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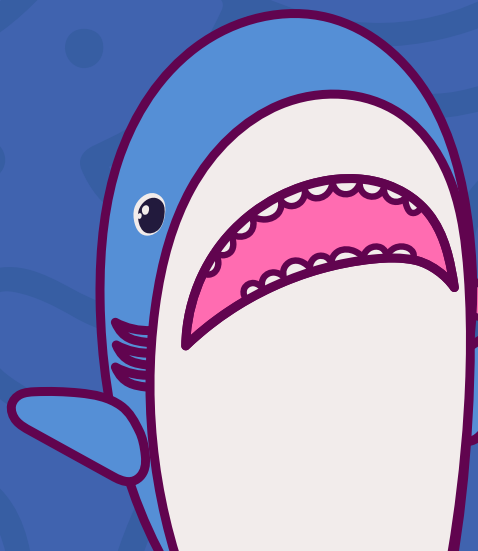
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Meet Your Candidates!

200 Words Manifesto

The views expressed by the individual candidates are not necessarily the views of the Students' Union. We encourage you as a student to carefully consider what the candidates have stated in deciding whom you wish to cast your vote(s) for.



Who will you
vote for?



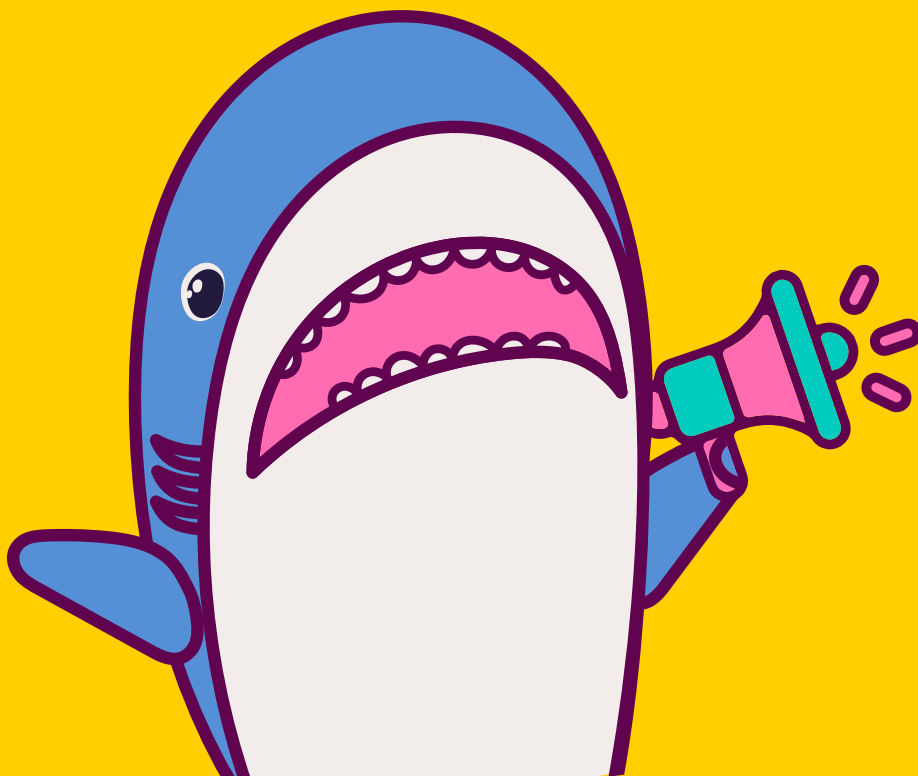
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Education Officer
200 Words



Sneha Purushothama



**Vote Sneha for Education Officer –
Because Your Voice Matters!**

Hey everyone! I'm Sneha Purushothama and I'm ready to shake things up as your next Education Officer! Having served as a Course Rep for MSc Data Analysis for Business Intelligence, I've seen firsthand the struggles students face—whether it's overwhelming coursework, financial stress, or feeling unheard. I'm here to make education work for YOU with real, impactful change!

I'll introduce a real-time feedback system so your concerns aren't lost in emails and push for course-specific societies to bridge the gap between academics and career growth. Student wellbeing is my top priority—I'll advocate for stress relief zones, mandatory wellbeing breaks in long lectures and student mental health first responders for peer support. To boost employability, I'll work on expanding internships, guest lectures and networking events so every student has better career opportunities. I'll also tackle the cost of living crisis by pushing for subsidized meals, financial aid awareness and cheaper transport. Plus, I'll fight for flexible deadlines, faster feedback and alternative assessments to reduce exam stress.

It's time for action, not just promises. Let's build a university that truly listens and works for YOU! Vote for me from March 10th-14th!
#VoteForSnehaPurushothama #MakeEducationBetter

Atrindu



Hi, my name is Atrindu and as your Education Officer, my goal is to create a more inclusive, supportive, and career-focused academic environment. My experience as a Lead Mentor, Leicester 100 Member, and SU Staff has given me deep insights into student challenges, and I am committed to making real changes.

What Sets Me Apart?

- Advocacy & Experience – Years of leadership in student welfare and policy-making.
- Real Solutions – Practical, student-focused initiatives to improve education and support systems.
- Commitment to Inclusion – Ensuring equal opportunities for neurodivergent, disabled, and financially disadvantaged students.

What I Aim to Do

- Stronger Academic Support – Flexible deadlines, specialized mentorship, and an inclusive learning environment.
- Financial Relief – More scholarships and flexible tuition payments for international students.
- Better Career Guidance – Course-specific mentoring, internships, and free LinkedIn Learning for all.
- Recognizing All Talents – Scholarships beyond academics, celebrating sports, arts, and leadership.
- Business Summits at Brookfield – Bringing industry leaders for networking and real-world insights.

If you want to know more about pledges check out my Linktree-
👉 https://linktr.ee/Vote_for_Atrindu

Thank You for reading. Please consider supporting me so that we can build a university where every student thrives!

Jeevana Sandhya



Hello Everyone

I'm Jeevana Sandhya. Here are my manifesto priorities.

Weekly In-Person Drop-In Sessions – Organize regular in-person sessions where students can discuss academic concerns, ensuring immediate support and direct communication.

Support for Distance Learners – Host dedicated online drop-in sessions to address the unique academic challenges faced by remote learners.

Student-Led Policy Development – Introduce a "Policy Hackathon" to allow students to collaborate on academic policies, ensuring their voices shape Union initiatives.

Union-Led Academic Awards – Launch Student-Led Teaching Awards to recognize and celebrate outstanding lecturers and support staff, fostering excellence in teaching.

Academic Quality Assurance Campaign – Advocate for transparent grading criteria and ensure student feedback is actively used to improve teaching and learning.

Enhance Academic Representation – Develop a 24/7 online platform where students can raise concerns directly with Course Reps and the Education Officer for faster resolutions.

Free Stationery Giveaways – Organize free distributions of essential stationery at the start of each semester to support students academically.

Student Success Stories – Showcase inspiring student journeys through blogs, videos, and social media to motivate and uplift the student community.

It's time for change.

Vote for Jeevana Sandhya as your next Education officer.

Thank you.

Aishwarya Kote

Vote Aishwarya Kote for Education Officer

As an international student who packed her dreams in a suitcase, I understand the challenges of navigating a new educational system. My journey from India to pursue a master's in international business has transformed me from a student into an advocate for meaningful change.



As your current Liberation Officer, I've proven my commitment to student representation by:

- Establishing the Liberation Council
- Organizing Global Fusion Fest
- Launching Neurodiversity Celebration Week
- Leading initiatives that amplify student voices

If elected, I pledge to:

- 📌 **Protect Student Rights:**
 - Ensure fair academic appeals
 - Secure CAS extensions for international students
 - Support neurodivergent students with inclusive policies
- 📌 **Break Financial Barriers:**
 - Introduce flexible payment plans
 - Create academic item loan schemes
 - Improve student work conditions
- 📌 **Enhance Academic Support:**
 - Implement Supervisor Excellence Program
 - Improve postgraduate research resources
 - Support international and commuter students
- 📌 **Address College-Specific Challenges:**
 - Develop targeted career pathways
 - Improve timetabling
 - Enhance college-specific academic resources

Every student deserves an education that goes beyond grades—an experience that breaks barriers, understands diverse perspectives, and empowers individuals to reach their full potential.

Vote Aishwarya Kote—because every student deserves to succeed!

Sasidhar Sure

Greetings, fellow students! I'm Sasidhar Sure, a Master's student in Cloud Computing, and I pledge to fight tirelessly for you as your Education Officer. Having served as your Course Rep, I've tackled real issues—securing extra study hours and amplifying your voices. Now, I'm ready to do more. Here's my commitment to you:



Unlock the Union's Power: I'll launch "Union 101" workshops, an app, and events. So every student can access 200+ societies, free advice, and support effortlessly.

End Visa Nightmares: I'll set up a Union-led visa hotline and push for fair attendance policies, ensuring international students thrive without unnecessary stress.

Revamp Careers: I'll secure hands-on experience, expand employer partnerships, and provide mentors for every course.

Fix What's Broken: I'll demand better funding for staff, more study spaces like David Wilson Library, and faster mental health support services.

Grace for Assignments: I'll fight for a submission grace period because a few late minutes shouldn't penalize hard-working students.

I'm relentless, real, and ready to act not just promise. With your vote, we'll build a Leicester where every student rises. Together, we'll make it happen!

One Union, One Voice – Empowering Every Leicester Student

Vote Sasidhar Sure for Education Officer!

Mohammad Tarikul Islam Khan

Dear fellow students,

I am Tarikul Islam, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the position of Education Officer in the upcoming student union election. My mission is to ensure that your academic journey is not only successful but also enjoyable. 🎓 ✨

As your Education Officer, I will prioritize your concerns and work tirelessly to address them. I believe that every voice matters, and I will establish open channels of communication where your feedback is valued and acted upon. Together, we can create a supportive environment that enhances our learning experience. 🧠 🤝

I am committed to advocating for improved resources, better access to academic support, and initiatives that make education more engaging. I will organize events and activities that not only provide a break from studies but also foster a sense of community among us. 🎉 📖

Your university life should be meaningful, filled with opportunities for growth and enjoyment. Let's work together to make this happen.

Vote for me, and let's create a brighter future for our education. Your concerns will be my priority, and together, we can make a difference. 🗳️ 💪

Thank you for your support! 🙏



Satoshi

As Education Officer, my goal is to make sure every student at the University of Leicester feels heard and supported when it comes to their academic experience. I'll work closely with staff and faculty to push for policies and changes that genuinely benefit students, improving the quality of education and support services across the board.

I plan to lead the academic rep system, offering guidance and training to College, School, and Course Representatives to ensure all students are represented at every level. By creating open, honest channels for communication, I'll ensure that feedback from students is taken seriously and acted upon.

I'm committed to making sure that underrepresented groups are given the support and opportunities they need to succeed. I'll focus on improving the personal tutor system to ensure it's truly helpful and accessible for every student.

Having served as a School Representative and led several student initiatives, I have the experience and passion needed for this role. I want to make the University of Leicester a place where students don't just get by, but thrive in an inclusive, supportive community. Together, we can create positive change and make students' academic experiences even better!



Molly Mather



Hi! I'm Molly and I'm running for Education Officer because I want to make education at Leicester more equal. I've always been passionate about learning new things, helping people and fixing problems.

I plan to:

Review the mitigating circumstances policy to make the deadlines it provides more equal for everyone:

Mitigating circumstances currently gives different deadlines for different situations – I want to make it more equal for everyone.

Ensure that all required and suggested reading are available digitally:

I want to work with the library and teaching staff to ensure that all readings are either available online or alternatives found.

Improve the personal tutoring system:

Raise awareness of the personal tutoring system to provide students with the tools they need to call out failures in the system.

Build a stronger academic community:

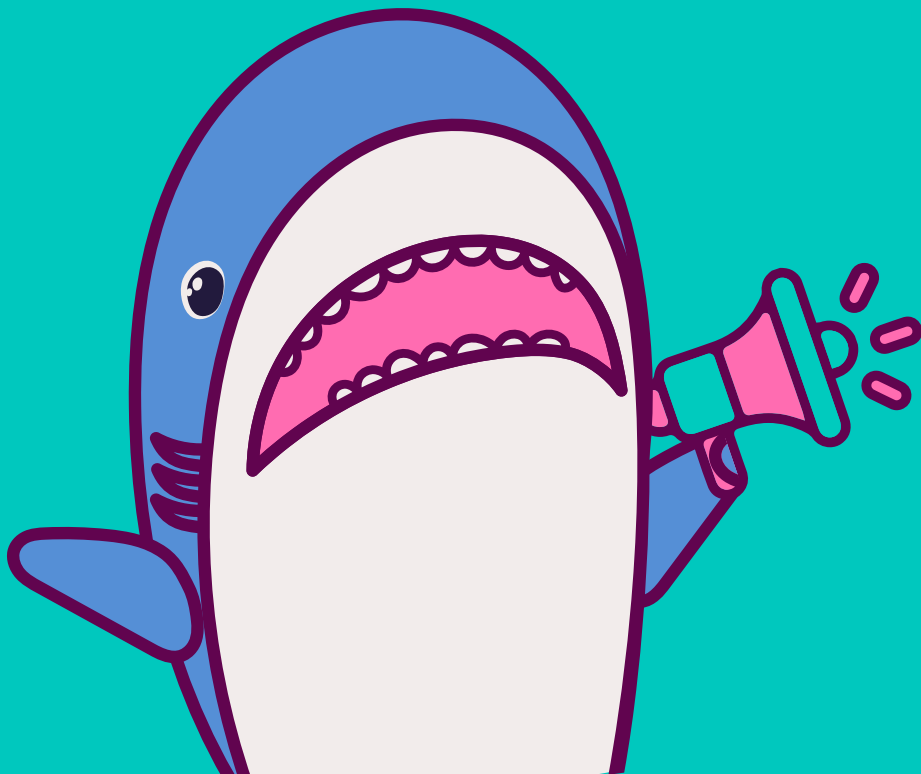
I want to create a more inclusive online platform for all students to improve the sense of community and, by extension, the overall mental health of the student body.

I have worked in various roles within the Students' Union for the last two years and have spent that time working on improving various aspects of the academic experience within my department and the university as a whole.

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♥ **Communities Officer** ♥
200 Words



Cleo Cornou

My name is Cleo Cornou and I am running to be your next Communities Officer! I am passionate about being an actor of change to improve the student experience in Leicester, and being an SU Officer will enable me to represent students, and fight for every community's needs. As Communities Officer, some of my priorities will be:



Female Safety on Campus

Establish a system to report incidents prevailing in the O2, and organise bus chains to avoid students waiting for the bus in the dark at night.

Student Employment

Work with the food court and local businesses to encourage student employment.

Ensure Accommodation is up to SAC Standards

The University needs to follow The Student Accommodation Code for every accommodation, no matter how cheap.

Improve the SU Website

Revamp the website to make it more accessible and easier to navigate.

Low Income Students

Provide support to low income students to partake in activities at University, and advertise this support.

These are only some of my aims, feel free to look at my manifesto for more information! Do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or would like to chat about my plans.

Join the Community, Vote Cleo!

Shiva Prasad Reddy. D

Hello everyone, my name is Shiva Prasad Reddy D, and I am excited to stand as a candidate for Communities Officer. Our campus is diverse and vibrant, and I am passionate about fostering an inclusive, united student body where every voice is heard, valued, and empowered.

As Communities Officer, I will work to enhance student engagement, inclusivity, and well-being by:

- Organize cultural exchange events, discussions, and awareness campaigns to celebrate diversity.
- Advocating for an inclusive campus where everyone feels welcome.
- Launch interactive events, workshops, and forums to bring students together.
- Create a feedback platform where students can share their concerns and ideas for community improvement.
- Strengthen links between different student societies to foster collaboration.
- Promoting better mental health resources and access to counselling services.

I am dedicated, approachable, and committed to making a real difference in our student community. I will work tirelessly to bridge gaps between different student communities and ensure that all voices are represented. I will listen to your concerns, take action on key issues, and work hard to build a more connected and supportive campus.

Together, we can create a stronger, more inclusive community.

Vote Shiva Prasad Reddy D for Communities Officer.



Alex Burt

I am an activist. Where I see injustice I am motivated to take action. In the past year I have been horrified by the steps taken by our university, threatening cuts to the services we pay for while supressing student voice. All the while, the cost of living crisis continues to bite at our wallets and worsen our welfare. Our union can and should be a loud and radical voice, supporting students through the crises and fighting for our voice to be heard by the University. There is so much work to do, and our movement will only complete it together.



University leaders have made their disregard of student welfare, democracy and free speech clear to all, and we deserve a better Student Union which cares for our voice and fights for our needs. As LGBT+ Officer I have fought to protect our democracy in the governance review and as your Community Officer I will be your strong, radical voice to the University.

Stop the hurt, vote for Alex Burt as your Communities Officer.

Ma Shoab

MA SHOAB – Your Communities Officer Candidate

The University of Leicester is more than just a place of study; it's a community, a network, and a space for growth. I am committed to engaging, empowering, and uplifting every student, ensuring that no one feels left behind or ignored. My goal is to foster an environment where each student feels valued, supported, and encouraged to reach their full potential, both academically and socially.



A Union for Everyone – Diversity, Inclusion & Representation

True student representation means every voice is heard and amplified. I will ensure the university provides a safe, inclusive, and vibrant space for students from diverse identities, backgrounds, and cultures.

Empowering Communities through Volunteering, Engagement, and Societies

A thriving student life depends on strong student-led initiatives. I will back societies, campaigns, and organizations that promote skill-building, networking, and connection. Additionally, I will focus on expanding volunteer opportunities, enabling students to gain employability skills and make meaningful contributions to their community.

Your Voice, Your Power – Advocacy & Real Change

I will always stand as a fierce advocate for student concerns. By ensuring that your needs shape university decisions, together we can create an inclusive, prosperous, and student-led university experience.

Hajra Hussain



Hello everyone! I am Hajra and I am running to be your Communities Officer in 2024/2025. It is extremely important that in our university journey that we feel a strong sense of belonging and inclusion. If elected I plan to represent students views and push forward meaningful change.

If elected here are my plans...

Mental Health First Aid Training - providing opportunities to both staff and students to raise awareness and boost confidence in dealing with mental health issues.

Quiet Sensory Room - For those days where some quiet time is needed to declutter our brains.

Open Office Hours - weekly drop-in sessions where you can come in for a chat without needing an appointment.

Discounted Food During Exam Week - reducing prices during this time to help keep you going

Wellbeing Drop-In Sessions - A place where you can come in to enjoy activities to help de-stress and take a break from your busy student life

If elected I promise to listen to your voices and create a university environment that you will thrive in.

Sukeerthi Samuel



Hello everyone,

I am Sukeerthi Samuel. Here are my manifesto priorities.

Societies:

- Funding Support – Provide minimum grants for new societies and assist struggling societies with high student engagement.
- Lifting Sanctions – Remove past committee-imposed sanctions to give new committees a fresh start.

Community:

- Free Breakfast – Bring back the free breakfast program for students.
- 24/7 Coffee Access – Install coffee vending machines in the library.

Liberation & Engagement:

- Global Fusion Fest – Continue cultural events for international students.
- Increase Student Participation – Improve engagement in Union activities.
- Support Liberation Officers – Collaborate on projects and initiatives.
- Annual Distance Learning Event – Host an on-campus gathering for distance learners.

Employability:

More Job Opportunities – Expand on-campus jobs and partner with local agencies for career drives.

Sports:

- Annual Sports Awards – Recognize student-athlete achievements.

Mental Health:

- Wellness Programs – Launch sound therapy, yoga, and team sports for student well-being.

It's time for change.

Vote for SUKEERTHI SAMUEL as Communities Officer.

Thank You

- Sukeerthi Samuel

Satya



Vote Satya for Communities Officer –
Building a Stronger, More Inclusive
University of Leicester!

Hi, I'm Satya, and I'm running to be your next Communities Officer! Over the past two years, I've been an active member of various student societies and served as a committee member for two. These experiences have shown me the power of student communities when we come together. Now, I want to take this passion further—to ensure every student feels represented, connected, and supported.

If elected, I will:

- ✓ Enhance collaboration between societies and student groups to create bigger, better events.
- ✓ Increase funding awareness so societies and cultural groups can thrive.
- ✓ Push for university buses on Sundays to improve accessibility for all students.
- ✓ Host more events at Brookfield Campus, ensuring all students feel included.
- ✓ Ensure student voices are heard at every level of decision-making.

The University of Leicester is home to an incredibly diverse and vibrant student body. I want to create more opportunities for students to engage, celebrate cultures, and make lifelong connections. Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive student community.

Let's make the University of Leicester better for everyone—Vote Satya for Communities Officer! 🚀🎉

#UniteWithSatya

Callum Marriott

Hi, I am Callum Marriott, a 3rd year Geology Student from Grimsby, Lincolnshire. I have played for 2 university sports teams and been a member of my course's academic society throughout my 3 years here. I enjoy Music, Comedy and Films, my favourite being Death of Stalin.



I have experience with communicating and working with staff and students as a result of my past experience as a course rep for my year.

I am also approachable, and value your opinion!

My 6 Key Pledges:

Student Groups: Work on reforming the funding criteria for societies, ensuring that they can afford to do activities and events that the members want.

Volunteering: Working with local volunteering organisations to encourage volunteering in the community.

Inclusivity and Accessibility: Foster an inclusive environment by encouraging student groups and schools to start using resources on Blackboard regarding inclusivity.

Widening Participation: Ensure that the Cost-of-Living Crisis is no barrier to being a member of an academic or sporting society.

Safety: Open Dialogue with Shuttle Bus contracted operator to look at later buses back to the Oadby Student Village. Also look at reinstating the University Safety buses.

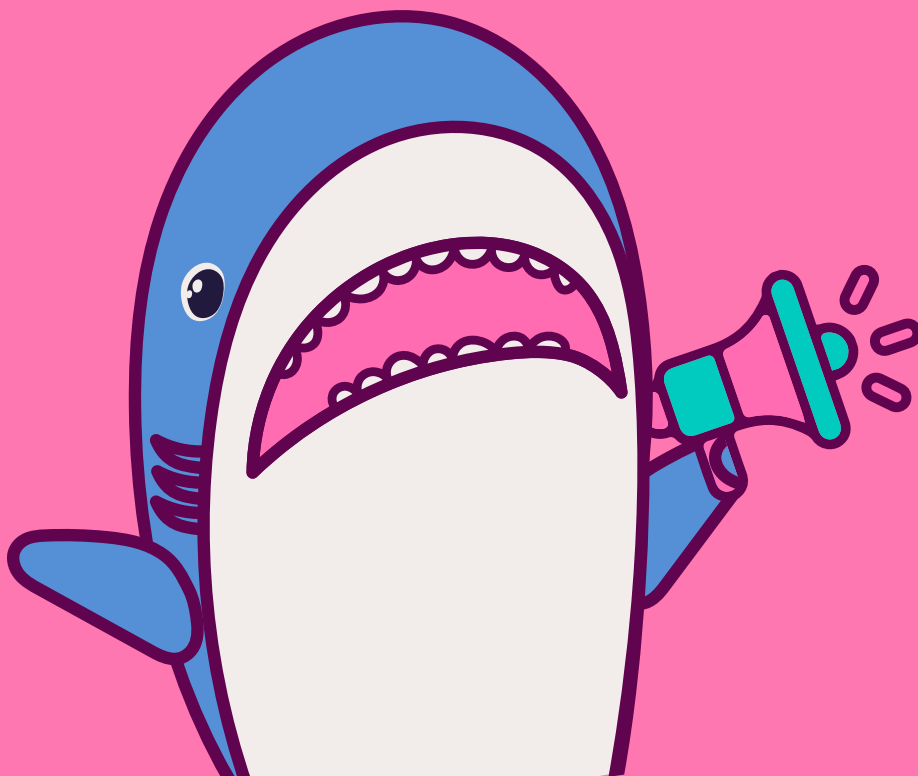
Employability: Continue conducting employability campaigns with partners to develop students transferable skills.

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**SU President
200 Words**



Jobanjit Singh

Hey, I'm Jobanjit Singh and I'm running for Student Union President again because I believe in making student life better and I'm ready to put in the work.

Last year, I participated in the election yet my loss motivated me to improve my service for your constituency. Through listening and learning I am prepared to execute an actual changes.

Here's what I'll focus on:

Better Support for Every Student: The real support systems for mental health resources along with study assets and student services will all receive my commitment to make sure they exist for anyone who requires them. Each person should obtain something more meaningful than meaningless promises.

More Fun & Inclusive Campus Life: I will develop additional campus events together with spaces that welcome everyone to connect socially with their peers. The student body should unite as one.

Your Voice, Your Change: Your concerns will guide my actions toward solution. Your constructively shaped ideas hold importance to me because I promise to transform them into reality. The university needs to become a supportive environment for its students. A vote for me will unlock significant positive change in our community.

Thank you! 😊



Samuela



My name is Samuela, and I would like to be your new SU president. I have already served as a committee member for 2 societies here on campus. I am no stranger to deadlines, teamwork, setbacks and responsibility. Because of this, I know it is important to be perseverant with your goals. I also know it is important to work in community with others as a lot events and ideas cannot be done by yourself. For Leicester in the upcoming year, I would like to continue the SU's support for societies on campus, making sure their queries are answered, and needs are attended to. I would also like to host a multi-cultural food hall at some point in the year. I think this will be a good opportunity to introduce people to cultural foods they're unfamiliar with. I would like for the SU to have its own student's foodbank/essentials bank. The Cost-of-Living Crisis has affected many students, and I think it's a good way to make sure the needs of students are still being met. You can vote for me on the SU website if you'd like to see change!

Chan Subramanyam

As a previous undergraduate student representative and now the College of Life Sciences PGR representative I have been fortunate to see the university develop over many years. If elected as President, I would focus on ensuring that the university is acting on the needs and concerns of students. I hope to advocate for under-represented groups such as parents and carers, distance learners, neurodiverse students, ethnically diverse students, and LGBTQ+ students. I would work with senior leadership teams to ensure that staff are respecting students' diverse life histories and current needs. I aim to ensure staff are sufficiently trained in supporting student wellbeing through being able to signpost and provide immediate low-level mental health support. I aim to support undergraduates in their transitions into work or further research by improving the university's career pathways so that students are reassured that they are strong candidates for further employment or education. I would enhance the visibility and opportunities available for PGR students to promote their research and ensure their research degrees provide them with transferable skills post-research. Furthermore, I would improve policies around the day-to-day of student life ensuring students have access to the resources and materials they need to thrive in their studies.



Joshitha



My name is Joshitha, and I am honored to serve as your current Students' Union President. I am running for re-election because I am committed to continuing the important work, I have started to improve students' academic success and overall university experience.

Over the past few months, I have launched initiatives aimed at tackling academic challenges, and I want to build on this progress. My top priority for this election is to reduce the financial burdens that many students face. I will continue advocating for increased financial support, budget-friendly food options on campus, and more on-campus job opportunities. Additionally, I want to ensure that academic resources are accessible to all students, regardless of their financial situation.

I am passionate about making university life more affordable and ensuring that every student has the resources they need to thrive. If re-elected, I will continue to listen to your concerns, work towards practical solutions, and create a positive impact on our student community.

Your voice matters, and I am here to represent and support you. I would be grateful for your vote to continue making meaningful changes that benefit us all. Together, we can make a difference!

Avtar Singh



DEMAND that ALL lecture materials are uploaded at the beginning of the year and ALL lectures AND seminars are recorded and uploaded immediately after a lecture/seminar etc. Students should be asked if they prefer to use the “lectures” to attempt problem sets, or just sit through their boring PowerPoint presentations, splitting groups in 2 if necessary. If UoL refuses, SU should signal as loud as possible to all future students that LU is rubbish and not to come here.

Campaign to legalize drugs, abolish the tax free allowance, and use regressive taxes to fund a UBI and give ALL 18 year olds £60k to use as they wish, as long as they are happy to pay the extra 9% income tax.

Demand that the UoL FIND jobs/internships for students both during and after university. SU to do this until the UoL step up.

All out of date food to be left in the library.

SU finances to be published publicly. Abolish unnecessary paid roles eg DEI, LGBT+, etc, and use the savings to subsidize food. Arrange mass deliveries of McDonalds, KFC, etc, at a discount.

Preethi Patel



Fellow students,

I stand before you today because I believe in a Students' Union that is truly student-led, bold, and fearless in advocating for your rights and needs. Your voice matters, and as your President, I will ensure it is not only heard but acted upon.

Empowerment & Representation – I will be your strongest advocate, ensuring that every student, regardless of background, feels represented, included, and valued. I will push for student-friendly policies, greater transparency, and more opportunities for engagement.

Welfare & Wellbeing – Your mental health, financial security, and housing stability should never be afterthoughts. I will work closely with university services to improve access to support and demand better student accommodations and financial assistance.

Sustainability & Social Responsibility – Our campus must lead in sustainability. I will champion green initiatives, reduce waste, and ensure student-led environmental projects receive full backing.

A Stronger Union – I will strengthen our campaigns, amplify your concerns at every level, and build a more inclusive and impactful Union that fights for YOU.

This is our time to create lasting change. Vote for a President who delivers. Vote for me.

#TogetherWeLead

Matt Schofield

Hey, I'm Matt (He/Him) and I'm running to be your Students Union President for 2025/26. It is finally time to have a president who strongly represents your views!



Whilst being your President, I have 5 main areas which I would like to focus on to improve our university life. These include significant improvements to our student wellbeing support system, the Student Cost Crisis, student safety, education, and the Society Funding system. At the heart of my plans for next year is our student safety and wellbeing. For years I believe students haven't been seen as the main priority at the University of Leicester, instead focusing on cost saving strategies and results on a piece of paper. It is time for change, and together we can achieve this making our university a nicer, happier and safer place to be.

The Student Cost Crisis affects every one of us. Whether it is in the form of rent, food prices on campus shops, or the hidden costs we are subject to when joining university. Finances should never be a barrier for opportunity, so to ensure students don't face this issue, you know how to stop this.

Vote Matt

#ThePeople'sPresident

Prabhu Sambaraju

Hello everyone,

I am Prabhu Sambaraju. Here are my manifesto priorities.

1. Better Transport for Everyone

I will extend weekend bus shuttle timings and ensure services run on Sundays until 2 PM.

2. Empower Students Through Voting

I will organize voter registration drives and educational sessions, so your voice is heard in every election.

3. Create a Leadership Hub

I will establish a Political and Leadership Bureau for students passionate about politics, leadership, and activism, offering workshops, training, and networking.

4. SU WhatsApp Broadcast Channel

I will launch a WhatsApp Broadcast Channel for real-time updates.

5. Collaborate for Local Change

I will work with local MPs and officials to create student-community initiatives that drive real change.

6. Safety and Support

Tackle sexual violence, Student violence, and help international students understand UK laws and University policies.

7. Strengthen Societies

I will secure more society funding and introduce free first-year memberships.

8. Full-Time Sports Officer

will push to bring back Full time sports and societies officer role

9. Fitness for Mental & Physical Health

I will promote fitness and wellness campaigns to improve student well-being.

It's time for change.

Vote for Prabhu Sambaraju as your next PRESIDENT.

Thank You

-Prabhu Sambaraju



Konrad Wila

Hello! I'm Konrad Wila, and I'm running to be your Students' Union President. My mission is simple: to amplify your voices, enhance your experiences and lead positive change across our university.

As a student leader with experience in software projects in finance and defence. I've learned how to listen, collaborate and most importantly deliver results. I'm passionate about creating a more supportive and sustainable university environment.



If elected, I will focus on:

Empowering Student Voices: I will ensure that suggestions of any size are heard and acted upon. Working closely with the university to tackle key issues like financial pressures and student housing.

Wellbeing and Mental Health: I will develop and provide support services that are effective and prioritise mental health and wellbeing for all students.

Community Engagement: Through collaborative engagement, I'll explore innovative ways to enhance student life, ensuring that your academic, social, and personal development remains at the heart of everything, while remaining accountable to members.

Your voice matters, and I am here to make sure that it drives every decision. Let's build a Student Union that reflects your needs and aspirations together.

Vote for Konrad Wila for President. Grow and succeed!

Anu Arthy M K

Vote Anu Murugan for STUDENT UNION President!

A university should be more than just academics—it should be a place where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to succeed. I'm Anu Murugan, and I'm running to be your next Student Union President because I believe in a happier, healthier, and more inclusive university for all.



As students, we face academic pressure, financial struggles, and mental health challenges. But together, we can build a stronger, more supportive community. Here's my vision for change:

- 🔥 Free Medical Support – PhD medical students volunteering to offer free health guidance.
- 💙 Mental Health Assistance – PhD psychology students providing vital support.
- ✈️ Flight Discounts – Partnering with airlines to help international students save on travel.
- 🐾 Giving Back – Donating 50-60% of my salary to support animal welfare.
- 🌍 Inclusive Well-being – Introducing faith-based programs for gender equality and student well-being.

I'm not here for personal gain—I'm here to serve YOU.

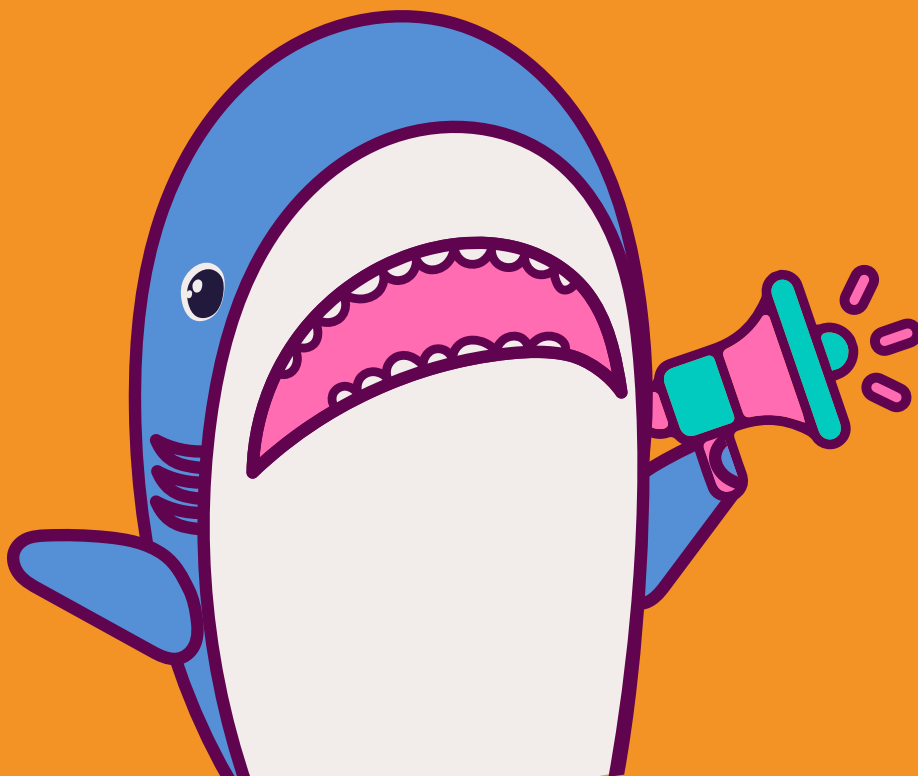
Vote for a leader who puts students first! Vote Anu Murugan and let's create a better university, together!

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Part-Time Officers 200 Words



Accessibility Officer

Sumairah Qayyum

Breaking Barriers, Building Access –
Vote for Sumairah!

Hi, I'm Sumeera Abdul Qayyum, a second-year BSc Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience student at the University of Leicester. Being diagnosed with dyslexia at Leicester changed everything for me. The support I received helped me achieve higher grades, but more importantly, it made me feel seen, heard, and valued.



Too many students struggle silently, unaware of the support available or facing long delays. As Accessibility Officer, I will ensure faster access, better resources, and more assertive student advocacy.

- ✓ Faster Access to Support – Reduce waiting times for dyslexia, ADHD, and learning assessments and increase awareness of Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA).
- ✓ Better Digital Accessibility – Push for lecture recordings, captions, and assistive tech to be available for all.
- ✓ More Inclusive Campus Spaces – Expand quiet study areas and improve accessibility across university facilities.
- ✓ Ending Stigma & Raising Awareness – Organize campaigns and staff training to normalise learning difficulties and disabilities.

Accessibility is a right, not a privilege. Vote Sumeera for Accessibility Officer, and let's make Leicester genuinely inclusive for all!

 Voting opens 10th March – leicesterunion.com/vote

Accessibility Officer

Hannah Davies

Hi, my name is Hannah. I am a 20-year-old psychology student with hypermobility and suspected autism. I am running to be the accessibility officer because I have noticed things around the university that I feel could be improved to help support everyone. Along with my own conditions, I have worked with people with varying levels of conditions and therefore have experience with ensuring accommodations and accessibility.



I want to create an educational campaign, using multiple platforms to spread the message about the truth behind commonly misunderstood conditions. Using social media, posters, emails and providing more in-depth training, I want to be able to bring attention to stereotypical judgements and teach how to avoid them. A lot of both physical and mental conditions are largely misunderstood and people with them face unnecessary challenges as a result.

Another thing I want to do is introduce more support for those with undiagnosed conditions. Due to long wait times within the country, many people are currently undiagnosed, but this does not mean that they don't struggle with symptoms. There is currently little support for these people, and I want to introduce methods to increase it.

I hope to have your support. Thank you :)

Accessibility Officer



Jamie Hyland

Hi, I'm Jamie and I am running for Accessibility Officer.

Why Choose Me?:

Accessibility means so much to me as someone who has disabilities and mental health issues. I have also grown up with my mum being chronically ill and seeing her struggle to get out of bed in the morning and to do daily activities such as going to work.

I have also got friends at university that too have disabilities and I see the same struggles that I see in myself and how these struggles impact everyday life in university and outside of university.

My Aims:

- I know I am not the only person with disabilities who struggles around university, as accessibility officer I will put effort into:
- Signposting on how to receive resources such as Disabled Students Allowance
- Regular maintenance of lifts and automatic doors
- Regular maintenance of disabled toilets
- Lower the prices for Freemans Common accommodation for disabled students
- Make sure all lecturers make module timetables on Blackboard accessible
- Accessible seating in the lecture theatres that wont strain students necks and legs
- I will raise awareness of disabilities and run disability events such as neurodiversity week

Distance Learning

Natalie Hayward



I'm running for re-election as Distance-Learning Officer because I believe I have much more to do to improve the experience that distance learners have.

About Me

- Recently completed BA in Ancient History and Classical Archaeology and beginning an MA in September 2025.
- Current Distance Learning Officer and have completed all my previous manifesto aims.

Projects

- Expand Distance Learners Day: Distance Learners' Day is currently being trialled with one school and is set to take place this April. The response so far is very positive and points to it being an even bigger success if it was expanded next year.
- Empower distance students: I aim to continue to create resources to enable distance students to better understand university processes, and who to turn to, enabling them to advocate for their needs throughout their studies.
- Distance Learning Peer Mentoring: Peer mentoring was trialled with some undergraduate distance learners this year, but it has become clear that they need a tailored program – I'm confident I can create it.
- Campaign for a change in the fee discounts guidelines: The current guidelines do not allow the alumni discount to be combined with merit scholarships, potentially driving away high achieving Leicester alumni – this needs revising!

Ethnic Equity Officer

Patrick Abor



Hey everyone, I'm Patrick Abor, and I'm running to be your Ethnic Equity Officer because I want every student from an ethnically diverse background to feel supported, represented, and included at Leicester SU.

Leicester has made good progress, but there's still work to do to create more opportunities for ethnic minority students. If elected, I want to:

✓ Encourage more networking & career support for ethnic minority students,

including connections with Leicester alumni.

✓ Push for greater cultural representation across SU events, artwork, and leadership opportunities.

✓ Work with catering & societies to see how we can bring more diverse food options and cultural celebrations to campus.

I've seen first-hand how important representation is—whether through my work organizing Black History Month at a leading tech company or in my time playing rugby at the university, where I've been part of making the sport more welcoming in a traditionally less diverse space. I want to take that same energy and apply it to the wider student experience.

✉ Vote for me from 10th – 14th March! Let's build a Students' Union that truly represents us all.

📍 Let's get "Pat Abor through the door"!

Ethnic Equity Officer

Vishali

My name is Vishali, and I am a law student at the University of Leicester. I am running for the position of Ethnic Equity Officer because I believe that diversity, inclusivity, and cultural celebration are essential. Every student deserves to feel seen, heard, and valued at our university. As a student who understands the challenges of navigating new spaces where cultural differences are not often fully recognized, I am committed to growing an environment where everyone feels recognized and celebrated. I will work to ensure that students of all ethnic backgrounds have equal access to opportunities and that your voices are heard. One of my key priorities will be organizing events to improve education about different cultures and encourage learning from one another's traditions. These events include, international food festivals, cultural exhibitions, and cultural activity days. The events listed will create a positive and diverse community that gives each student a chance to participate and feel welcomed. I will also actively speak with students to understand the changes you want to see and how we as a team can improve ethnic equity on campus. I hope to work together with students to make the University of Leicester a place where cultural diversity is not only acknowledged but embraced and celebrated by all.




LGBT+ Officer


Charlie G Cronin




Hi, I'm Charlie Cronin, a theatre kid with a love for reading, surfing, badminton, and the great outdoors. As a first-year Computer Science student and a bisexual male of colour, I am committed to making Pride accessible to everyone at the University of Leicester.

My Experience:


 Head Student and Environmental Council Leader in Thailand


 Summer Camp Counsellor for underprivileged kids in the USA

 Teaching Assistant for children with special educational needs in the UK


My Priorities:

Unite

 Strengthen connections between LGBTQ+ PTOs across the country to tackle systemic issues together.


 Ensure LGBTQ+ spaces at UoL are accessible to all students who need them.

Divest

 Push for UoL and Leicester Pride to sign the Fossil Free Pride Pledge, aligning our values with sustainability.

Provide


 Welfare drop-ins for students in need.

 Restore the Gender Affirming Care Fund—because we did it once, and we can do it again.

 More LGBTQ+ events beyond Pride Month.

 LGBTQ+ training for SU staff to ensure proper support.

 A clear and effective system for reporting LGBTQ+ harassment.

Together, we can build a more inclusive, supportive, and sustainable future. Vote Charlie Cronin for LGBTQ+ PTO!  

LGBT+ Officer

Izzy Obrey

I'm Izzy Obrey, and I'm bisexual, running for LGBT+ Officer. Coming to university really helped me to express my sexuality in my own way and made me more comfortable in myself and I want to help others feel like that. I plan to create events celebrating pride throughout the year and not just during pride month as we deserve recognition all year round.

I also want to raise awareness of the issues and discrimination that members of the LGBT+ community still face in 2025 and make resources more accessible for help such as on the SU website and in the university buildings. I also wish to advocate for more training on discrimination and harassment focused on all aspects for the LGBT+ community.

Sexualities such as pansexual and asexual are often forgotten and so I want to start more conversations to ensure everyone feels included and celebrated. Hosting monthly drop-in sessions is also something I want to do for all students part of the LGBT+ community to come and voice and concerns or ask any questions they may have. I also wish to create a support system for student who may struggle with coming out to friends or family.



Women's Officer

Aysu Aghaei

Hi, my name is Aysu and I'm a current 2nd year Law student!

I am running for the role of Women's Officer because I envision a University experience where every woman—regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, or background—has the opportunity to thrive academically, professionally, and personally.

My projects:

The 'Leicester Leaders' Mentoring Scheme

An interdisciplinary mentoring network that connects women students with alumni and professionals. This initiative will bridge the gap between education and employment, providing guidance and opportunities to improve employability and future prospects.

Women-Only Study Spaces

I will create study spaces that are exclusively for women. These spaces will provide a safe, comfortable, and focused environment where women can work free from distractions.

Women-only Sports & Fitness Opportunities

Women-only swimming sessions and gym hours led by women instructors.

Free women's self-defence classes to equip women with the confidence and skills to protect themselves in any situation.

Increased support for Mothers and Caregivers

A dedicated study space where mothers can work alongside their children.

More flexible exam arrangements, mitigating circumstances, and deferral policies to accommodate students facing challenges.

Lecture live-streaming where possible to ensure accessibility for all students.

Vote Aysu; let's build a University where women thrive.

Thank you for your time!!



Women's Officer

Abigail Rose Neilson



Hi everyone! I am Abigail Neilson, studying physics and running to be your women's officer.

I am passionate about improving our university and celebrating everyone who identifies as a woman.

I pledge to foster a university community where women aren't disadvantaged or discouraged but are listened to and celebrated for their contributions and successes. I aim to inspire women of all ages and create a legacy of empowerment

that continues for years to come.

I vow to;

Extend the rollout of period products on campus to more bathrooms and improve the facilities in buildings such as Ken Edwards.

Fight for reproductive health by promoting more sexual health events and also on a governmental front.

Continue to offer self-defence classes on campus - we experience sexual harassment on a local level, even just when walking through the city centre.

I will also dedicate myself to organising many Women's History Month activities.

I will strive to positively impact liberation for all - we are not free until we are all free.

“Stand for something, or you will fall for anything. Today's mighty oak is yesterday's nut that held its ground.” - Rosa Parks.

Vote for Abigail for your Women's Officer!

Women's Officer

Nadine Stratton

I'm Nadine Stratton, a student of LLB Law with Politics, Course Representative, and passionate campaigner for women's safety, health, and empowerment.

As a woman of dual heritage, I understand the unique challenges of holding multiple identities. I want to create a campus where all women feel safe, supported, and empowered.

My Key Priorities:

A Safe, Empowering Gym Space

As a gym enthusiast, I know how essential it is to have a space where you feel comfortable and confident. I'll campaign for a women-only gym area where women can work out without feeling self-conscious or criticised.

Zero Tolerance for Unacceptable Behaviour

Every woman deserves to feel safe. I will fight for stronger policies to address inappropriate behaviour, with simple reporting systems and real consequences for those who make our campus unsafe.

Building a Supportive Women's Community

I know how scary it can be to make friends. That's why I'll organise social events, wellness workshops, and fitness challenges to bring women together, build bonds, and create a strong network of support.

As your Course Rep, I've always fought to amplify student voices. As Women's Officer, I'll continue that fight. Vote Nadine Stratton—because every woman deserves to feel strong, safe, and empowered.



Arts Officer

Donokhon Abdulkhamidova



VOTE FOR DONO ARTS OFFICER!

LIFE IS SHORT

Art is for everyone! Art is not just for artists—it's for everyone. Whether you paint, design, write, perform, or simply appreciate creativity, you deserve a space to express yourself. As your Arts Officer, I will make sure the arts at our university are inclusive, accessible, and inspiring for all students!

YOU ARE THE ARTIST AND THE ART.

About Me: I'm Dono, a passionate advocate for the Arts with a background in Creative Industries and Art. My experience in this field, improved such skills as: organizing events, working in cultural development, and supporting student initiatives which has shown me how powerful creativity can be in bringing people together.

ART IS LONG.

MY PRIORITIES:

Ensure all students, regardless of background or skill level, have opportunities to engage in the arts. Promote diverse cultures and artistic traditions through multicultural art events. Support student-led art exhibitions, performances, and creative projects.

Vote Dono for Arts Officer! Let's make art an open, inclusive, and exciting space for all!

💡 #ArtForEveryone | 🎭 #CreateConnectInspire | 🎨 #YourVoiceInTheArts

Arts Officer

Christina Oyalegan

Hello! I'm Chris, a 3rd year nursing student and school rep for healthcare. I'm proud to be a founding member of The Revival and one of the original members of the current Leicester Glee Club.

The arts have always been a part of my life and these societies have played a vital part of my university experience, sharing my talents, meeting new friends and having a space to share with others.

I believe that the Arts are important and play a big part in many students lives. The arts are something that everyone can participate in, whether its performing, visual or literary arts.

As Arts Officer I want to make the arts more accessible, sustainable and exciting for everyone

As Arts Officer I Want To:

Support new and current Art societies; helping them with fundraising and making sure they have resources

Run more creative events; working with societies to develop and execute events where students can showcase their creative talents and have fun

A month of creativity: I want to introduce a month of Creativity, where the Arts are celebrated with performances, workshops and interactive sessions for students.

Voting for me means voting for a more creative campus.



International Officer

David Nkpa



My name is David Nkpa, and I am a second-year Computer Science student who has experienced the excitement and challenges of adapting to a new country. Moving to a different culture, meeting new people, and navigating university life can be overwhelming, but I've also seen the incredible strength that comes from diversity and community. Leicester is a place where people from all backgrounds come together, and I want to make sure every international student feels truly at home here.

Having lived across multiple countries, I know what it takes to build an inclusive and welcoming environment. From reviving a STEM Astronomy Club to debating global issues at Model United Nations, I've always been passionate about bringing people together. As International Officer, I will work ardously to bridge cultural gaps, improve access to essential resources, and make sure international students' voices are heard.

I will introduce a Peer Support & Mentorship Program to help students connect over academics, careers, and cultural experiences. For International Students' Day, I will launch the Mosaic of Leicester campaign, celebrating student stories, cultures, and advocating for policies that matter.

Leicester thrives because of its diversity; let's make it a place where every student truly belongs!

International Officer

Maery



I'm a fellow international student who understands the unique experience. I want to be your voice and support you throughout the academic year, making meaningful improvements that benefit us all.

My Missions:

Create detailed welcome packets with information on settling in, navigating visa restrictions, finding jobs, affordable shopping spots near different accommodations, banking options and

more to help with adjusting

Provide clear guidance on accessing university support services without the confusion of searching through multiple web pages.

Transform university communications from panic-inducing visa status reminders to supportive guidance, prioritizing your well-being and mental health.

Enhance feedback sessions with dedicated time slots for international student concerns, ensuring university leadership hears your voice.

Organize cultural exchange opportunities where students can connect, share traditions, and build a supportive community.

Establish financial guidance for international students facing tuition costs, including scholarship resources, emergency funding options and advocacy for more flexible payment plans.

While I can't guarantee that all these will become reality immediately, I can promise to work tirelessly toward these goals.

Together, we'll turn challenges into wins and create a space where every international student feels welcome, supported and ready to thrive!

#More than a student number; A voice to be heard

International Officer

Margarita Panteleli

My name is Margarita (she/her), and as a Greek international student, I understand the challenges of navigating a new country, adapting to a different academic system, and finding a sense of belonging. That's why I am running to be your International Officer—to ensure every international student feels supported, heard, and valued.

International students deserve a strong voice in the SU. I will work to ensure that your concerns—whether about academics, welfare, or university policies—are heard and addressed.

Visa Support: I will push for clearer, more accessible guidance on visas and work rights so that no student is left struggling with bureaucracy alone.

Integration & Inclusion: I will advocate for better university services tailored to international students, ensuring equal access to opportunities and resources.

University should be more than just academics—it should be a home away from home. I will organize initiatives to bring international and local students together:

Language Exchange Program: A buddy system where students can learn new languages, make friends, and support each other.

With your support, I will work to make our university a place where every international student feels at home. Vote for me to ensure that your voice is heard!



International Officer

Nikita Sachdeva



Hi, I'm Nikita, an international law student, and I am excited to run for International Officer.

Being an international student is a unique experience, filled with excitement but also challenges such as adjusting to a new culture, navigating university life, and finding a sense of belonging. With nearly 7,000 international students at our university, I want to ensure that no one feels lost or unheard. My goal is to make the transition to university easier for international students.

If elected, I will be a reliable point of contact, offering support, answering questions, and helping international students engage with the Student Union. I will collaborate with cultural, ethnic, and religious societies to create an inclusive environment and organize an International Day where students can showcase their cultures through performances, food, and traditions. I also plan to host an international freshers' event to help international and home students connect early in their university journey. Additionally, I will actively gather feedback and work to implement ideas that improve student experiences.

With experience in leadership, event planning, and public engagement, I am committed to making our university a home away from home.

International Officer

Olujide Olakanmi

As an International and PGR student at the School of Business, I, Olujide Olakanmi, am committed to ensuring that all international students feel supported throughout their university journey. We, the international students, bring diversity and global connections, but we also face challenges such as cultural adaptation, academic adjustments, financial pressures, visa concerns, and social integration. I am committed to tackling these issues and making the university experience more inclusive for all.



My Key Priorities:

Building a Strong Support System – I will establish a peer mentorship program connecting new international students with experienced students to help them navigate university life.

Enhancing Academic and Career Support – I will work with the Academic Council to introduce tailored academic workshops and career guidance sessions for international students.

Advocating for Fair Policies – I will push for better funding opportunities, flexible payment structures, and clearer visa/work guidelines.

Creating an Inclusive Community – Through cultural exchange events, networking opportunities, and awareness campaigns, I will foster a sense of belonging for all international students.

I believe that every international student deserves a voice, and I am dedicated to ensuring that voice is heard and valued. Together, we can make our university a home away from home!

Sports Officer

Ahmir Riaz



Why I Stand For Change?

As an International Olympic Committee (IOC) Young Leader, I've seen how sports can bring people together and create positive change. I aim to use sports to make a difference by promoting inclusion, sustainability, and positive impact.

Why Me?

I don't just talk about diversity and inclusion, I live it. I support cultural representation and make sure everyone feels valued, no matter where they come from. My IOC training has taught me how to make real changes and help communities through sports.

My Vision

Create opportunities for students to take part in international sporting events, showing their talents to the world.

Work for equal access to sports for everyone, no matter their gender, ability, or background.

Promote eco-friendly sports practices to protect our planet and ensure sustainable sports programs.

Build strong connections with global sports organizations to offer mentorship and career chances.

Use sports to break cultural barriers, build unity, and inspire future athletes and leaders.

Together, we can use sports to unite people, inspire change, and create a better future. Vote for me, and let's make this vision come true.

Sports Officer

Ben Carpenter

Hey my name is Ben Carpenter (He/Him), and I am running for Sports Officer for 2025-26!

As a third-year student, I've had the opportunity to take part in sport all across the university. I have primarily been a part of the Swimming & Water Polo (Swolo) and Hockey Clubs, being on committee for both, and this year, President of Swolo! I also love to getting stuck into all aspects of sport around the Uni whether it be campus league netball to supporting fixtures down at Stoughton!



I am running to strengthen the relationship between students, Team Leicester, and the SU, to create a more interconnected and inclusive sporting community. I believe that every student, whether part of Team Leicester or another club, deserves fair representation, support, and access to equal resources.

A few of My Priorities are:

Improving Safety & Well-being through the introduction of compulsory first-aid training through potential collaboration with the medical school.

Boost the visibility and function of clubs! Creating more media for them to use to sell how good they are!

Build on Let's Do Leicester Sessions to encourage more beginner-friendly sessions into different sports!

Ensure all clubs get the equal training opportunities they deserve.

Sports Officer

Mohit Chodavarapu



I am Mohit (he/him), currently pursuing my MSc in Advanced Computer Science at University of Leicester. I am stoked to announce my candidacy for the role of Sports Officer in the Student Union Elections. I know how much sports can impact our well-being and sense of community, and I want to ensure everyone has the opportunity to participate.

I want to expand our event offerings beyond just Varsity.

Affordability: Ensuring to bring down the membership costs to keep it more affordable considering the rising living expenses.

Inclusive Sports Days: Events designed to cater to all abilities, ensuring no one feels excluded.

Beginner-Friendly Workshops: Skill-building sessions to help everyone feel confident trying new sports.

Well-being Focused Activities: Integrating mental health workshops and stress-relief activities into our sporting calendar.

Inter-Society Sports Competitions: Partnering with diverse societies to promote inclusivity and community spirit.

First-aid training: Offering training to ensure the presence of a dedicated first-aid team at all sporting events.

I'll be your voice, ensuring your concerns are heard and acted upon. Let's work together to build a vibrant and inclusive sports community in our university. Vote for me, and let's make sports a positive and accessible experience for everyone.

Sustainability Officer

Mohammed Siddiqui

Sustainability isn't just a buzzword to me - it's at the heart of everything I do! As a carbon-literate PhD research student in Sustainable Steelmaking with a Mechanical Engineering background, I have spent five years at our university witnessing the incredible potential we have to create real change. Now, I want to turn that potential into action.



From manufacturing a litter-collecting robot to developing a solar panel cleaning drone, I have led innovative projects that merge technology with sustainability. As President of Innova and Vice Chair of the SU Sustainability Network, I have empowered over 100 students to tackle environmental challenges. Whether through organising workshops, advocating for green initiatives or leading campus-wide sustainability efforts, I have consistently transformed ideas into impactful eco-solutions.

As your Sustainability Officer, I will make sustainability accessible and actionable. I will introduce carbon footprint labelling on SU food, launch a Green Incubation Hub for student-led eco-startups and connect students to sustainability careers through fairs and industry trips. Most importantly, I will equip students with environmental skills through hands-on projects, UN SDG workshops and free carbon literacy training.

Together, let's turn ideas into action and innovation into impact and build a greener campus for all!

Sustainability Officer

Ashlesha Tiwari



Growing up in an eco-conscious household, I quickly understood the impact of everyday actions on our planet. My love for National Geographic, my dad's love for houseplants, and my mom's work in solid waste management shaped my passion for sustainability, which was further fuelled by binge watching TED talks coupled with inspirational actions taken all around the globe.

I am ASHLESHA TIWARI, a 2nd year BSc Psychology student running for the position of sustainability officer. I believe local actions will eventually result in a global impact. That is why I am standing in the elections with hands-on experience with helping a local company understand it's environmental impacts while suggesting implementation plans integrated with carbon literacy training.

If elected, I will advocate for student discounts on public transport, making eco-friendly travel more accessible for those living further away. I aim to promote low-carbon diets by diversifying plant-based food options. Organizing sustainability workshops and events like Go Green Day in collaboration with student societies and local groups while pushing for better event promotions to increase footfall along with transitioning to electric shuttles instead of diesel.

Let's leave a legacy behind; vote for me as we think local and impact global together.

PGR Officer

Kewku Yamoah

🎓 Kweku Yamoah for Postgraduate Research Officer

● Are you a Postgraduate Research (PGR) student feeling stuck between being a student and staff?

Do you want more community, better training, and a stronger voice? Then vote for Kweku Yamoah!



🔥 My Vision for PGR Students

● Stronger Community

📌 PGR students often feel isolated. I will work with the PGR Rep Forum and the Doctoral College to organize regular networking and social events, ensuring we build meaningful connections.

● Better Training Opportunities

📌 Every PGR student should have access to department-specific training programs that enhance research and career prospects. I will push for tailored workshops and courses to meet our diverse academic needs.

● A Dedicated PGR Society

📌 Why wait until the Doctoral Research Conference to meet your peers? I will champion the creation of PGR-specific societies and clubs, fostering year-round engagement and collaboration.

Your Voice, Your Future! 🎯 I will ensure your concerns are heard at every level, from the Academic Council to the Students' Union. Let's make the University of Leicester a better place for PGR students! 📧

Vote Kweku Yamoah – Let's Build, Connect, and Thrive Together!

PGR Officer

Testimony Ipaye

Manifesto for PGR Officer

Pursuing a PhD is a rewarding but challenging journey, often marked by research pressures, funding concerns, and feelings of isolation. As your PGR Officer, I will work to ensure that every researcher feels supported, valued, and equipped to succeed.

Advocacy & Representation

I will amplify the voices of PGRs, addressing concerns such as funding, supervision, and workload at the Academic Council and beyond. My experience working with international health organizations and policymakers has strengthened my ability to communicate effectively and drive meaningful change.

Well-being & Community

Mental health remains a significant challenge for researchers. I will establish a PGR Well-being Hub, providing a space for peer support, well-being workshops, and access to mental health resources. Through a Peer Mentorship System, new PGRs will gain guidance from experienced researchers, fostering a more connected and supportive community.

Career & Development

I will advocate for greater access to conference funding, career workshops, and interdisciplinary networking events to ensure PGRs have the tools they need for success. A PGR Research & Well-being Forum will bring together students, faculty, and industry experts to share ideas, build connections, and enhance career opportunities.

Vote Testimony for PGR Officer, your research and well-being matter.



PGR Officer

Mohak Udiniya



Let me introduce myself, I am Mohak Udiniya, who is a biotechnologist and future cancer biologist. I have nominated myself for the position of PGR officer, whose work will be to consider the wellbeing of Postgraduate Research students and make sure their voices are well represented on a higher level. PGR programme is a very intensive and, most of the times very isolating with very less room for social and personal growth; that is where Mohak comes in. It is very easy for students to feel left out, and that's why I am focusing on interdisciplinary

events where you will socialize with like-minded individuals, apart from learning something new. There are researches that show sports helps in relieving stress and improving welfare, that's what all the PGR students will be able to do, because I am coordinating with other officers and schools for bringing monthly sports competitions. Growing up does not mean you do not have ideas and issues so, every month I am going to conduct meets where for a day I will be available for approach, where you can come and talk to me apart from regular communication and you will be heard. Vote for Mohak who hears you ;).

PGR Officer

Edith Malemba



I am a first-year Geography PGR dedicated to improving the PGR student experience at the University of Leicester. My passion for research, combined with my experience representing students from diverse academic and professional backgrounds, drives me to advocate for meaningful improvements in our PGR community.

Because of the nature of our work, PGRs can be isolated from the student body and not feel a sense of belonging with the student union. I want to bridge that gap and make sure that PGR interests are effectively represented.

To improve the PGR student experience, I will work to ensure PGRs have access to the resources, support, and opportunities they need to thrive academically and personally. I aim to do this by:

Promoting collaborative and inclusive research activities, such as hackathons and interdisciplinary workshops, to inspire innovation and creativity.

Creating opportunities for PGRs to connect, share experiences, and feel a sense of belonging through initiatives like welcome mixers for new and potential PGRs and peer mentorship programs.

Trans & Non-Binary

Heath Burns



My name is Heath Burns, my pronouns are he/him, and I want to be your trans and non-binary officer. You should vote for me because I want to implement initiatives that will directly benefit trans and non-binary students.

One of these initiatives will be a database compiling local trans and non-binary friendly barbers, hair salons and any other businesses students want including. I would also include local doctors that offer bridging prescriptions or work with places that offer private

gender affirming care, making it easier for students who can afford private gender affirming care to find a GP to fulfil their prescription. This will be a document for the trans and non-binary student body by the trans and non-binary student body as anyone will be able to add to this database. I hope this resource will help alleviate some of the anxiety around being trans or non-binary in a new place.

I have experience advocating for trans and non-binary students and effectively communicating barriers we face. This does not however mean that I will dismiss any input anyone else within the community may have as I want to effectively represent the trans and non-binary student body.

Societies Officer

Aimee Thomas-Lane

I am currently in my second year of a Natural Sciences degree. I am excited about running for Societies Officer because I think that societies are the heart of student life. They provide a space for students to meet people outside their courses, explore their passions and develop new skills. I have been passionate about societies since my first year, when I first joined one. I have noticed that there are often flaws with how societies are run and would like to help to solve some of those flaws so that future students can have an even better experience than I do now.



This year I joined the Societies Council as Accessibility Officer. Here I was able to have a say in decisions about societies, funding to societies and new Student Groups. Although I feel that I have done a lot of work this year to contribute to better societies, I have many more ideas that I would love to have the chance to implement and work on.

My Key Priorities:

Increase funding for societies

Encourage collaboration between societies

Promote inclusion and accessibility in all societies

Improve communications and transparency with the Students Union

Societies Officer

Mahnoor



I am MAHNOOR MEHBOOB, an enthusiastic and motivated student who believes that university is about more than just academics. I work best in dynamic settings where creativity, teamwork, and leadership combine to create unforgettable experiences. Having been involved in a variety of extracurricular activities, I know how important it is for students to have a well-rounded education.

I believe that every student should have the chance to explore their interests, learn new skills, and form lifelong friendships through clubs, societies, and events. If elected, I will be your voice, making sure that all students, regardless of background or experience, have access to exciting and diverse opportunities. Possess access to a variety of fascinating opportunities. Your vote is a vote for a more lively, connected, and fulfilling university experience.

Better facilities , and increased visibility for all societies are all ways to support student clubs. Putting together a variety of social, cultural, and professional development events that are interesting and varied. Better cooperation: Building closer ties between various student organisations to promote a sense of unity on campus.

So, vote for me and Let's make extracurricular life truly extraordinary!

Societies Officer

Diya Kulshrestha



Diya Kulshrestha for Societies Officer
Frustrated with the SU over society struggles? Let's make real change!

About Me

Hi, I'm Diya Kulshrestha, a 2nd-year BA Media, Society & Culture student and an active member of the SU. As School Representative for Arts, Media & Communications, Press Society Secretary, and Media Production Society Events Manager, I have hands-on experience in student engagement and society management. I want to simplify

society processes, sustain societies, and create an inclusive space for all students.

Why Am I Running?

Being part of multiple societies, I've seen the challenges of coordinating with the SU, sustaining societies, and finding new committee members. Training, funding, and procedures can feel overwhelming without guidance. These struggles motivated me to run for this role and make real change.

My Aims

- Simplify Society Start-ups – Make launching a society easier for all students.
- Sustain & Support Societies – Implement strategies to prevent societies from disbanding.
- Boost Niche Societies – Increase visibility and support for smaller societies.
- Opportunities & Funding Guidance – Organize training and events to help societies grow with minimal funding.
- Strengthen SU-Society Relations – Improve communication between societies and the SU for a better student experience.

Societies Officer

Aida Rayegani



Why Societies Matter?

Societies are a vital aspect of student life, encouraging personal growth, social connections, and leadership. As Societies Officer, I will ensure that societies receive adequate support, funding and recognition, whilst promoting engagement, accessibility and inclusivity.

Why Vote for Me?

I possess the following key skills required for such a role:

- **Leadership & Communication:** As Co-Founder and Vice President of the UoL Salsa Society, I work with students, committees, and the SU to ensure smooth operations. I will effectively represent societies and advocate for their needs.
- **Organisation & Time Management:** Balancing my studies, competing with Dancesport, and co-running Salsa Society proves my ability to manage multiple commitments.
- **Problem-Solving:** I've tackled barriers to participation, such as financial and inclusivity challenges, ensuring all students feel welcome.

My Plans as Societies Officer:

- Regular society meetings & surveys for direct SU engagement
- A WhatsApp group for quick SU-committee communication
- Better committee training for event planning & funding
- More collaboration between societies through joint events

Vote for me to strengthen societies and enhance your student experience!

Societies Officer

Ellie Stobirski

Hi! I'm Ellie, a second-year Medical Biochemistry student from Essex, and I'm running for Societies Officer. I'm involved in Panthers Cheer, Gymnastics, Cocktail Society, and DKMS Stem Cell Society, and I've gained valuable experience as Treasurer for both Panthers Cheer and Gymnastics. Currently, I'm the Vice-Chair of the Societies Council, where I've learned how to effectively support societies.



I'm passionate about making societies at Leicester more accessible, connected, and thriving. As Societies Officer, I would:

Support society leaders by offering committee drop-in sessions and creating a Question Page on Committee Hub to provide guidance and best practices.

Encourage society networking events, allowing society leaders to collaborate and share ideas.

Simplify the process of starting a new society, offering more in-person support and guidance.

Help societies access funding opportunities through talks on how to apply for grants and organize fundraising events.

I'm organized, approachable, and dedicated to making societies more inclusive and engaging. I'm excited to represent all societies and ensure every student has the support and resources they need to succeed.

Vote Ellie for Societies Officer—let's make societies at Leicester even better!

Full list of PTO candidates

Societies Officer:

Aida Rayegani
Aimee Thomas-Lane
Diya Kulshrestha
Ellie Stobirski
Mahnoor

Sustainability Officer:

Ashlesha Tiwari
Mohammed Siddiqui

Ethnic Equity Officer:

Patrick Abor
Vishali

PGR Officer:

Edith Malemba
Kewku Yamoah
Mohak Udiniya
Testimony Oluwatise Ipaye

International Officer:

David Nkpa
Jignesh Sisodiya
Maery
Margarita Panteleli
Nikita Sachdeva
Olujide Olakanmi

Distance Learning Officer:

Natalie Hayward

Accessibility Officer:

Hannah Davies
Jamie Hyland
Sumairah Qayyum

Sports Officer:

Ahmir Riaz
Ben Carpenter
Mohit Chodavarapu

Arts Officer:

Amani Mustapha
Christina Oyalegan
Donokhon Abdulkhamidova

Trans & Non-Binary Officer:

Heath Burns

Women's Officer:

Abigail Rose Neilson
Aysu Aghaei
Nadine Stratton

LGBT+ Officer:

Charlie G Cronin
Issabelle Obrey

Full list of FTO candidates



SU President:

Anu Arthy M K
Avtar Singh
Chan Subramanyam
Jobanjit Singh
Joshitha

Konrad Wila
Matt Schofield
Prabhu Sambaraju
Preethi Patel
Samuela



Communities Officer:

Alex Burt
Callum Marriott
Cleo Cornou
Hajra Hussain
Ma Shoaib
Shiva Prasad Reddy. D
Satya
Sukeerthi Samuel

Education Officer:

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Jeevana Sandhya
Tarikul Islam
Molly Mather
Sasidhar Sure
Satoshi
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