

Manifesto Booklet

Part Time Officer Candidates



VOTE

Caspian O'Donnell

Accessibility Officer



About Me

I am a current 3rd year MSc student in Biological Sciences (Zoology). Accessibility advocacy is something immensely close to my heart. As someone with Autism, I have had to spend most of my life advocating for myself and others.

After reestablishing the Autism Spectrum Society on campus in 2023, I learned how the disabled student experience on campus is vastly different from our neurotypical cohort.

I strive to be a voice for disabled students across the university. Being able to build upon my personal experiences as a disabled individual and apply it to the university community is immensely important to me, as I want to be able to help students know that the university is here for us, not against us.

Goals

- Re-establishing a dedicated social space for autistic students to decompress and regulate on campus
- Pushing for destigmatizing disabilities using inclusive language and student-body education
- Autism awareness, acceptance, and inclusion
- Disability-friendly workspace on campus

Disabled is NOT a bad word



Vote Natalie for DL Officer

About me

Full-Time Distance Learner

Final Year - BA Ancient History and
Classical Archaeology

Course and School Rep

I currently advocate the views of over
100 DL students at committees and
forums and to school staff.


I've recently created a school newsletter
specifically for DL students and their
needs.

I continue to try to make resources
more accessible and inclusive to DL
students and their learning styles.



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Projects

- Improve access to study skills and writing workshops, especially for those who have had a break from education.
- Reinstate DL Day - an on-campus event which invites distance students for tours and to meet staff and students.
- Continue with the creation of a DL Society.
- Work with the Student Union to better include distance learners.
- Work to ensure that all distance reps are able to attend meetings and are not being unintentionally locked out.

ELECT 

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BARDHAN
FOR
INTERNATIONAL
OFFICER  AT
(leicesterunion.com/vote)
Democracy at YOUR HAND!

Why you should vote me as YOUR #INTERNATIONALOFFICER?

As an international student myself, I know MANY things are unsaid to avoid conflict, hence,

- **I want to create a space where nothing ever will go unsaid allowing YOU to exercise your rights as a VALID student of the university.**
- **My priorities lie in taking action for your current views and hosting creative and exclusive social events for you.**
- **Above all, passionately campaign to introduce bursaries and scholarships only for #INTERNATIONALSTUDENTS.**



BRIEF INTRODUCTION:
I am Dhriti Bardhan, an enthusiastic Law with Criminology International student from India. I love exploring diversity.

MY RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

- **As a Curriculum Consultant, investigated diversity, inclusivity and racial discrimination.**
- **Peer Mentor to many international and Study Abroad students.**
- **A Study Buddy for 2 consecutive years to Japanese students.**

LGBT+ OFFICER VOTE MAEVE!

My name is Maeve Goddard and I'm a second year Criminology student. I am running for the role of LGBT+ part-time officer because I want to create an understanding, welcoming environment, and a secure support system for all. If I am elected, I will work passionately and enthusiastically to ensure:



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REPRESENTATION

- Represent the opinions, feelings and ideas of students who self-identify within the LGBTQ+ community.
- Push for inclusivity and equality within the university's policies and attitudes.
- Help celebrate our community by planning a variety of events.
- Ensure that students of all genders, sexual orientation and identity feel seen and heard.

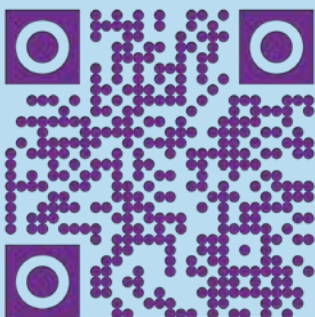
SUPPORT

- Provide support to those who need it, working to make sure no one feels excluded, unseen or discriminated against.
- Work to improve signposting to support services and push for the university to set up specialised support groups.
- Dedicate myself to better the university experience for all!

EDUCATION

- Provide a platform to educate concepts such as gender identity, in order to combat misinformation and discrimination.
- Raise awareness of different issues faced by the LGBT+ community.
- Increase education and accessibility to inclusive safe-sex products, such as mouth

11th – 15th March
VOTE HERE!



Greetings, the University of Leicester

My name is James John Chick, 18 years of age in first year, studying Politics and international Relations. This is my manifesto, the document sealing my bid to become Sustainability Officer at the University of Leicester.

I believe that progress can come from the smallest of actors in this world. The humble student certainly can still leave their mark on history to be remembered for generations. This notion, however, may well be under threat. The drive for sustainability that will secure a safe, livable future for these generations no doubt occupies the minds of many students Uni-wide. Often, I feel a sense of hopelessness riddled within the climate anxiety that plagues many of us; 'Why am I studying for an uncertain future?'. This ends with me. If I am to be elected Sustainability Officer, it will spell doom for climate doom; climate anxiety will fold to make way for a collective, student-led action, with student consultations, surveys, and democracy in the changes we make. I vow to you that I will strive to make even the action of studying at the University of Leicester a form of valid action for the climate.

What will this involve? Well, I must preface this by saying that the UoL currently sits bang in the middle of the table when it comes to sustainability according to Save The Student, placing 72/150. Crucially, our neighbours over at DMU are 7th. If that's not an incentive to better ourselves, I don't know what is. No offence, DMU, but with me we'll be coming for you. We'll achieve this in a coordinated effort, with the mandate of students across the uni. I am willing only to be a figurehead in our push for the planet. I will take none of the credit, and instead pass it onto every student here who participates in our push. This will include:

- A continuation of my SEED project, making Leicester more connected with the railways, and making fares to and from Leicester cheaper at vital times such as Christmas and other high student-traffic periods. This will save your wallet and save your footprint, two highly important reliefs that students at Leicester deserve
- An incentive system to walk more across campus and not use the bus for short hops, say between De Montfort Hall and Freemans. This will reward students for taking the sustainable route
- More instances of local vegan businesses offering their services on campus so that students may take a vital first step to a more sustainable diet. Obviously not forcing people to go fully vegan, but to help students eat guilt-free
- A campaign to ease sustainable travel for disabled students. Some sustainable actions are simply, yet unjustly, impossible for disabled students. How, for instance, is one meant to sustainably scale the mountain of the challenge before us if they are impaired in one way or another?
- A climate hotline. Many of our kin are terrified of the future that we are studying for – but it needn't be this way. Blind hope will no longer help, but to make someone realise they are a vital asset to the future of humanity, no matter the size of their arsenal for action, will give students the motivation they deserve to thrive once more
- A campaign with the SU to make carbon literacy training free for all, so we are equipped with the skills of green revolution
- And much more!

So join me, James Chick, on this phrase that sounds a lot like I'm presenting a documentary. This change all starts with you, the Leicester electorate – make a choice for the earth. Or to better DMU.



Jamie Hyland

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TRANS AND NON-BINARY OFFICER

My name is Jamie Hyland and I use he/him pronouns. I am a 1st year Psychology student. I identify as transgender and I have noticed the inequalities between trans and non-binary students and cisgender students. If I am elected, my main aim is reducing this inequality.

Pronoun Pins

- Pronoun pins available in places other than just reception
- Make sure pins are always stocked so no one has to use a pronoun badge that doesn't fit their identity

List of Trans Friendly Places

- Past Trans and Non-Binary Officers have put together booklets of information for trans and non-binary students
- I will carry on making a booklet of trans and non-binary safe places such as barbers

MY IDEAS

Name Changes

- I will advocate for quicker name changes on things such as registers and ID cards without having to have legal documents
- This will benefit the students that can't legally change their name because they are not out to their family or have financial issues

Gender Neutral Toilets

- Make information about gender neutral toilets on the university website more clear for students
- Advocate for more gender neutral toilets

Vote for Jamie - 11th~15th March

I am **KEERTHANA Gajjala**
running for the 2023-24 Women's
Officer Position . This is not just a
chance for me to bring change in
the university but I it is for all of
US!

So VOTE wisely ❤️

I would gracefully extend my
gratitude to my previous
graduate institution where I was
ranked as " Junior Under Officers
" in NCC for college committee.
I have learned and kept in
practice discipline , unity. I would
bring up the changes especially
in these factor's:

1. Representing women
and focusing on the
most prominent issues
we face (especially
security),
2. Working with the
Student Union and
University to gain
feedback from women
and implement what
resources will permit,
and
3. Expanding and
continuing the End
Period Poverty
Campaign to ensure
that women on campus
have access to free
menstrual products,
which can otherwise
cost women thousands
of pounds over a



I would love to take up
this opportunity to bring
my self back on my toes
to make complete use of
the chance of making a
change!

Change in the university
Change outside the
university
Change for a Good!



Because I strongly believe
in this that !

“Leadership should be
more participative than
directive , more enabling
than performing “



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