



VOTE

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FOR STUDENT ACTIVITIES OFFICER

Proposed by:
Lee Marsham: Economics President

Seconded by:
Tom O’Gorman: Union Council Officer
Rowing Equipment Officer

My Involvement so far

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Union Council Officer 09/10- Cheerleading Society Vice President 09/10- Law Society Secretary 09/10- RAG member 09/10- Returning Officer: Law Rep elections 09- Sabb Campaigner 09- Cheerleading Society Events Manager 08/09- Law Society Second Year Law Representative 08/09 | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Fresher’s Representative 08- Cheerleading co-ordinator for Football Varsity 08/09- Law Ball Committee 07/08 and 08/09- RAG Fashion Show assistant 07/08- Battle of the Dances: competitor 07 and 08, Front of House 09- Law Society member 07-present- Mixed Hockey member 07/08 |
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Sports:

- Promote the Sports teams heavily throughout Healthy Living Week
 - o Have a fun Sports Day: 5 a-side football, tag-rugby etc.
 - o Expand on this year’s Healthy Living Week and promote all areas of Healthy Living alongside the Campaigns and Involvement Officer.
- Create an air of **greater competition** among sports teams
 - o It’s an honor to play for your University team so I plan to introduce a league table for all sports teams to compete to see who the best Sports Team at the University of Leicester is.
- Maintain the campaign to **Keep Wednesdays Free** – especially for Postgraduates.
- Promote all Varsity events so that all Sports team that compete against DMU get the recognition they deserve.

Media:

- Work with LUSH, LUST and the Ripple to greater publicise Union events so that students don’t just learn about them over Facebook.
- **Promote the media groups** where there are facilities on campus
 - o For example play LUSH radio in the Scholar during the time they have the FM License.

Societies:

- Work on the new Student Training and Activity Reward Scheme (STAR) for group funding
 - o The fairest way to award funding is by **reward**, which this scheme will do. It's a way for societies to work on what they offer and be the best they can be, while working towards **greater achievements**.
 - o I plan to eventually extend this to the way Associations and Sports are funded.
- **Greater visibility** of Society heads
 - o Sometimes you miss out at Fresher's Fair and there is not adequate publicity of societies during the time between Fresher's and Refresher's for you to find out what they offer or how to join. I would introduce a system of publicising society President's so that contacting them about their society is made easier.
- Ensure **comprehensive handovers** so that the running of societies the following year is smooth.
- Students' Union provided First aid courses for all performance societies to be mandatory, with at least one trained committee member.
- Students on year abroad courses miss out on an opportunity to be involved in their societies
 - o I would introduce video-conferencing for all student groups so that people on the year abroad can run in the elections of the society they wish to be a part of.

Associations:

- Work on creating **Distant Learner Satellite Associations**, expanding on the introduction of the new Hong Kong Association.
- Work with the International Student Association (ISA) to help promote and provide support for students thinking of doing a year abroad during their course or a gap-year after university by liaising with international students from that part of the world
 - o Greater communication will lead to better understanding of student groups to build a **community of support** and integration both for International and Home Students.
- There should be greater publicity for the excellent work that these groups do
 - o Contact and Nightline are student run groups and people tend not to realize this.

Come and Try (CAT):

- Continue on with the current CAT scheme with greater opportunities
 - o With the success of the Dance CAT in October this should be progressed so that many **more and varied Student Activities** can be experienced in this way, for example CAT LUSH radio and DJ society.
- Provide a varied range of events
 - o Alton Towers, Leicester Tiger and Leicester City tickets, build upon the LUSSC CAT from this year to increase involvement in other sports and societies.

If you have any questions please contact me at lw119@le.ac.uk