

MEET YOUR 2022 CANDIDATES



EDUCATION OFFICER

ANNEMARIE DEEB (SHE/HER)

Hi there! My name is AnneMarie and I am rerunning to be your Education Officer. I have enjoyed being your Education Officer this year- from welcoming everyone back on campus to lobbying to make sure your student voice is heard. I would love to continue representing you and your voice.

If elected I want to:

- **Address Hidden Course Costs:** and work to eliminate hidden costs such as software, fieldtrips and textbooks.
- **Develop Self-Certification for Mitigating Circumstances:** as the University approved my proposal, I want to develop the system and policies ensuring they are in your best interests.
- **Strengthen the Blended Learning Benchmark:** I want to continue the benchmark and work with the University to strengthen the benchmark that aims to eliminate course issues with Blended Learning.
- **Facilitate a Compassionate Curriculum:** I want to continue working with the Uni to make our curriculum more inclusive, diverse and equitable.

In addition to these four major campaigns I also want to:

- **Reward Academic Reps**
- **Continue to bring improvements to the library**
- **Strengthen Personal Tutoring**
- **Address timetabling issues.**

For more information my campaign please visit:

www.facebook.com/AnneMarie4Education



CHENGHAO XING

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PRESIDENT

SHAHBAAZ KIANI

(HE/HIM)

I am 23 years old, studying for my master's in mechanical engineering. I am balancing my studies whilst holding committee positions on four societies. Before starting engineering, I studied medical biochemistry here. Over the past six years, I have first-hand observed the university and union change.

My three primary campaigns are #NoShame I will build on Karli's work, create a long-standing campaign, raise awareness, and support men's mental health. #AlcoholAwareness, I plan to develop the 'be the influence' training, with a weeklong campaign speaking to social secretaries getting societies involved in sober socials. #Sustainabilityweek, with societies such as Plan-It Change, implementing a litter picking campaign to clean Leicester's streets and parks and providing more bicycle shelters.

Alongside my campaigns, I have numerous projects which I will fulfil, such as Improving DBSC and increasing opening hours. Working with the education officer, I will develop blended learning further with fairer exams. I will ensure that all student groups have a better experience with the SU, with matters being dealt with more efficiently alongside numerous transport and food issues.

As your president, I want to be at the forefront to represent YOUR views and YOUR voice as we finally reach new normality



RHIANNON JENKINS

(SHE/HER)

- I'm running for President (again) because I've loved being able to support and amplify student voices this year
- From changing the democratic structures of the student council to taking on board feedback and running a successful boycott in aid of night-time safety
- Having another year would mean being able to work on more student-led campaigns, putting them at the centre of my work now I've established relationships with everyone at the University
- I've got new ideas to bring (Arts Inclusion fund, visibility boosts, society sponsorships & more!) but also a year's worth of experience in the job
- I'll be able to hit the ground running and spend the summer finishing this year's projects before taking forwards energetic campaigns
- The role of President entails a lot of behind the scene work (line managing the CEO, supporting the other Officers, focusing the Union's strategic direction, chairing the Trustee board) all of which I've effectively delivered
- I know that I can continue this work confidently, able to use my experience to successfully lead the Union's strategy from recovery to regeneration as we develop new income streams all in aid of promoting the Leicester student experience to be the best it can for you!



SYED ALI

(HE/HIM)



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ACTIVITIES OFFICER

RISHIKA REDDY MADDURI (SHE/HER)

Hello, my name is Rishika Reddy Madduri I am an International student who Nominated myself for the Activities officer role. I would like to take up this role to be a voice on behalf of all the students who are facing difficulties in the university. I will definitely put my 100% effort to make students' life comfortable in the university. I will interact with the students and listen carefully to their issues I will try to provide more live events where students can showcase their talent not only academic but also cultural. Please do vote for me

To vote login to your student union page by using university mail and password go to spring elections 2022 and there you can find me for the role of Activities officer votings open on March 7th at 8am.
Thank you, everyone, for taking your time.



ELLA JOHNSON

(SHE/HER)

If I am elected as Activities Officer, I plan to:

- Continue to invest in the growth of student media on campus to enrich the student community.
- Increase promotion of student voice and democracy (ie. Student Council) to all students - not just those who hold rep positions. Overhaul the room booking system.
- Ensure that any societies hosting drinking socials are fully complying with Alcohol Awareness training and develop consent workshops - working closely with the Sports Officer to see this implemented across the board.
- Invest in the Community Kitchen to reduce food waste and support the more vulnerable in the student community (this is a project I am already working on securing funding for, but will be able to upscale greatly if elected)

This list is just a summary - please read my full manifesto or go to @EllaForActivities on Instagram to read all of my proposed ideas.

About Me

- 22 years old, born in Leicester but grew up in Coventry.
 - Graduated in BA English at the University last year, currently studying towards an MA in Digital Media and Society.
 - Co-founded Leicester Student Magazine in 2020 and current society President.
 - Part-time SU Accessibility Officer 21/22.
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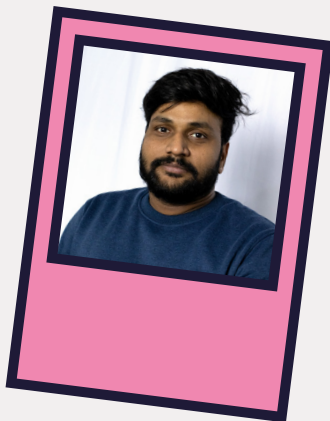
(HE/HIM)

I believe my friendliness, extrovert and empathetic personality with sense of humour makes me a go to person among my peers. I love meeting new people, understanding their challenges, listening patiently by putting myself in their shoes, and assisting in best possible ways.

Being an international student, I have gone through numerous challenges after joining my master's programme be it academic tasks, day to day duties or adapting to completely different cultural environment. Luckily, I was supported by great seniors, and I wish to pay my gratitude forward by assisting my peers through this role

As the covid restrictions are lifting, through this role, I can offer a platform for students to network, indulge and engage with their peers and build a strong community that holds everyone equal and together to express themselves and grow through every kind of challenge.

I want to motivate students to join existing societies and make sure they're actively operating to therefore promoting sports, arts, innovation, and other cultural activities and help them to join the online forum where they can openly discuss about their ideas and provide the help how it can be executed into the real world with using the technology



JACK MCDONALD

(HE/HIM)

- Restructuring how student groups are developed at the university:
 - Providing more information on how the system works. (Societies council meeting dates, step by step process)
 - Giving post-affiliation support for student groups on how they can act on their aims and goals and the best next steps rather than leaving them to fend for themselves.
- Focusing on clarity and communication for student groups to see what resources are available to them, including but not limited to:
 - Publicly accessible or university owned venues and facilities for events that they may be unaware of.
 - Locations and interested parties for social events, sober or otherwise.
 - Opportunities to apply for grant funding.
 - Volunteering opportunities related to student group focuses.
 - Closely related student groups/events as potential collaborative opportunities.
- Building a much more interconnected student group network within the university:
 - Reaching out and trying to organise open and clearer student group events that could involve more engagement or organisational collaboration from others.
 - More personal involvement and interaction with student groups to gauge feedback and reflections.
 - Less reliance on email communication between Student's Union and student groups and more face-to-face where possible and applicable.



WELLBEING OFFICER

BIANCA SEMCZUK (SHE/HER)

Hiya, I'm Bia! I'm a 3rd-year Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience student, and I'm running for Wellbeing Officer!

In my time as a Mature & Part-Time Students Officer, a course rep and a committee member of a few societies at UoL, I have been inspired by the students around me, and I did my best to listen to their needs. Now I want to take it a step higher and offer more support and guidance to all the students who need it.

My previous roles have taught me that making positive changes is a drawn-out challenging task. It takes time to build relationships with staff, learn the complex decision-making processes and understand the linkages (or lack thereof) between departments. I now have a solid understanding of these areas. I am taking the student voice to where it can best achieve the results students desperately need.

My main aims are:

- "Bloom where you are planted" project
- Let's talk mental health in sports
- Equality, diversity, inclusivity & safety support
- Academic Accommodation Support
- Stronger Together: A Welfare Initiative for PhD Students

VOTE BIANCA #1!! #Bia4Wellbeing



JADE THOMAS

(SHE/HER)

If elected, I intend to do the following:

- Ensure that **Period Pain/Menstruation** is a valid reason for submitting **Mitigating Circumstances** without the need to provide evidence.
- Work with the University to ensure that there is at least one **accessible toilet** in ALL buildings across campus.
- Work alongside the Sports Officer to get the University to **recommission the Running Track** at Roger Bettles Sports Centre, providing all Oadby based students with a safe and free space to run/exercise
- Work with the Sports Officer to introduce an ' **add-on** ' **bus pass to the gym membership**, allowing those who have training in Oadby to get to sessions safely.
- Introduce a donation run '**Student Pantry**' which operates like a food bank and allows students to access food and resources free of charge.
- Lobby the University **to cap their accommodation fees** for as long as the Student Maintenance Loan threshold is capped.
- Work with the University/O2 assisting with the reintroduction of the **Drinkaware** scheme
- Work alongside the Activities Officer to run the **International Students Peer Mentoring Scheme in 2023**
- Continue to promote '**Wellbeing Wednesdays**' across campus, providing students with a variety of activities and resources



HOOR PATHAN

(SHE/HER)

Hi, my name is **Hoor (she/her)**.

I'm a final-year Law student and I've previously worked with governments and politicians across Europe to **promote youth participation!** I'm also an avid football and F1 fan.

I am standing to be your next **Wellbeing Officer**

If elected, my priorities are to:

- **Establish a student food bank** to ensure that students who are unable to access essential food items do not go hungry, alongside lobbying the University to **expand hardship fund provisions**.
- Introduce **regular mental and physical wellbeing days** in the Union.
- **Increase support for LGBTQI+ students** and introduce **training workshops on effective 'allyship'** - allowing our Union to be **inclusive, progressive, and truly representative**.
- Expand the provision for **tackling period poverty** through working with university-owned accommodations.
- **Reaffirm the Union's commitment to being an anti-racist institution** through equipping student groups/societies with support to maintain diverse intake.
- Work with societies and external partners to **continue addressing drink spiking** - providing **support, training, and equipment e.g. drink covers and test strips**.
- Increase **accessible spaces for students with disabilities across campus** and introduce more **non-drinking socials and sensory-friendly events** to promote inclusivity.

I hope you will vote for me to represent your views.

Thank you :)



SAM BOUCH

(HE/HIM)

As well-being officer, I would recognise that well-being is not something achieved overnight and would place stress on the constant effort of maintaining positive mental and physical health. My main focus would be improving student's awareness of and access to better physical health which then improve mental health. This could be achieved by working with each society to ensure they are accessible and well-advertised to all students.

Mental health is an intrinsic part of the role of well-being officer, and I would tackle this problem with different days and activities increasing awareness and by increasing the access of therapists at the University. Men's mental health is also something that I believe needs more attention.

Safety around spikings and alcohol is something else that I would try to improve by ensuring 'Ask for Angela' is utilised correctly in the O2 by training the bar staff and advertising its availability in toilets.

I want to be your well-being officer because the importance of mental health is something I have first-hand experience with, and I would use this on the side of students in making UoL one of the leading universities in awareness and acceptance.



IONA WAGG

(SHE/HER)

- Continue to make contraceptives on campus more accessible, so that students can partake in safe sex.
- Leicester Sexual Health Clinic drop in sessions on campus again and more often.
- Continue to make period products accessible on campus (including in gender-neutral and men's toilets).
- Removing initiations within clubs (working with Ella Johnson (Candidate: Activities officer) to ensure that club drinking is safe).
- Designated quiet spaces that aren't for studying – utilising Chi and the seating area there as a designated quiet place on campus.
- Create a system for students to learn more about renting/estate-agents/landlords – so that they can make informed decisions about housing options.
- Push for the university/Rockstar to hold alcohol-free social events to allow for safe and inclusive nights out on campus.
- Bring back the safety bus – have the bus that runs from Oadby to O2 return again for the end of the night or a local taxi service with a discount.
- Having a water-booth outside on club nights – as a permanent fixture.
- Streamline AccessAbility/Counselling services – making it easier for students to apply so students can get the support they deserve.
- Ensure staff are held accountable in SSC meetings so that course/department reps can enact change.



LIBERATION OFFICER

NIC FARMER (THEY/HE)



- My name is Nic Farmer (They/He) and I am your current Liberation Officer.
- I identify as a black, non-binary/transmasc individual.
- Achievements this year include:
 - Got the University to approve an accessibility audit for campus and online spaces.
 - Students able to certify racial trauma for mitigating circumstances.
 - Hosted and ran multiple celebratory events such as Black History Month, LGBTQ+ History Month and Trans Day of Remembrance.
- My manifesto is split into four parts: Activism, Community, Training, and Support
- **Activism**
 - Continue to work closely with the University to address the Gender Pay Gap.
 - Empowering students to come forward and create their own campaigns.
- **Community**
 - Create a Midlands event called “QTIPOC Corner” for students to come together.
 - Continue to collaborate with organisations within Leicester to celebrate different cultural events and celebrations.
- **Training**
 - Continue to provide LGBTQ+ Allyship Training for students.
 - Start foundations with the university for compulsory anti-racism training for students alongside Bystander and Consent Training.
- **Support**
 - Continue to advocate for disabled students in response to the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic.
 - Utilise the information from our “Support for Religious Groups” Survey to work with the University to provide better facilities.

SRI KRISHNA CHAITANYA

(HE/HIM)

Hello everyone. this is sri krishna Chaitanya chilukuri pursuing my masters in the course of advanced computer science. I am 28 years old, and I am current equality and liberation champion for the department of informatics. I don't deem myself worthy for the role of liberation officer however I promise that it is a day-to-day learning responsibility, and I will strive to put up with the responsibilities given. my agenda for the liberation is inclusiveness and being a voice for the voiceless and also including students from every nationality and every race on one stage. my struggle is not based on a specific nationality or a group but humanity as a whole. to achieve this, I will put my sincere efforts and will work with other officers. I will also work with students and get feedback from time to time and put their interests and opinions in the first place and reporting their difficulties to the management. I promise to be a bridge between the student body and the management and will put my every bit of strength and ability in achieving the unity which is required in the student body in order to flourish.



SPORTS OFFICER

CASEY MANNING

(SHE/HER)

Hi, I'm Casey Manning! I am running for Sports Officer 22/23. As a fourth-year student, sports at the University of Leicester has been such an amazing part of my time here and I would love to continue to improve everyone's experiences, so people graduate university with the same love of the sporting community as so many others do!



My manifesto highlights areas such as working with Team Leicester to collaborate with the Physiotherapy school to bring physio to athletes across the community.

I am also very passionate around continuing the Be The Influence workshops and expanding that further into topics that will help all sports teams in their endeavour to be more diverse and inclusive. One wider topic that I would love to see action on is surrounding apprehension at the gym and creating a series of events to help destigmatise the anxiety that comes with going to the gym as the gym can be a very healthy outlet for people's wellbeing. As a Master's student, one point of my manifesto includes working alongside the Education Officer to allow for postgraduate students to have Wednesday afternoons off so they are able to participate in the Leicester sporting culture.

KIERAN ADAMS

(HE/HIM)

My Goals:

- Increase the Diversity & Inclusivity of Sports societies on campus:
- Establishing a 'socials fund' to encourage sports societies to run sober socials for their members who may not drink, however does not replace Wednesday Night socials.
- Ensure sports club's mandatory costs are clear and transparent for those joining our University this coming September.

Continue work taking place to ensure the accessibility of our sports facilities to everyone on campus.

Provide better mental health support for sporting injuries:

- I want to ensure that there is guidance from the SU to sports societies to ensure that how we deal with injuries as a community is coherent, and sensitive to people's needs.
- Mental health is an important aspect of sports, with many sports requiring a keen knowledge of tactics and a high level of concentration. We all have our battles, but it's important we support each other.

My Biggest Win:

- As a member of Boat, I have been involved in the planning of multiple charity events and campaigns. My biggest win was helping to coordinate a successful boycott of clubs and bars for the Girls Night In campaign across our University.
- I want our clubs to continue organising strong local campaigns.



ARCHIE ROBINSON

(HE/HIM)

Hey! My name is Archie (He/Him), and I am running to be your Sports Officer for 2022/23! I have been a part of Men's Futsal for three years, being Club Captain and a Sports Scholar for two of those. I am running because I would like to see an improvement in the inclusivity and accessibility of sports for all, smoother processes for sports clubs, greater financial transparency and support for members and a few changes to varsity to help improve safety and attendance!



In my time as Club Captain and an active member of the sporting community, I have experienced and been made aware of certain barriers to universal inclusion in sport such as financial implications, lack of equipment to suit all needs, and communication barriers between the university, the SU and club committees. As your Sports Officer, it would be my priority to remedy these barriers, focusing on five key points: Inclusivity, Disability, Health, Finances and Varsity.

A vote for me is a vote for accessibility and inclusivity which every student needs and deserves. I want every student to have the opportunity to get involved in sports should they wish to!

Together, we can #MarchWithArch!

FULL LIST OF CANDIDATES

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Chenghao Xing

PRESIDENT:

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Rhiannon Jenkins
Syed Ali

WELLBEING OFFICER:

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Jade Thomas
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Iona Wagg

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Sri Krishna Chaitanya

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Rishika Reddy Madduri
Ella Johnson
Johnson Rayudu
Jack McDonald

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