



Music and social life has always been a huge part of my life and university years. With my campaign striving to outline the benefits of strong social bonds and especially in the exchange of art, I will look to add an array of interesting events to help grow students' social links and confidence. For example, I would have the target of maximising the potential spaces within the SU to host events such as indoor game events, music/comedy/art exhibitions and open mic nights at social hours in spaces such as Gee's in the Percy Gee Building.

As a member of a number of hopeful Leicester-based bands, the struggle to find practice areas is a huge issue, especially on campus. During my Presidency I will aim to increase the access to free to use, better quality student music rooms to help cultivate and grow a budding musical scene within the Student Union. These improvements will also benefit the unique social and artistic scene in the city and hopefully usher in a new wave of exciting talent.



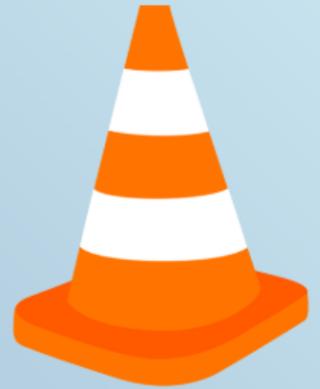
My time as your SU President will also be productive in giving a platform to existing talent from current students and alumni alike, by allowing those to have their installations and art among the furniture in and around campus. This will allow our peers to exhibit their work, improve their confidence and increase exposure.

- *Renovation Breeding Recognition*
- *Exposing Leicester's Hidden Talents*
- *Cultivating Student Culture*



Your voice is of paramount importance to you as a student. Every person on campus should feel that their rights are protected and adhered to. For this reason I will liaise with existing and any new student voice groups and be vigilant to protect these rights. I will stand with anyone looking to raise their concerns. Additionally, it would be my privilege to assist in any way I can with barriers anyone may encounter. No student should feel silenced by any of their peers.

Health and safety is also a basic right which everyone on campus should expect. Therefore, I will work to keep the campus a safe place for all, whether it be from physical risk due to faults or exterior work, or from any internal issues faced due to inaccessible places to some people on campus.



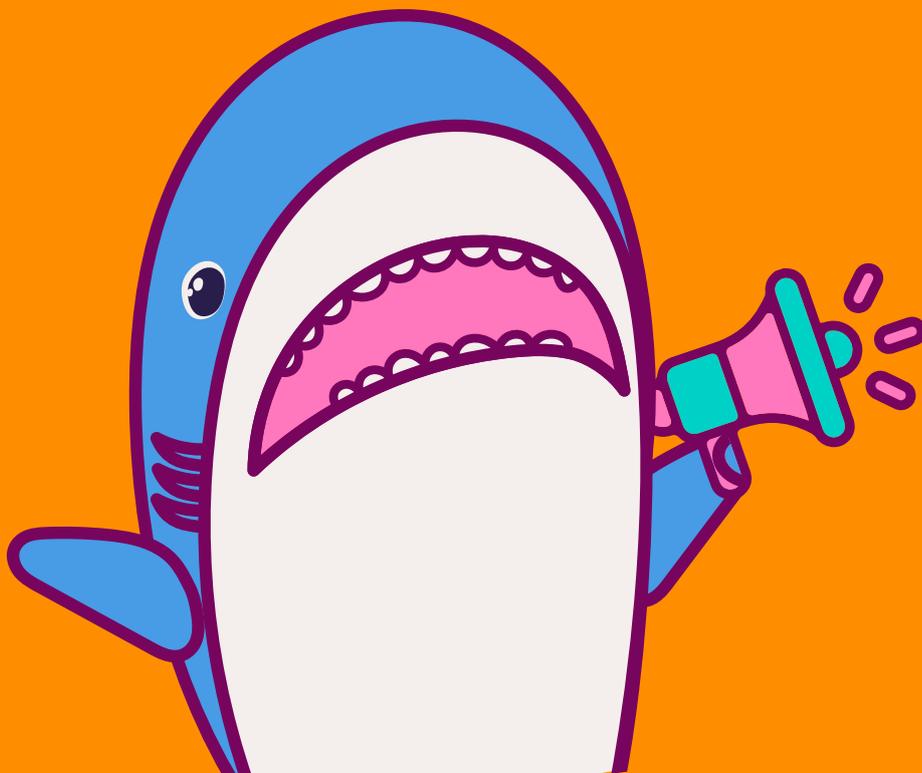
As a Psychology student, I am very aware the a number of challenges which some may face whilst traversing uni life. I am determined to work towards improving the access to and awareness of our student support systems. Along with my support of student voice, I will strive to provide stronger support systems during my time as your SU President.

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Part-Time Officers Manifestos



VOTE ABIGAIL BAWUAH FOR ETHNIC EQUITY OFFICER!!



#AbiforEQUITY

Who am I?

I am a second-year Psychology student with a strong interest in culture, equity, and mental wellbeing. I am passionate about my Ghanaian culture and my faith in Christ, both of which have shaped my understanding of identity, belonging, and purpose.

As an ethnic minority, I understand the importance of cultural representation in fostering a sense of belonging and meaningful inclusion. I also enjoy learning from diverse cultures, particularly through studying languages such as Korean and Mandarin. This interest extends to my community involvement, including creating and delivering a Chinese New Year presentation to primary school students, where I translated cultural ideas into accessible and engaging content for a younger audience.

My academic background in psychology has strengthened my understanding of the relationship between identity, belonging, mental health, and wellbeing, and this forms a central focus of my campaign and aims as an Equity Officer.

What are my aims?

-If elected, I would prioritise the mental health of Black, Asian, and Minority Ethnic (BAME) students by addressing loneliness and fostering community. Research by Gwayi-Chore shows that students of colour often feel a lack of belonging, limited social support, and face racial barriers, which can harm wellbeing and academic performance.

-While many culturally diverse societies already exist on campus, they do not always reach students who feel isolated or unsure where they belong. I would therefore encourage greater collaboration between societies and support initiatives that increase visibility and accessibility, creating inclusive spaces that foster meaningful connections. By improving exposure and community engagement, these efforts aim to promote belonging and support mental wellbeing.

-It is one thing to represent ethnic minority groups, and another to do so while meaningfully prioritising their needs. I aim to achieve this through open communication with ethnic minority societies, alongside feedback methods such as short surveys and consultations. I will remain open to ideas and willing to meet with individuals who wish to share their experiences, ensuring that representation is informed by lived experiences and genuine voices to support accurate and informed decision-making.

If you have any questions feel free to contact me :)

aab51@student.le.ac.uk

#ABIFOREQUITY :)

Additional aims...

-As an ethnic minority student, I recognise that students from ethnically diverse backgrounds often have reduced access to opportunities such as internships and placement years. If elected, I would advocate for improved awareness and access to these opportunities by encouraging collaboration between the university and organisations that support underrepresented groups, such as SEO London (Sponsors for Educational Opportunity). By promoting pathways that offer mentoring and support into competitive industries, this approach aims to help create a more equitable and accessible environment for all students.

**If you have any questions
feel free to contact me :)
aab51@student.le.ac.uk**

**I would love to serve as your Ethnic Equity Officer
:)**

ETHNIC EQUITY OFFICER



Who Am I?

Hi, my name is Razia. I'm a second-year Law student at the University of Leicester, and I'm running to be your Ethnic Equity Officer.

I am passionate about ensuring that every student at the University feels represented, respected, and safe on campus. As a Law student, I have developed a strong interest in challenging injustice and holding institutions accountable, values that directly align with this position. If elected, I will work to ensure that all students are treated fairly and without discrimination, and I will push for meaningful, lasting change that improves the experiences of ethnic minority students here at UoL.

It's time for real reformation.



**YOUR VOICE.
YOUR VOTE.**

SCAN HERE:



What Are My Policies?

- 1 . **Launch an Ethnic Minority Mentorship Network** - I aim to introduce a 1-1 mentorship scheme connecting ethnic minority students with professionals and alumni from similar backgrounds.
- 2 . **Introduce Cultural & Interfaith Collaboration** - I would host an annual Culture & Faith Festival to celebrate the diversity within our student community, creating a space for students to share their traditions, heritage and experiences. Alongside this, I will host regular roundtable discussions with cultural and religious societies.
- 3 . **Establish Clear & Supportive Reporting Pathways** - I will launch accessible drop-in signposting sessions to ensure students can confidentially raise concerns, while also pushing for transparency around reporting processes.

Why Should You Vote For Me?

Reform, Representation & Racial Equality — three principles I promise to promote with your vote and support.

I am passionate about fairness, equity, and ensuring every student feels respected and heard. As a Peer Mentor within the Students' Union, I support first-year students through their transition into university life. This role has given me direct experience within the SU and strengthened my ability to listen to student concerns, advocate on their behalf, and understand how support systems operate, demonstrating my suitability for this position. I am proactive, approachable, and ready to build a more inclusive community.

With your vote, we can bring real change.

VOTE

RAZIA

MEMON

2ND-6TH MARCH

★ ★ ETHNIC ★ EQUITY OFFICER



VOTE REFORMATION.

VOTE
REPRESENTATION.

VOTE RACIAL
EQUALITY.

VOTE RAZIA.

★ SCAN HERE:



VOTE BETWEEN
2ND-6TH MARCH

Vote Oyinda

ETHNIC
EQUITY
OFFICER

Who am I?

I am a 2nd Year LLB student currently working as the wellbeing and inclusion Ambassador for the Pan-African Law Society and a Legal Researcher for the NETS Pro Bono.

My Goals:

- *Organize inclusive cultural events, heritage celebrations, and collaborations with student societies.*
- *Build an inclusive university environment where students feel seen, valued, and supported socially, culturally, and academically.*

VOTE OYINDA 2026/27

Our Campus, Our Voice

About me

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.

Re-elect EDITH as PGR Officer



Community. Visibility. Voice.

My main aim for the past year was to build a stronger sense of community and belonging for all PGRs—full-time or part-time. And together, we've started turning that aim into action.

A visible, connected & representative PGR experience.

- Shared spaces for PGR voices - physical noticeboards and digital platforms.
- Wellbeing, creativity, and connection - yoga, crafts & drop in sessions.
- Long-term projects - PGR podcast, welcome buddy scheme.
- Inclusive engagement - DL consideration in event planning.



Building infrastructure for connection.



Pledges

Embedding what works, fixing what doesn't, while expanding access and visibility.

- A dedicated PGR pitstop on the SU Website - key resources and support; events and opportunities; ways to get involved; clear routes to raise issues or ideas.
- Meaningful engagement for DL PGRs - more online and hybrid events; accessible campaigns and communications.
- An inclusive, visible PGR activities calendar - academic, cultural, and wellbeing events; school-level initiatives.
- Ensuring every PGR has a voice and a space to use it - multiple routes for feedback and participation; storytelling and consultation initiatives; action on feedback.

Representation, care, and follow-through.

Edith for PGR Officer

***Vote &
have your
say***

***Your Voice
matters***

**1600 PGR students
4 Colleges
1 UoL**



Vote here

VOTE FOR DESTINY OBOH

ARTS OFFICER

Why Me?

I am a second year Medical Physiology student and the current President of We Create. Over the last two years I have seen first hand that creativity thrives at UOL, even without formal creative courses. I have worked to create environments where people can come together, connect, collaborate and bring their ideas to life. The reality is creativity already exists here. It just needs stronger support, better visibility and better accessibility. I am ready to make that happen.

My Pledges:

- ★ Bring in guest and industry voices to share their real life experiences
- ★ Strengthen UOL's links with the Leicester Creative Scene
- ★ Help creative societies scale their ideas into campus wide events
- ★ Create consistent creative spaces



For more information email
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Aaron for Arts Officer

Creativity needs space

Let's create it.



Arts beyond my degree

Although I study Software Engineering, creativity has always been central to who I am. My college background across **arts, design and media** shaped my passion for visual storytelling and creative collaboration.

Outside of my studies, I explore **photography** as a personal creative outlet, allowing me to express creativity beyond academic work. I am also currently undertaking a placement year as a **digital designer within the NHS**, where I continue to combine technical skills with creativity.

Why I'm running

Many creative students have the ideas and motivation to create but **lack 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.

Creating space to create

I want to advocate for more accessible and visible creative environments across campus where students feel encouraged to experiment, collaborate and share their work.

I want to:

- Explore opportunities for **collaborative art and creative workspaces** where students can create together
- Support access to **photography and media-friendly** spaces for creative experimentation
- Encourage **exhibitions, showcases and informal spaces** that allow students to share their work

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



unicorn
gingerbread!! 9.12.25

Hi! I'm Viel :D,
I study geology with
paleontology and I'm
your 26/27 Arts
Officer Candidate!

Why vote for me?

- I LOVE all there is about art, whether it's music, baking physical crafts, or drawing I will be creating and consuming it.
- In an age of generative AI and enough bad news about to deteriorate your mental health, human art is more important than ever. I will do my best to lift spirits and form communities with the arts, even if it might be your messed up first go at a new medium, that's part of the fun!

My plans:

- More often and wider variations of creative activities (Lino + solar printing, clay/felt crafts, and keychain/trinket making)
- Artist Alley style fairs to support student art businesses and/or charities
- Events based on celebratory months like Black History, ESEA, and Pride month (e.g. discrete or out-there landscape painting using your pride flags color scheme)
- And much more to come!



Awesome dino mask B)



VOTE NATALIE (AGAIN)



DISTANCE LEARNING OFFICER

Who Am I?

- I've been studying via distance learning at Leicester for 4 years. I completed my BA in 2025 and am now studying for an MA in Ancient History and Classical Archaeology.
- I'm 34 and had an almost 15-year gap in studying before starting my BA in 2022, so I know the unique challenges most distance students face first-hand.
- Over the last 3 years I've been a course rep, school rep, member of Leicester 100, part of academic council and a part-time officer – I know the Students' Union inside and out.
I won Part-Time Officer of the Year for 24/25 for my work as Distance Learning Officer.
- I live in the UK, more precisely in the East Midlands, with my partner. We don't have any pets, but we've been adopted by a neighbour's cat, and he lounges around the place like he pays the mortgage.

But What Are My Plans? (I hear you cry)

Priorities

Improve DL engagement with university services

All the services are open to DL but remain hard to access. Let's make it better!

Expand and improve DL academic representation

Every DL course should have academic representation and access to tailored resources to help them in the role!

Expand Distance Learners' Day...again!

This event is my absolute pride and joy, and I've loved seeing it grow over the last two years. I want to expand it to all DL students and solidify it as an annual event.

Work to include more DL in societies

With over 200 societies available, why can't DL access more? Let's change it

Why me?

- I have the experience and track record to make it happen. I've completed my election promises two years in a row – this isn't just talk, it's action.
- I love working for DL students. Whether it's chasing down answers, giving reassurance, signposting or just providing a listening ear; I love making your experience more positive.
- My work has already benefitted over 4000 students, but together we can reach even more!

Yeeb for Societies Officer

random lore drop about me

- i am yeeb, a first year Medical Biosciences student
- i love music, anime, food and anything that's funny
- i am an international student
- i think i play too many horror games



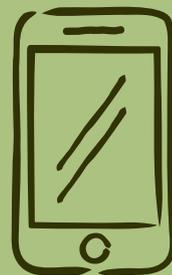
my campaigning points

- promote all your niche interests and help you find a place
- take engagement to a new level through online content creation
- encourage positivity and constructive feedback

How I Want to Help You

each month, we'll open suggestion windows on our Instagram page where students can quickly DM us ideas for new societies they'd like to start.

- we'll share simple, clear posts with all the key information you need to start your own society, step by step.
- i'll also host regular open workshops where anyone can join, share feedback on existing societies, and talk about what they'd love to see more of.



My Vision to Improve Engagement

i'll launch a mini vlog series where someone from our team attends different society events, asks viewer suggested questions, and busts common myths about each group.

each vlog will be represented like a fast paced compilation with quick cuts. the goal is to provide a glimpse of the societies and what kind of energy they should expect.

posts will include polls so students can vote on their favorite events and suggest what they want to see next. societies can also send in photos or clips from their activities, which we'll feature weekly or monthly depending on submissions.

this can help give the all involved societies and boost of engagement.

i believe there is so much untapped potential in showing what student societies are *really* like. i want to create a new Instagram page dedicated to bringing these experiences together in one place.

SOCIETIES OFFICER

Yajna
by your side



ABOUT ME

Hi everyone! I am Yajna Seebaluck (she/her) and I am a first year Law LLB/Maîtrise student. I am from Mauritius and I can speak 4 languages. I am passionate about leadership opportunities that have a positive impact on people thus why I am running for the role of Societies Officer of the Student Union. In my free time, I love reading, dancing and photography. Thank you for going through my manifesto and I hope to secure your vote!

MY PURPOSE AND BELIEFS

The purpose of my campaign is to strengthen the connection between societies and the Students' Union, ensuring that every society is supported, every committee is heard, and every student feels included. I believe I can enhance transparency, accountability, proactivity, inclusivity and equality across all societies within our university.

At the heart of my campaign is the belief that the Societies Officer is not simply a representative role, but a pivotal position that amplifies the core ethos of the Students' Union: accessibility and inclusivity for all.

My personal values align with this goal, namely; **collaboration**, **inclusivity** and **diversity**.

AIMS

1. Strengthening Accountability and Transparency

I aim to create clearer structures of accountability within societies by improving communication between society committees and the Students' Union. Transparency encourages responsible leadership and ensures that society members understand how decisions are made. By facilitating regular communication and encouraging the sharing of meeting summaries and updates, societies can operate with clarity and confidence.

2. Acting as a Bridge Between Societies and the SU

I will act as a main point of contact for societies, ensuring that their needs, concerns and achievements are communicated effectively to the SU, while also ensuring societies are aware of all internal and external resources available to them.

3. Improving Access to Resources

I will work to ensure that societies have greater access to funding guidance, training, promotional platforms and external partnerships. I will aim to simplify processes and SU policies to ease accessibility to resources.

4. Encouraging Inclusivity and Accessibility

Societies should be spaces where all students feel welcome and represented. I will encourage committees to design more inclusive and flexible events that accommodate: Commuter students, Students with part-time jobs, Students from marginalised backgrounds & Students facing financial constraints.

This includes promoting bursary schemes within societies and encouraging more thoughtful financial management so that opportunities are not limited to those who can afford them.

5. Continuous Promotion of societies beyond Freshers' Week

While societies receive strong visibility during Freshers' Week, engagement often declines throughout the academic year. I will work towards creating consistent and coordinated promotion strategies so that societies maintain visibility year-round.

6. Fostering Collaboration Between Societies

As Societies Officer, I will actively encourage inter-society collaboration to broaden the variety of activities available and help students discover opportunities tailored to their interests.

7. Creating Open Forums for Real-Time Communication

To resolve issues efficiently and ensure student voices are heard, I will emphasise access to regular open forums—both online and in-person—where society committees and members can raise concerns, share feedback and exchange ideas. These will be supported by brief regular meetings and shared summaries of society operations via online platforms.

WHY VOTE FOR ME?

Through my experience as an **SU Course Representative** and **First-Year Representative** for the Leicester University Law Society, I have developed necessary skills to fulfill this role **effectively**. During the recent university strikes, I created and managed surveys to collect student feedback and communicated these concerns to staff during SSC meetings. I routinely relayed updates and ensured students were aware of available resources. This experience required **clarity**, **professionalism** and the ability to represent diverse perspectives accurately. My previous **work experience** in the financial industry further strengthened my communication and time-management skills, as I regularly interacted with clients and maintained professional boundaries.

Thank you for your time and I hope I can count on your vote:)



Nathaneal Smith (He/Him)

Accessibility is Everyone's Responsibility



***VOTE NATHANEAL
FOR
ACCESSIBILITY OFFICER***



You can vote from the 2nd to the 6th of March on the SU website or in person.

Hi! I am Nathaneal and I am running to be your next Accessibility Officer at the University of Leicester Students' 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.

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.

Elect Upasana as your Accessibility Officer!!

About Me!



INVISIBLE
DISABILITY

I'm a second year Psychology with Neuroscience student!
[hence I am well versed in the accessibility side of your academic journey!!]

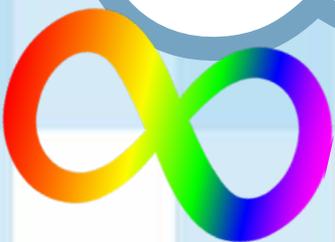
I am also currently the Psychology School Rep, and I have been in many leadership roles throughout my life. So, **have trust that things will change!**

Why Accessibility?

As a student with ADHD, I understand first-hand how invisible and visible barriers affect learning and wellbeing. I want to turn that lived experience into practical improvements for all students.

Intent

My campaign is built on one clear principle: accessibility should be the default, not something students have to fight for.



Action Plan

Accessible event checklist

make an accessibility checklist for all events. this includes:

- wheelchair accessibility
- quiet spaces
- recording options
- putting all event info on social media
- clear access information on the posters about this event
- accessibility training for all societies' wellbeing officer

Listen + Fix

collecting case evidence from you, and making a problem booklet

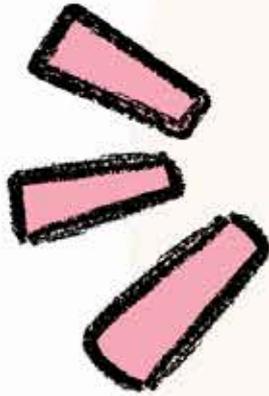
meet with staff and disability services to work toward the plans and keep students updated throughout

Network using social media peer network!

Whatsapp/Discord for neurodivergent individuals aids body doubling, reduces procrastination
community-like feeling for invisible disabilities

+ the aim that goes without saying-
check lift maintenance regularly and have wheelchair accessible lecture theatres; push for location change if needed due to building works

TRANS AND NON-BINARY OFFICER



ABBY SIMPKIN

FIGHTING FOR THE RIGHTS OF
TRANS* STUDENTS AT THE
UNIVERSITY OF LEICESTER



About me:

Hi! My name is Abby (she/her) and I am a 3rd Year (Year Abroad) Modern Languages Student. I am running for this role because I have a lot of trans* people in my life and I want to do everything I can to make the world a better place for us and I believe that this is the perfect stepping stone towards that.

My Qualifications:

- LGBTQ+ Society President 24/25
- Modern Languages Society President 24/25
- Course Representative
- Peer Mentor
- Leicester 100
- Speaker at Trans* Rights Protests
- Authentic, outgoing, and motivated



 @ABBY.FOR.TNB

MY POLICIES!

1

Too often, trans* and genderqueer students face discrimination on and around campus. I will encourage students to report harassment and normalise the trans* presence on campus to reduce these events.

2

30% of transgender individuals avoid seeking medical attention when necessary due to fear of discrimination. I aim to work with academic departments to ensure that topics relating to transness or that may relate differently to trans* individuals are taught accurately.

3

The number of gender-neutral spaces on campus are few and often hard to find. I will create a list of the existing gender-neutral spaces on campus, lobby to increase signage and create more spaces.

4

Trans* people now more than ever need a safe space to be themselves. I will run regular events for trans* and gender-questioning people to gather and celebrate transness.

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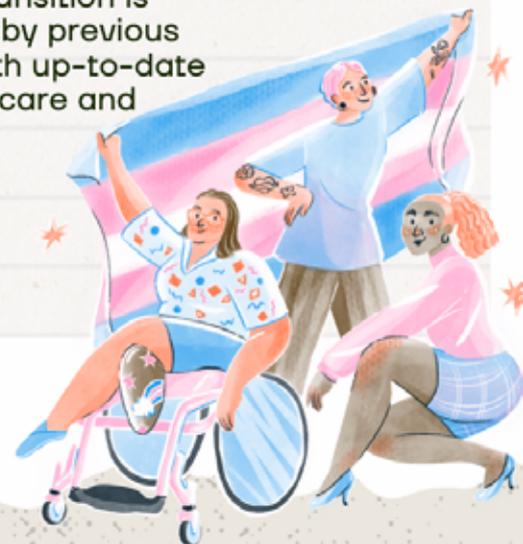
International events such as Trans* Day of Remembrance, Trans History Week, LGBTQ+ History Month are too often overlooked. I will ensure that these dates get the recognition they deserve with social media campaigns, gatherings, and more.

6

Building out your new wardrobe as a trans* person isn't easy. I will organise clothes swaps for anyone to donate old clothes to and for trans* people to take from.

7

Finding helpful resources to help in your transition is difficult. I will build on the handbook made by previous Trans & Non-Binary Officer, Keith West, with up-to-date information on obtaining gender-affirming care and where to find professional advice.



Trans and Non-Binary Officer

About Me

My name is Jack Duggan, and I'm a running to be your Trans and Non-Binary Officer. I'm a non-binary person (they/them) and I'm neurodivergent. I'm a mature student researching my PhD in the History of Psychology. I love nerdy hobbies like Dungeons and Dragons, and I'm very passionate about the representation of marginalised communities!



Why Vote For Me?

I've got lots of relevant experience for this role! I've acted as Student Rep for three years, practicing advocacy and representation. I've been professionally employed in a university Student Experience team, so I know what the other side looks like too. I'm researching the representation (or lack of it!) of marginalised communities for my PhD and present on this regularly.

My Priorities

Community

Having to constantly explain your identity can be exhausting, even when the people asking are well meaning. I would organise regular meet-ups exclusively for Trans and Non-Binary people to come together as a community, affirming and supporting each other in the safety of knowing everyone there understands, and accepts you for who you are.

Understanding

The main challenge facing Trans and Non-Binary people is a lack of understanding and support from Cis people. I would organise informational events for everyone, including Cis students and staff, that promote understanding of Trans and Non-Binary identities, to help Cis people to be allies and to better understand and support Trans and Non-Binary People.

Representation

Support for Trans and Non-Binary people relies on the University and its staff being open, considerate and reflexive. I would work with University staff to respond to Trans and Non-Binary issues. For example, I would petition the University to re-visit its Gender Equality code which currently fails to represent Trans and Non-Binary people by tacitly defining gender as cisgender.

If you have questions, contact me at jd566@leicester.ac.uk

PART-TIME WOMEN'S OFFICER ZAYNAB MOHAMMED

If Elected, I Will Prioritise Key Areas:

1. **Clear and accessible channels** for women to raise concerns confidently
2. Strengthening **Collaboration with societies**
3. Delivering **Impactful study initiatives**
4. Structured 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.

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.

Representation must be effective If you believe in structured advocacy, I will value your support and would deliver results with poise.

VINITA PANCHAL

WOMEN'S OFFICER



Who am I?

I am a second year Engineering student, and a current School and Academic Representative. Through both my course and my representative roles, I have experienced firsthand how even small changes can significantly impact women's confidence, safety, and visibility in education and leadership areas. In my role, I saw how essential representation was within my course and worked to build a fully gender-balanced committee for the Engineering Society.

Studying in a male-dominated course has shown me how important representation, support, and community is, and I feel strongly motivated to use that experience to bring about practical, meaningful change as your Part-Time Women's Officer!

What I Will do for You

Making Support Clear and Approachable

As Women's Officer, I want to bridge the gap between existing support systems and their level of accessibility.

I plan to do this by working with the Students' Union to create clearer, student-friendly guides outlining the process of reporting, gaining wellbeing support and academic support. Alongside this I want to ensure current support resources are easy to find and actively advertised.

I also want to hold women's forums where concerns and support can be shared, building community and promoting a shared space for women online and in-person.

Building a Stronger Community

University can tend to feel isolating to many students, especially in courses where women are underrepresented. As Women's Officer, creating opportunities for women to connect across years and disciplines, including commuters, carers, mature students, etc., through informal events, discussions forums, and peer-support sessions would be a huge part of strengthening community at UoL.

Moreover, I would ensure that there is a multiplicity of safe spaces where women can support each other academically and personally, whether this looks like study spaces, or just informal chat spaces.

Promoting Confidence, Leadership, and Opportunity

I aim to celebrate the achievements of female students across all areas, while promoting women in leadership positions.

I would do this through working with the university and connecting with external associations that offer wellbeing support, mentorship, and career-focused workshops. Initiatives that feature panel discussions, networking, and skill development events would increase visibility and encourage more women to take up leadership roles.

Health and Inclusion

There is no single experience of being a woman at university. As Women's Officer, I will work closely with LGBTQ+, cultural, and liberation teams and societies to ensure that support and community reflect diverse experiences, excluding no one from effective wellbeing support.

My vision is to create spaces where all women feel represented and respected. Part of this would include ensuring sufficient health care products are available in all toilets and safeguard signposting is in frequently accessed areas.

Why vote for me?

I bring experience as a School and Academic Representative, an understanding of societal structures and pressures and the challenges women tend to face in male-dominated spaces. I am organised, approachable, and committed to taking conversation to practical action. As you Women's Officer, I will prioritise community, collaboration, and empowerment, ensuring you are not only listened to, but respected.

VOTE FOR ...

JAMILA BHAGAT

W O M E N ' S O F F I C E R

Hello! I am Jamila, an international student from Dubai, UAE studying Law in my first year. My campaign is centred on one clear purpose: to **ensure every woman at our university feels supported, represented, and able to thrive academically, socially, and personally**. Women's experiences at university are diverse, shaped by age, background, caring responsibilities, mental health, financial pressure, and academic demands. A one-size-fits-all approach does not work, and my policies reflect that.

I aim to build on the foundations laid, including women-only study spaces, PTO drop-ins, increased sports access, and wellbeing focused content. My focus is on **deepening impact, improving accessibility, and ensuring initiatives translate into consistent, visible support rather than one-off events**

A BIT ABOUT ME

- Organized a 3-day MUN conference as Secretary General of 750+ participants, 55+ chairpersons & 20 committees
- First-Year Representative of the Criminal Law Society
- Treasurer and Volunteer Coordinator of the Gardening Society
- Event Manager of AMICUS (Pro Bono Society) supporting inmates on death trial in the United States
- Worked as a Graphic Designer, Environmental Researcher, Real Estate Sales Assistant, Salesperson at a Toy shop, Social Media and Marketing Manager, and Salesperson for a non-profit supporting women's education in Kenya
- Part of the Brazilian Jiu Jitsu Society, Women in Law Society, & Chess Society



MY BELIEFS

I believe that wellbeing is foundational to academic success. When women feel overwhelmed, isolated, or unsupported, it directly impacts attendance, engagement, and confidence. We must therefore **treat wellbeing not as an add-on, but as integral to student success**. Further, that **representation must be active, not symbolic**. Listening to students is important, but **acting on what is heard is essential**. Student voices should shape policy, events, and spaces in ways that are visible and accountable. Many students are unaware of what the Union offers or feel disconnected from it. Bridging this gap is crucial.

WHY I AM RUNNING

I have seen first-hand how easily women's needs can be overlooked or underrepresented. I have watched peers struggle with burnout, imposter syndrome, balancing work or family with study, and feeling disconnected from university life.

I am motivated by **conversations with students who want support but don't know where to turn, and by seeing how powerful even small, well run initiatives can be when they are inclusive and consistent**. I want to be a Women's Officer who is visible, approachable, and proactive, and who ensures women feel confident engaging with both the Union and wider university life.

here's looking @you



IDENTIFIED GAPS

Despite progress, several gaps remain:

- Limited regular feedback mechanisms to track women's wellbeing over time
- Inconsistent engagement from mature students and student parents
- Academic support initiatives not always clearly linked to wellbeing
- A lack of structured inter-generational or peer-support spaces
- Some students feeling disconnected from the Students' Union or unsure how to engage

My manifesto focuses on closing these gaps in realistic, achievable ways.

SOLUTIONS AND GOALS

1. Mental & Emotional Wellbeing

Policy: Implement consistent, low-barrier wellbeing support.

- Introduce a Weekly Happiness Meter (physical or digital) to anonymously track wellbeing trends.
 - Measured by participation numbers and trend data, reviewed monthly
- Deliver one Women's Wellbeing Week per term, combining talks, movement sessions, and quiet spaces.



2. Physical Wellbeing

Policy: Make movement accessible, inclusive, and confidence-building.

- Run women-only fitness sessions (Yoga, Zumba, Pilates, Kickboxing) at least twice per month.
- Ensure sessions are beginner-friendly and clearly advertised to mature students.
- Measure success through attendance and repeat participation.

3. Academic Support & Engagement

Policy: Support academic success through wellbeing-informed initiatives.

- Expand women-only study spaces during peak assessment periods each term.
- Introduce exam-season wellbeing support sessions, including short movement breaks and stress-management talks.
- Work with academic reps to promote support through faculties.

4. Integration, Belonging & Community

Policy: Strengthen connection across different life stages.

- Establish Inter-Generational Women's Circles once per term, pairing mature students with younger students.
- Host alcohol-free "Share a Meal" events twice per term to encourage low-pressure socialising.
- Ensure at least one child-friendly event per term linked to the improved Child Friendly Space.

5. Engagement with the Students' Union

Policy: Make the SU feel accessible and relevant.

- Hold monthly Women's Officer drop-ins with clear follow-up actions shared online.
- Expand the "Fortnightly Focus" into a student-informed series, with topics chosen through polls.
- Increase visibility of SU support through social media and in-person promotion.

here's looking @you



SAFE ROUTES

STRONG VOICES



Vote 
Faheemah

- ✓ Year 2 Medical Physiology
- ✓ Muslim hijabi woman from minority ethnic background
- ✓ First-generation immigrant, first in family at university
- ✓ Healthcare worker - evening shifts, public transport user
- ✓ Course Representative - trusted peer contact
- ✓ Leicester Royal Infirmary volunteer

"If you look like me or feel like you're navigating without a roadmap, I want to represent you."

About Me

Why me?

THE REALITY we've all faced

Every woman at Leicester knows these feelings:

- ✗ Checking over your shoulder after dark
- ✗ Timing library sessions to avoid walking alone
- ✗ Anxiety at bus stops in winter
- ✗ Feeling vulnerable on poorly lit routes
- ✗ Avoiding certain paths entirely

WHY THIS IS PERSONAL

"I've earned my place here and so have you.
If you look like me or feel like you're navigating without a roadmap,
I WANT TO REPRESENT YOU."

REPRESENTATION YOU CAN RELY ON !

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER

WHO AM I?

Hello ! My name is Sanya Dudeja and I am a 2nd year LLB Law student from India and I'm running to be your International officer to represent your voices and ensure that international students have the support and opportunities they deserve.

WHY I'M HERE FOR YOU?

From being confused on my first day to being confident now, I've been there and I strongly believe no one has to navigate all these struggles alone. Friendly and supportive, I am whole heartedly invested in making international voices heard, I want to bring international students stronger together and most importantly make the experience worth living..!

MY MOTIVES

- **STRONGER REPRESENTATION AND CLEAR COMMUNICATION**
- **COST OF LIVING SUPPORT AND CAREER GUIDANCE-Aim to provide International student Life kit ;)**
- **ACCESSIBLE HOUSING SUPPORT**

YOUR VOTE MATTERS



REPRESENTATION AND CLEAR COMMUNICATION

To ensure representation i will to organise a monthly meet and greet, reconnect and social events targetted specifically for international students to make sure you all feel a part of a big community that is diverse and inclusive. I will also actively communicate via surveys, emails and feedback to make sure that all the ideas, views and needs of the international students are represented equally.

LIVING SUPPORT AND CAREER GUIDANCE

*I will create an **International Student Life Toolkit** — a one-stop guide with practical advice on banking, GP registration, housing, budgeting, and adapting to UK life. It will also include career resources, internship tips, job market surveys and wellbeing support, helping every international student settle confidently and thrive from day one*

HOUSING SUPPORT

I will deliver practical housing support for international students, including advice on student accommodation, tenancy contracts, deposits, and affordable living. My aim is simple: safe homes, fair rents, and stress-free living from day one.

**I'LL REPRESENT YOU
VOTE FOR ME !!**

VOTE ANTON!

FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICER!



MY FOCUS

- Being easy to reach out to via a dedicated Instagram page.
- Making it easier to meet people in inclusive, diverse environments.
- Celebrating different cultural fashion, music, games and activities.
- Making international student life easier with guides, support groups

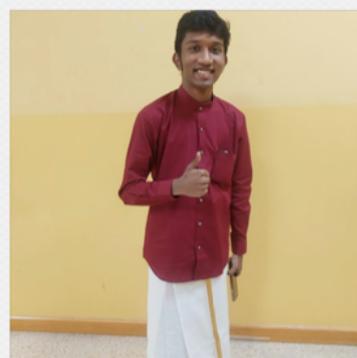
Focusing on celebrating the diversity of our university and being an approachable leader with my dedicated Instagram page



Meet Other Students with my monthly non drinking & inclusive SPEED FRIENDING events



Celebrating & Exploring the various traditions & cultural events like Christmas, Diwali, Eid, Chinese New Year & more!



WHY ME?

- Awarded the Best Student Group of the Year in 23/24 for Computer Science Society while serving as the Social Secretary.
- Founder and President of Filmmaking Society for 24/25.
- Exchange Student in VU Amsterdam, Netherlands for 25/26.

Read Page 2 to read all of my goals



VOTE ANTON!



FOR INTERNATIONAL OFFICER!



MY GOALS

COMMUNITY BUILDING 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 & Traditional Events throughout the year.
- International games night like board games
- International crafts & arts events like rangoli and origami making
- Monthly check-ins.

STUDENT LIFE SUPPORT GOALS

- Providing a guide on cheap student meals all over the city.
- Providing an organised collection of useful guides for international students.
- Advocating for the international student community.
- Raising issues with the SU and the University about issues related to the international student community.
- Organising support groups to discuss issues.
- Providing career support events.

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.



LEON LEHAL



Sustainability for everyone

About me

- Course rep for Year 2 Physics
- Leicester 100 member
- Former college captain at sixth form



An experienced,
hard-working,
and passionate
leader

Plans

- Recycling competitions
- Spread awareness of sustainability to different departments with subject-focused talks and events. People can improve the climate through their interests
- Surveys on how people feel about sustainability. Ensure all voices are heard
- Interactivity. Get people to taste plant-based foods and use sustainable technology

Views and motivation

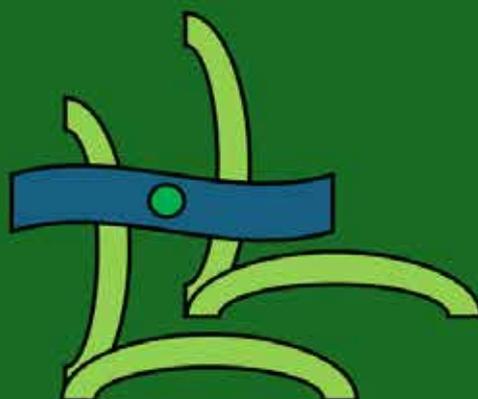
The university can play its role in:

- Protecting the environment
- Making a positive impact on our planet
- Ensuring more young people are not impeded by boundaries fostered by the climate crisis

Sustainability practices at the University of Leicester should:

- Be made aware to every student
- Teach people changes in their lifestyle to help protect our climate

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SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER



JAMES JOHN CHICK – SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER MANIFESTO – 2026/27

Greetings, the University of Leicester.

My name is James J. Chick, a Politics and International Relations student from Oxfordshire, currently on a year abroad in sunny* Strasbourg.

The purpose of this campaign, and of putting my name forward, is simple. I would like to finish what I started when I was Sustainability Officer last year, 24/25. When going into the role the first time, I made it my duty to make climate action visible and accessible at the University of Leicester. The projects that I pursued, the events I oversaw, the people I spoke to, it was all to let you know, as a student, that the mere act of studying at such an exceptional university such as Leicester can be a valid form of climate action.

Why do I emphasise action? Well, it is of course necessary in this increasingly perilous crisis, but I realised one crucial thing in my time as officer the first time. You see...

...I've been there.

I have, first hand, danced with the devil that is climate despair. The trouble is, I'm by no means a natural dancer. It all started in Year 9, the second lesson on climate change – I blurted out an insult to a world leader as soon as their name was mentioned, and that's the story of my first ever C3, after school detention. Since when, I've had hose nights without a wink of sleep, dreading the next headline of the climate crisis. The days fully not getting out of bed, thinking that if I move as much of a muscle, I'd be contributing to the existential problem at hand. The endless doomscrolls on social media, the shaming accusations flying out of the keyboards of those who think resistance is easy and anything less is inaction. All of these, and many more, amalgamates into a storm not unlike the ones we are increasingly seeing now. Intense, devastating and paralyzing.

What I learned during that time was, action and visible progress is imperative to bouncing back from the gut-wrenching anguish that many young people now suffer from. It is this that I intend to bring to the university next year. If action is visible and accessible, it can supercharge will, subconsciously break down barriers of tradition and overall improve the morale going into this crisis. I promise to be that visible action, that enabler, that role model. I wish to act not as a vain, attention-seeking zealot, but as someone who pulls others up from the chasm of climate anxiety, and an enabler for the action that each individual is comfortable with, on a case-by-case level.

Much of what I promise to do reflects the beliefs that I hold dear, along with what I've learned about the priorities of the student cohort. Hence, I unremittingly promise to pursue these objectives as a baseline:

- CLIMATE ANXIETY

- Make the targeting of climate anxiety my absolute top priority. The feeling of powerlessness mentioned above often limits what people can do. On the flipside, any kind of empowerment can go a long, long way. If the climatically supercharged raincloud of climate anxiety were to dissipate, I know from first-hand experience that the attitude of 'I'm just one person, I can't contribute anything major' goes with it. I firmly believe also that this empowerment can provoke even unconscious action. Climate action could become part of your everyday routine, with little to no realisation of the fact that you are making a meaningful, defiant impact, delivering on my pledge to make studying at UoL a valid form of climate action. I plan to do this with a campaign for climate anxiety awareness, a Climate Census, if you will., The aim will be encouraging people to speak out, no matter what they feel or what feelings they are trying to navigate. This will be done in collaboration with the Liberation organisations to tackle intersectional representation of climate effects and anxiety among minority, disability and neurodivergent groups, to name a few. I will, depending on the result, look into tailor-made open forums to discuss climate anxiety and grief, a safe space to bring your emotion outward; listening, learning, actioning and appreciating will be top policies. As well as this, student democracy will be front and centre, with several petitions, surveys and polls to be put out throughout the year. These will be integral to the policies I pursue, no matter what crops up. I vow not to let personal ambition stand in the way of the will of Leicester.



- ETHICAL CONSUMPTION

- We cannot call ourselves responsible stewards of the climate if we continue to support the very companies that are destroying it, in the food we eat, drinks we drink, and associates we collaborate with. In this increasingly perilous climate, inaction and reaction by these companies is simply not sustainable. We, as a university, can show them that this is the case, and shake the notion that we need them to operate as a university. Leicester should not consent to be a part of a monopoly of violence and irresponsibility. I pledge to continue my plight from previous years to oversee a transition from unethical and unsustainable companies and partners we may currently find ourselves with. This was achieved first by securing a Leicester 100 vote for the Union to divest from banking with NatWest, a win for the climate, global ethics and the union itself. This may extend to companies we interact with regarding our food, our events and companies on international boycott lists such as the BDS. To replace them, eco-friendly suppliers with good ethics records will step in, with a preference of local businesses from our county and surroundings.

- TRANSPORT PROVISIONS

- Review transport provisions around the university, including the bus to the Village and the local railway network. Transport is a vital target for decarbonisation, and the local provisions are a great place to start. The buses, for example, will be scrutinised for their environmental and accessibility standards, and findings will be acted upon swiftly if not seen as fit for purpose. If they are not, I will search country-wide for replacements and rally the University to make Leicester accessible, and perhaps electric. The railways too will be of concern. A vital vessel for travelling home, to conferences and more, the University of Leicester deserves a more accessible railway. It would lead to more accessible choices for the good of the climate. I will look into discounts for rail travel in peak holiday season and continue my campaign to further connect Leicester to the wider UK rail network. This complements my continuation of involvement in a campaign to responsibly reopen a rail line from Northampton to Market Harborough, making Leicester connections to the wider network considerably easier.

And these are only three key policies I promise to pursue. Many more cropped up throughout 24/25, and a pragmatic approach to them will be adopted. I will foster student democracy using consultations, advertised throughout campus, and will listen diligently to the students, not myself. My personal opinions and ambitions may take a back seat if the student majority favours another direction.

That's all from me. I do hope I can benefit from your vote and trust, and I promise to hold myself accountable under the highest personal scrutiny should I be elected.

Transforming Team Leicester

Vote Demi Adewuyi for Part-Time officer

Who am I

My name is Demi and I'm a member of the American Football Society. I'm an elite athlete scholar who has experienced university sport both in the UK and the United States.

I've seen what strong sports culture looks like and how deeply it shapes university identity, pride and student life. What's going

Leicester is such a diverse university with talented teams and committed athletes. What we lack is visibility infrastructure and structured support.

I am running to change that.

The Issue

Team Leicester has over 40 different sports teams and most of them struggle with:

- Limited promotion and recognition
- Poor matchday environments
- Minimal spectator provisions
- Transport and funding concerns
- Financial barriers preventing participation

Students want to support their teams but often don't know when games are happening, where to go or how to get there.

Athletes train and compete with passion but without the support they deserve.

Right now our athletes feel invisible.

My Priorities

1. Raise Visibility and Pride in Leicester Sport

- Work with the SU to improve matchday promotion
- Advocate for basic spectator provisions at games such as seating areas.
- Introduce termly sports showcase initiatives not only varsity for the year.
- Strengthen communication between clubs and SU

Leicester should be proud of its athletes.

2. Improve Access and Fairness in Funding

- Push for clearer transport funding processes such as transport provided to training session or home games e.g. Stoughton Playing Fields.
- Explore hardship support for students struggling with sports fees.

No student should miss out because of cost.

3. Strengthen Representation

- Create structured forums for sports clubs to provide feedback
- Act as a consistent link between teams and decision-makers
- Represent both men's and women's sport equally

I am already connected across multiple clubs and I want to formalise that voice.

Why Me?

- Elite-level athlete
- Experience in different sporting systems
- Strong cross-sport connections
- Committed to long-term change

Even if I do not see every change during my time here, I want to at least lay some foundations for the future.

I am not running to maintain the standard.
I am running to raise it

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Vote Demi Adewuyi.

Full list of PTO candidates

Societies Officer:

Yajna Seebaluck
Yeeb Tanim

Sustainability Officer:

James Chick
Leon Lehal

PGR Officer:

Edith Malemba

International Officer:

Anton Ryans
Sanya Dudeja
Xiaofan Liu

Women's Officer:

Faheemah Ismael
Jamila Bhagat
Vinita Panchal
Zaynab Mohammed

Accessibility Officer:

Eloise Humble
Nathaneal Smith
Upasana Chatterjee

Sports Officer:

Demi Adewuyi

Arts Officer:

Aaron Connor
Destiny Oboh
Viel Talens

Trans & Non-Binary Officer:

Abby Simpkin
Jack Duggan

Distance Learning Officer:

Natalie Hayward

Ethnic Equity Officer:

Abigail Bawuah
Oyinda Adeyemo
Razia Memon
Thibi Kogulanathan

Full list of FTO candidates



SU President:

Ahmir Riaz
Aimee Thomas-Lane
Will Blewitt
Will Daubney

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