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DISABLED STUDENTS' OFFICER

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Natasha Krywald

Hi, I'm Tasha! I study Criminology and one thing I am super passionate about is caring! Having lost my Dad to cancer age 3 and becoming a young carer for my Mum at 8, I have grown up knowing all the different needs we all have and the support we sometimes need to keep going.

My life massively changed in 2016 when I was diagnosed with both Autism and HNPP, a genetic nerve disorder. I had grown up around disability but coming to terms with being disabled myself was difficult and somewhat scary. The massive implications it could have on all aspects of my life didn't dawn on me until I began thinking about Uni. I felt limited in so much, from career prospects to even driving a car or having my own family. These worries badly impacted my mental health at the time.

Having to combat these issues myself has given me a real passion for ensuring that others do not have a hard time accessing support. I want to change the support we do offer to ensure it is suited and mouldable to people's needs. After all, we're all different, so shouldn't the support be tailored to individuals rather than a mould we don't all fit into?

What I want to achieve!

Being disabled isn't a choice. And places being fully accessible and supportive to all kinds of disabilities shouldn't be a choice either. I'd love to be elected as your Disabled Students Officer, because I think I could make a huge difference to the way we support disabled students both on and off campus. I'd like to:

- Ensure that everyone has the same opportunities and support!
- Break down the barriers that can currently prevent everyone accessing this support.
- Make sure everyone feels listened to and given a voice to say what they feel needs to change!
- Improve the awareness of disabilities in the University, especially invisible disabilities which are too often ignored.
- Improve the accessibility on campus. Including developing a map that allows disabled students to plan accessible routes around campus and find appropriate facilities for their needs.
- Build a fully accessible sensory garden on campus for students/staff to unwind in. Along with other positive changes to better support student's mental health and wellbeing. This will also promote sustainability on campus!
- Improve the accessibility and speed of support services. Everyone should be able to easily gather information on all these services and have equal access to them.
- Increase the number of fully accessible and inclusive events that cater to the needs of different disabilities. No one should ever feel their disabilities exclude them!
- And so much more! I want to listen to your needs and make solutions tailored to you.

Why Vote for Me?

I have a 'can do' attitude and don't let my disabilities get in the way! Disability can be such a big and scary word, but it doesn't have to be! If we start talking about our abilities instead, we can make huge positive changes that could impact disabled students for years to come.

I have shown lots of dedication to making change in the past, including writing a support guide that was given for free to help over 3000 young carers, and also campaigning alongside the disability charity scope for equality and inclusion for disabled people.

All of my hard work was recognised in January 2019 when I was honoured with a British Citizen

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enough to be Disabled Students' Officer
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DISTANCE LEARNING OFFICER



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VOTE!

Nada El Hourri

Part Time DL Officer

Who am I?

A life-long-learner and educator, keen to make a difference.

B.A. Psychology, M.A.ED, MBA (current)

While cooperating with staff, course reps, and executive officers, I will strive to:

- Improve the quality of student-personal tutor and student-tutor communication
- Provide tools for instant feedback after lectures and seminars and an overall module evaluation
- Develop research- rather than memory- based exams
- Raise awareness about cultural differences
- Provide active guidance for new DL students
- Solicit supportive communities across the world with suitable resources
- Improve engagement in seminars using better technology such as (VR)
- Diversify venues to earning synchronous hours
- Attend to career opportunities suitable to DL students

TAVNEET KHERA



“I APPROACH EVERYTHING IN MY LIFE WITH PASSION, DEDICATION & AUTHENTICITY. VOTE FOR ME.”

WHY ME

- *Completing a research-based Masters will allow me to utilize my research & analysis skills to substantially contribute to this role*
- *Currently a Recruiter: building relationships, networking & engaging stakeholders comes naturally to me -> I will use these skills to develop & maintain a network of key stakeholders thus having my voice heard by the right people*
- *Extensively involved in the non-profit world as a Crisis Line Counsellor, Writer for a Human Rights Journal & an Exec Member -> I care about people & I will bring passion to this role*

KEY INTENTIONS

- *Look into policies & procedures surrounding DL student e-mail access + how to overcome this issue allowing for direct communication b/w DL Officers & Students*
- *Addressing & closing the gap b/w DL students & the campus: having a space for DL students to discuss their concerns*
- *Delving deeper into the perception of DL Students from faculty & staff: understanding the student vs DL inequalities*
- *Improving DL communications*
- *Conducting a competitive analysis & reporting on other DL programs*

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INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' OFFICER



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IT'S TIME TO MAKE A CHANGE

Vote OLA for International Students' Officer



Why me?

- Representing University of Leicester during International Students' Conference 2019
- Equality and Liberation Champion for Geography 18/19
- Vice President for Events in Raise and Give society 18/19
- Lead Peer Mentor 18/19

My goals:

- **Representing** International Students and **encouraging** them to engage with the Union
- Celebrating **diversity** on campus and making International Students more **visible**
- Organising regular **focus groups** and creating **safe space** to improve students' experience
- Introducing a scheme to help International Students with **settling in** (help with opening a bank account, finding a house guarantor)
- Introducing **Welcome Packs** for International Students that will be available to collect during Freshers' Fair
- Improving **mental health** approach and **support services**
- Creating a campaign that will **raise awareness** of multiculturalism on campus

#It'sOurTime

Personal Summary:

I'm Haider Fraz, a first year undergraduate law student at University of Leicester, who wants to be your part-time international officer in order to create a more welcoming and productive atmosphere for you all at university.

- My basic goal shall be to enhance the welfare of international students by asking the university to increase funding and scholarships to international students.
- Availability of assistance to new students regarding matters such as opening bank accounts and renting accommodation shall be my priority.
- I would work to organise more events between different societies at our university and with societies from other universities to create an international student and foster friendships.
- I would work to ensure early release of exam date sheets so international students can work out their flight schedules beforehand in plenty of time.
- I shall campaign for improved vacation period assistance for international students so they can easily store their stuff during this stuff as well as don't feel isolated if they stay back at Leicester during vacations.
- Another important objective of mine is to organise more events aimed at cultural awareness and celebrating diversity to nurture racial harmony beside making a more homely atmosphere for international students.

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LGBT+ OFFICER

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NATE SEARSON LGBT+ OFFICER



WHO AM I?

I'm a 2nd year BSc Maths student, the current president of LGBT+ Soc, as well as the Trans Officer 18/19! I've done loads this year - from organising socials to running charity events! As Trans Officer I've worked to make the SU more trans friendly, and I also led LGBT+ History Month. I also supported this year's LGBT+ officer with his work! I have loads of experience and I'm at the heart of the LGBT+ community on campus!

WHAT DO I WANT TO ACHIEVE?

My three key goals are achieving LGBT+ training for all SU staff and Society Welfare officers - the people there to support us should know how to! I also want to continue Jay's Staff Guide, updating it and pushing to get less involved staff engaged - you shouldn't have lecturers use offensive language or treat you poorly because they don't know something! Finally, I want to continue the Pronoun Badge campaign and work on education about it as well as normalisation! I also want to run a campaign on reporting LGBT+ harassment, work with the counselling services, as well as leading LGBT+ History Month again! I also plan to work with the Trans Officer to support trans campaigns!

ANYTHING ELSE?

If you've got any queries or comments, you can contact me at bcs11@student.le.ac.uk!



Nathan Jordan

Currently serving as **Chair to the Boots UK LGBT+ Business Group** and having previously served as **Vice-Chair to a Government Select Committee** focussing on Sex & Relationships education, I believe I'm well placed to **champion the needs and rights** of LGBT+ Students at UoL.

Having worked in Human Resources for the last 6 years in the UK and the Middle East (Dubai & Bahrain) I am currently studying my Masters in Human Resources and Training.

My position as Chair of the Boots UK LGBT+ Group and my time in the Middle East helps me understand the important role these groups have in ensuring every student feels **safe, supported and able to express themselves**.

My focus areas will be:

- **Healthy Sex and Relationships Advice / Support**
- **Careers Events with LGBT+ Friendly Employers**
- **Clear Signposting For LGBT+ Related Mental Health Issues**
- **The Provision of Easy Access HIV / STI Testing for All Students**
- **LGBT+ Social Events**

If elected, I will use my **extensive corporate connections** to support me and the SU in continuing to champion these fundamental focus areas.

I'll also commit to holding monthly drop-ins to ensure I represent the needs of all students.

Contact me for more information – NJJ9@student.le.ac.uk

The following additional candidate is
running for this position:

HENRY WU

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MATURE & PART TIME STUDENTS' OFFICER



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Donna KNOWLES

As a mature student at The University of Leicester, I am fully aware of the challenges we have to overcome to come to and get through our courses. Being a parent and a carer and working throughout my course I understand how mature students have to juggle commitments outside of University.

I have been Mature and Part-time student officer previously before suspending studies to care for my husband.

My manifesto pledges:

1. To represent all mature students at UoL.
2. To ensure that they represented within UoL and especially the SU. Ensuring no mature students are excluded from any activities within the SU.
3. To work with the SU to secure return to the Mature Student Common Room.
4. To raise the profile of mature students within the University.
5. To work with the University and SU to welcome new mature students.
6. Work with the careers service to tailor opportunities to the needs of mature students.
7. To fight for the right of all mature students to regain the right to vote for the election of SU equalities officer, in line with the Equalities Act.

The following candidate is also running for
this position:

KHATEEJA BIBI ABDULLA SODAGAR

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Mature and Part Time Students' Officer
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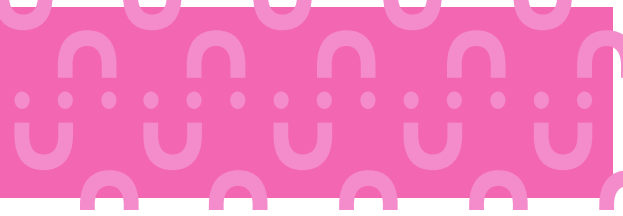
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TRANS OFFICER

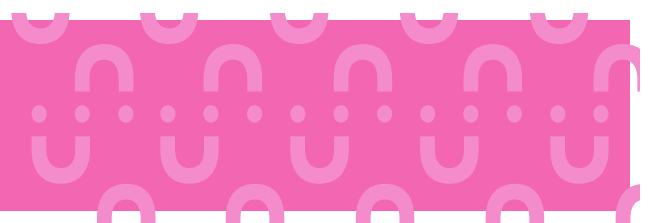
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The following candidate is running for this
position:

JAKOB JONATHAN WARD



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WOMENS' OFFICER

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VOTE FOR NIKKI

Women's Officer

As your Women's Officer, I want to inspire and motivate you to do and be everything that you dream of. Let's provide a strong and supportive community within a community, where women build each other up and resist the insecurities that make us tear one another down.

My aim is to work on providing more awareness for women's rights – by organising events, initiatives and projects. I want to promote better services for women - and anyone who self-defines as a woman, from emotional and mental health support to sexual health advice.

CAMPAIGN PROMISES:

- *Inviting guest speakers to share their inspiring and motivational stories*
- *Creating a strong sense of community for women students*
- *Better access to psychological support & advice*
- *Partnering with global initiatives and causes to create greater awareness*

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Naomi EYEOYIBO

As a current Events Coordinator for Nigerian Society, I believe I'm fully equipped to organise and run events specifically tailored to Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic (BAME) students. I spent the week shadowing our current BAME officer and seeing all the amazing things she does to provide opportunities for BAME students and I would love to continue her legacies. If elected, my main priority is to unite all of the BAME societies in order to run events, have intersociety competitions and unite the community. I would also love to set up a support system because in a lot of BAME communities, mental health is considered a taboo so being able to speak to someone who relates to you and understands how to work around the taboo could be very beneficial. Much like the space for LGBT students, I would like to create a space on campus for BAME students also; this could be just a nice area to relax with authentic food of many different cultures so that the area can feel just like home. This is also a way to support student culinary businesses.

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VOTING:

Opens 8 am Tuesday 19 March

Closes 6 pm Thursday 21 March

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