

# Manifesto Booklet

## Activities Officer Candidates



# Manifesto

Dear fellow students,

I am excited to announce my candidacy for the position of Activities Officer. As someone who is passionate about creating meaningful experiences for students, I believe I have what it takes to serve as your Activities Officer. Through this manifesto, I want to present my vision for the role and what I hope to achieve if elected.

My manifesto is built around three core principles: inclusivity, creativity, and engagement. These principles guide my approach to creating activities and events that will benefit our university.

**Inclusivity:**

Inclusivity is a core value that should be upheld in all aspects of our school community. As Activities Officer, I will work to ensure that all students feel welcome and included in university activities. This means creating opportunities for students of all backgrounds, abilities, and interests to participate.

To promote inclusivity, I will work with student-led clubs and societies to ensure that their events are welcoming to all students. I will encourage clubs to collaborate and organize events that celebrate different cultures and communities. I will also work with the University administration to ensure that school facilities are accessible and inclusive to all students.

In addition to promoting inclusivity through events, I will also work to create a culture of inclusivity within the student body. This means promoting respect, understanding, and empathy among students. I will organize workshops and events that promote diversity and inclusion, such as cultural festivals, community service events, and panel discussions.

**Creativity:**

Creativity is an essential component of student life. As Activities Officer, I will encourage and support creative initiatives that enhance the student experience. I will work with students to develop new ideas for activities and events that are fun, engaging, and unique. I will also collaborate with local businesses and organizations to bring fresh ideas and resources to our university.

To promote creativity, I will provide students with the resources they need to pursue their interests. For example, I will work with the University administration to create a maker space where students can experiment with

different types of technology and art supplies. This space will be open to all students, and it will provide a platform for them to express their creativity.

I will also focus on organizing events that celebrate creativity, such as art exhibitions, musical performances, and film festivals. These events will provide an opportunity for students to showcase their talents and connect with peers who share similar interests.

#### Engagement:

Student engagement is critical to building a strong community. As Activities Officer, I will work to foster a sense of community by encouraging participation in university events and activities. I will work with other student leaders to promote school spirit and pride and create a positive and inclusive atmosphere for all students.

To promote engagement, I will organize events that encourage students to get involved and connect with their peers. For example, I will organize student-led conferences and symposiums, hackathons, and social media campaigns. These events will provide an opportunity for students to connect with their peers and engage in meaningful conversations about topics that interest them.

In addition to organizing events, I will also work to improve communication between students and University administration. I will create a feedback system that allows students to share their opinions, suggestions, and concerns. I will also work to ensure that students have access to information about university events and activities.

#### Implementation:

To implement my vision for the role of Activities Officer, I will focus on the following strategies:

**Collaboration:** I will work closely with student-led clubs and societies to create events that cater to the diverse interests of our student body.

**Resource allocation:** I will work with the University administration to allocate resources to create a welcoming and inclusive environment that promotes student engagement and creativity.

**Communication:** I will ensure that students have access to information about university events and activities. I will create a feedback system that allows students to share their opinions and concerns.

Conclusion:

In summary, my manifesto is focused on inclusivity, creativity, and engagement. As Activities Officer, I will work to create a welcoming and inclusive environment that celebrates diversity, encourage creativity, and foster engagement. I believe that by working together, we can create a vibrant and inclusive University community that supports the growth and development of all students.

Thank you for considering me for the position of Activities Officer. I look forward to working with you to make our university an even better place.

Sincerely,

[Kunal Khandelwal]

# Re-elect Jack as Activities Officer

## Who am I?

I am the 2022/23 Activities Officer at Leicester Students' Union and I'm rerunning for the 2023/24 year. The first Activities Officer to re-run in a long time!

Before that, I was a Maths student, a Social Secretary for Rugby League, I created my own society and spent a year on Societies Council, which reviews New Student Groups and Grant Funding!



Jack McDonald (He/Him)

## My Biggest Priority

### Developing the Student Group Pathway

From creation to committee elections, there are many stages of being a student group that could be made simpler and easier to understand:

- Do you know the steps to making a New Student Group?
- Do you find all the documents and forms confusing?
- Do you feel fully comfortable organising big events?

All of this and so much more can be made a whole lot easier and I've already been working at it in my time in the role so far. You can see what I've done so far below!

# What I've done so far

## Room Bookings & Facilities

- Internally, I have made the systems for Room Bookings less complicated and more efficient. We are having conversations about the length of your notice period for events.
- I have a guarantee from the University that meeting room types of spaces will far easier to book for student groups very soon!

## Sustainability

- I've successfully implemented a new Sustainability Part Time Officer Role to help lead on Sustainability within the SU.
- I've been working to make Green Bubble (a student Sustainability group) open to everyone and as engaging as they can be!

## Other projects

- Community - I've been working towards a new type of student group model for student groups to collaborate and join together with called Associations.
- Volunteering - I've been working closely with the Volunteering Team to restart our brand new approach to volunteering in the SU

## Grant Funding

- I made the Grant Funding Application process a lot simpler to use.
  - We've now had over £50,000 worth of Grant Funding Applications as a result, which is completely unprecedented in the history of the SU!
- I've made a proposal to the University for further funding to cover the additional requests beyond our original £24,000 budget. Results to follow!

## Extra Funding

- I've successfully secured £5000 of funding to be used as a New Student Group Starter Fund.
- I've worked to develop our new Academic Fund for Subject Societies throughout the year.

## Freshers/Refreshers

- I helped organise our Freshers & Refreshers this year!
  - For Freshers, I worked hard to accommodate groups who signed up late and would have otherwise had no stalls.
  - For Refreshers, I tested a number of new promotion styles such as a balloon arch, use of the new Campus Life Advisors, directional signage and (Optional) Committee Stickers.

# What Next?

## Communication & Promotion

- Audit the communications that are sent to students to see what's really needed and how we could do it differently.
- Support with the implementation of other on-going communication projects raised by students in the Sticky Campus conferences.

## Committee Training

- Work with Sports Officer to develop committee training to be more comprehensive and easy to refer back to for future events and activities.
- Work with Liberation & Well-being Officers as well as relevant Union staff to further integrate inclusion and welfare into the training.
  - Also to allow the well-being & inclusion ambassador committee role to be clearer.

## Society Storage

- Work with the Activities Team and Student Groups to review our society storage so it's easier to access and more organised.

## New Student Groups

- Promote the creation of new student groups and how it works.
- Make the process more accessible, this includes:
  - Simpler application process.
  - Making the starter documents easier to understand.
  - Providing you with the tools to build a new community.
  - Have increased developmental support from the SU.

## Attenborough Arts Centre

- Continue my work with them to explore all the best avenues to engage students and student groups with the amazing opportunities the Centre has to offer.

## Committee Handover

- Explore the best ways to help facilitate committee handover to make it more consistent and useful.
- Allow outgoing committee members to receive recognition and support as they transition out of committee roles and onto new pastures.

There's so much else that can't fit into a 3 page manifesto! Please consider re-electing me as Activities Officer and see what change a returning Activities Officer can make.