

# Manifesto Booklet

## President Candidates





# vote

# BILAL HUSSAIN

# for SU President

## Who is Bilal?

- Psychology Student
- President of ULISOC (and Vice President last year)
- Some of my hobbies include history, archery and gaming!

## What is Bilal? (...standing for)

1. Address the Cost of Living crisis to improve life for all students.
2. Continue improving prayer facilities and access to halal food on campus.
3. YOUR CAMPUS: YOUR VOICE - Ensure students from all backgrounds and represented across all levels.
4. Improve Sustainability on campus
5. Develop SU-Student Group relationships

*If you want to ask me anything, email me at [bh207@student.le.ac.uk](mailto:bh207@student.le.ac.uk) or DM me at [@bilalforpresident](https://www.instagram.com/bilalforpresident)*

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## How is Bilal? (...going to do it)

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### **Cost of Living Crisis:**

Whether it's the higher cost for the weekly shopping or increased rent, the Cost of Living is a serious matter which needs has affected us all. I will advocate for further financial support for students, as well as providing other support.

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### **Prayer Facilities and Halal Food:**

My work as President of ULISOC involved a project on improving prayer facilities as well as halal food on campus. I hope to continue to work, so students from all backgrounds fell accommodated on campus. Moreover, I aim to improve the diversity of food available at all outlets, at affordable prices.

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### **YOUR CAMPUS: YOUR VOICE:**

Ensuring students' voice are not only heard, but listened to. Especially those who may feel excluded or marginalised. Regardless of where you've come from or who you are, I aim to create a unified community on campus of respect and looking out for one another.

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## How is Bilal? (...going to do it)

### Improving Sustainability:

Not only is this crucial in regards to our climate, but also ensuring resources don't go to waste is equally as important. There are many around the world who don't have access to what we have, so ensuring students make the most of what's available is key!

### Develop Student Group Relationships

As a Committee Member myself, I know the struggles of balancing a society with other priorities. That's why I aim to increase support for Student Groups. This involves ensuring new societies are able to thrive as well as improving the room booking system to allow event planning to be as efficient as possible.

### Additional priorities:

- Developing student support in regards to mental wellbeing, safety on campus and accessibility
- Encouraging sober socials and inclusivity
- Continuing "Sticky Campus" Campaign
- Improving Assessment & Feedback
- Improving services for Visa and Registration
- Increasing engagement on campus



# Vote

# ARCHIE ROBINSON For President

#MarchWithArch



**Why you should vote  
me as YOUR President!**

You should #MarchWithArch again because I want all students to feel as though their Union is their home away from home.

For too long students have felt as though they are unheard and unrepresented and I vow to rebuild student trust, and consistently provide all our students with a confident voice to challenge the University where you see necessary.

Re-Elect Robbo to rebuild our campus, regain financial certainty and reinvigorate our community at Leicester!

## **My Relevant Experience**

- Your Sports Executive Officer for Leicester Students Union 2022/23
- Trustee of our Students' Union 2022/23
- Currently sit on: Sports Operational Board, Students' Union Investment Working Group, Risk Management Sub-Committee, the Student Skills and Employability Board and many more!
- Futsal Club Captain 2020-22
- Sports Scholar 2020-22
- Sports Scholar of the Year 2022



Arch4President

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# Campaigns for You!

## Cost of Living

- Commitment to an increase of the Cost of Living one off payment
- Lobby the University for an emergency bills support package
- Expansion of the Wellbeing Officers free breakfast scheme to incorporate afternoon meals
- The creation of 'Cost of Living Cooking Classes' to show students cost effective recipes
- Ensure the University releases full tuition fee transparency
- Ensure the University provides more funding into the hardship funds and ensure they are accessible for all
- Lobby for a price reduction of the gym membership and work towards having it provided in accomodation prices

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- Ensure all buildings are efficiently heated on campus
- To instigate the development of social study spaces to provide students with more opportunities to learn a way they want to
- Development of a 'Destress' space in the library so students can have a safe space during assignments and exam periods
- Campaign for the development of our indoor and outdoor sport facilities, allowing all students better access to sport at the University
- The development of the 'Gee's' pub on campus, giving students a more opportunities to socialise and make new friends
- Development of food outlets on campus, chosen by you!
- The creation of a Women's only gym at Danielle Brown Sports Centre

## Improving Facilities



Shannon Finlan, She/Her.



George and Fred,

Campaign managers.

## Proposed manifesto

My name is Shan, and I am a First-year undergraduate studying law. I am running as a Candidate for the position of President at the Student Union of Leicester University. I am passionate about how we can aim to better the SU and how we can provide further support towards students and societies. I will summarise the aims of my Campaign, and the promises that I will make to you all, if I get elected. The promises and proposals I aim to make are:

- A conversation around how the strikes will affect students in the long term, and how we can aim to rectify this.
- Improving the support that societies and sports currently receive, both for the Committee and those who are members of the societies.
- How we can help students that are too anxious or confused with an issue or problem that they have within their university life.
- How international students can be supported during times of strikes, and signposting both support and explanations on how this will impact students further in the future.
- How the cost of living is impacting students and signposting support for this.
- The growing epidemic of domestic violence and coercive and controlling behaviour against ANY individual, and both spotting the signs and providing referrals into both internal and external services.
- A wider conversation on mental health and how this can affect the education of those suffering from Mental Health conditions.
- Support for individuals susceptible to addiction (e.g., drugs, alcohol, gambling, etc).
- Facing Racism and prejudice head on and how we can support individuals that are plagued by this.
- Starting a wider conversation on men's mental health and helping to remove the stigma that is often faced with this.



### How can my Proposals be delivered?

- I make the promise to you all that I will fight my hardest to deliver all requests and ideas that you may have and will fight to show you that I am worthy of the Position.
- I would rely on both the team at the Student Union and yourselves, as the students at the University.
- The impact that my Proposed plans would directly relate to yourselves, and I believe that, as the student body, should have a greater say in these matters.

My first Proposal is how we can address the long-term effects of the strikes on Students.

- Strikes have affected us all in one way or another, the way that I propose to address this is to find out how exactly this has affected students.
- I would ask to see, for example, content has been taken out of your course, due to industrial action, whether there is any intention for this to be covered at a later date.
- I would also invite individuals to speak to the Student Union and outline the difficulties and implications that Industrial has caused, and what resolution they would deem suitable to address this.

Proposal 2: How can we help support societies and Sports further?

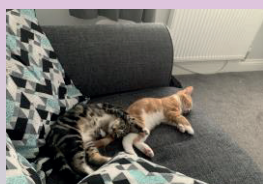
- Societies and Sports should be a time of relaxation and stress relief from the busy times at university and an outlet of socialisation.
- I would propose that the SU should further help societies through providing courses and educational workshops to the Well-Being Officers and the Committees, to better safeguard what occurs on "socials".
- My proposed ideas/courses/workshops include resolving conflict within societies without bias, spotting the signs of mental health deterioration, how to prevent binge-drinking, how to recognise when someone is using substances to cope with difficulties, how to report issues to the university.
- I would like to note that currently, many societies are able to mostly deal with issues that occur within societies and have done a fantastic job, but this proposal is purely another means to be able to better support societies and both their members and the committee, not as a means to control what occurs during societies.

Proposal 3: How can we support the way students feel about the staff at the University?

- Sometimes when students have an issue that they feel that would be controversial and/or they are anxious to make, I would propose that an anonymous forum to be set up, specifically centred at being able to address the issues that they are currently facing, with specific sects on the forum or system that can categorise the complaint.
- Sometimes staff are too busy to be able to deal with every complaint or worry that us students have, this forum would aim to be able to relieve some of the stress from the members of staff.
- Another benefit that this would have is that the level of anonymity would allow for students to feel less stressed about reporting an issue, without fear of isolation or backlash.

Proposal: Starting a wider conversation on men's mental health and helping to remove the stigma that is often faced with this.

- It is reported that 1 in 4 men have difficulty or feel ashamed or talking about their mental health issues or concerns.
- By helping remove this stigma we could help an individual from joining the statistics of the hundreds of thousands of men that commit suicide each year.
- It is also further reported that every 90 minutes a man in the UK commits suicide.
- We can end this epidemic through means and supporting these men!
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Proposal 4: How international students can be supported during times of strikes.

- This will be dealt with similarly to students that are classed as “home students”, but with the added factor of understanding the financial implications that have occurred, due to industrial action and how we can aim to see if further measures of support can be met.

Proposal 5: Cost of living.

- The current Cost of living crisis is single-handily affecting every individual in the UK at this current time, as students we are often affected the most, due to student finance and having to manage studying and any jobs that we may have, if working and studying can be managed.
- My proposal is to help signpost students that are faced with these difficulties, and help apply for any bursaries, grants and/ or scholarships that they may be eligible for.
- I would also propose hosting numerous workshops to help with budgeting and how to take advantage of being a student and what money saving methods are available to yourselves.

Proposal 6: How can we further support Victims of Domestic Abuse/Violence and Sexual Assault.

- The growing epidemic of Abuse and Coercive behaviour has been on the rise for the past 5 years and is showing signs of rapidly increasing.
- Any individual can face abuse of many kinds, and it is often somebody outside of the relationship that can be the person to help the victim of the abuse.
- I propose that the University creates a further means of support for current and past victims of abuse, a safe space to help support and protect victims.
- If it is signposting or needing a moment away from the world, we will help victims to make sure that they feel safe and if are ready to talk, find the best possible means of support for them.
- I would also propose that we would also set up support groups, to help characterise the difficulties that victims face.

Proposal 7: further support for individuals that are facing Mental health issues.

- I have heard that the waiting lists for our current self-referral counselling sessions are currently stretched.
- I would propose, to the best of my powers, to be able to tackle the back log and be able to deliver the life-changing advice that our professionals graciously provide.
- I would also suggest to further help individuals by signposting to the relevant organisations.

Proposal 8: Support for individuals susceptible to addiction (e.g., drugs, alcohol, gambling, etc).

- The nature of an addiction is difficult to kick, and the way in which we currently support individuals with this can be improved.
- Universities across the world has seen an increase in recent years of more and more students showing signs of regular “Binge-drinking” and experimenting with drugs, to which later leads to individuals becoming addicted.
- Although we are limited as a university as what we can do to help, by having an anonymous forum and/or link on the SU website, this could help individuals recognise that they have a problem, and also providing information to students about recognising the signs of addiction.

Proposal 9: Facing Racism and prejudice head on and how we can support individuals that are plagued by this.

- Racism has been around since the dawn of time, and many can argue that most countries were built on this ideology of superiority, due to ethnic backgrounds.
- Although, some would argue, that the conversation around Racism has become more prevalent, a lot of work still needs to be done.
- I propose that the University has a different “theme” a week, of discussing various cultures, faiths, and racial identities.
- Through education, I believe that this could be the steppingstone to a more diverse and understanding generation of people and can stamp out any stereotypes, predispositions and/or misconceptions that anyone may have.