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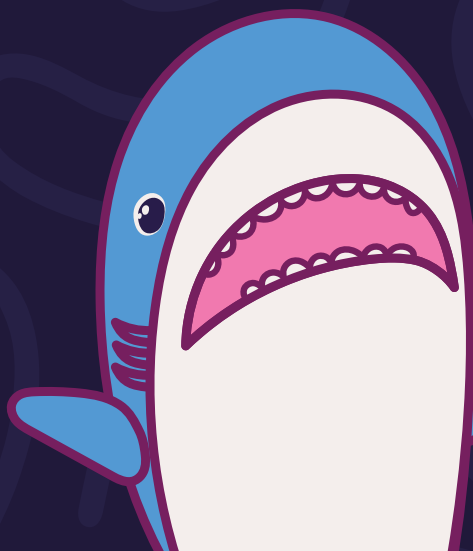
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## Candidate Manifestos!

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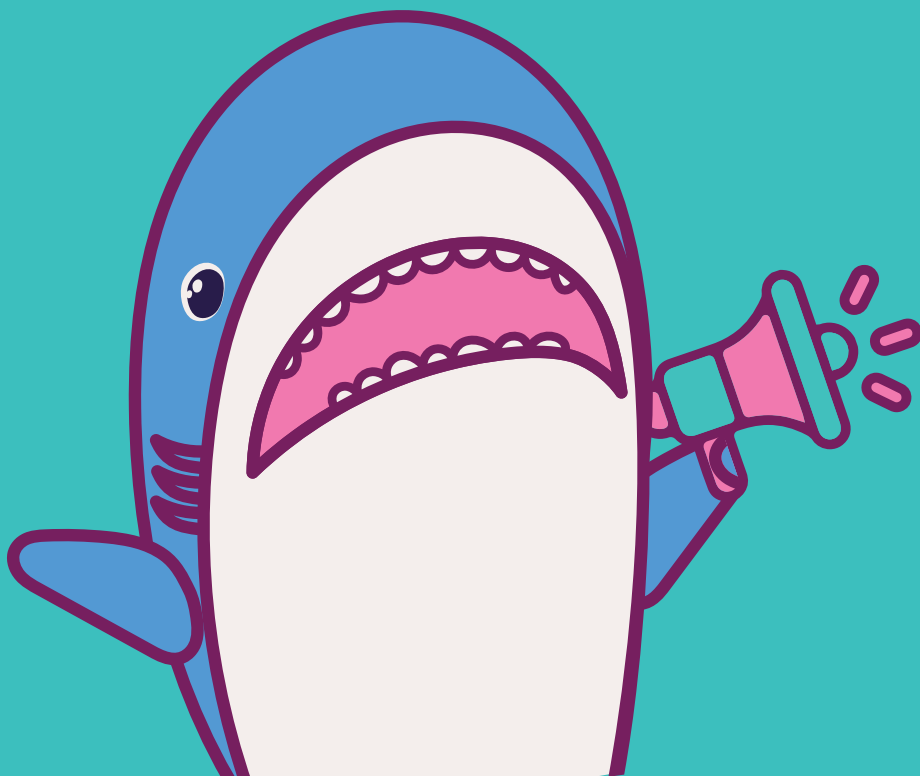


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♥ **Communities Officer** ♥  
**Manifestos**





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## VOTE MA SHOAIB FOR COMMUNITIES

As a Communities Officer, my mission is to empower, connect, and lead with purpose. I am committed to building stronger, more resilient communities where every voice is heard, and every individual has the opportunity to thrive. By fostering collaboration, driving positive change, and breaking down barriers, I strive to create an environment where unity and progress are at the heart of everything we do. Together, we can shape a future that reflects the strength, diversity, and potential of every community we serve.

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## VOTE FOR ME!

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# Alex Burt for Community Officer

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.

## A Caring Union

- Fight rent hikes by both the university and private lets
- New and accessible aid for students struggling with food costs and bills
- Bring down campus food prices with a new, affordable food outlet

## A Radical Union

- Oppose all university cuts to student experience
- Press the university to adopt a new, BDS compliant, careers & investment policy
- Introduce workers and tenants rights workshops



## A Better Union

- A new access fund for society and Team Leicester memberships
- More contract flexibility for students in university halls
- New and specific support for the use of AI models by students

**Stop the hurt, Vote for Burt**

# Alex Burt for Community Officer

## Stop the hurt, Vote for Burt

### Cost of Living Support

- Expand the Student Union foodbank and work with student support services to ensure proper provision
- Support the community kitchen with donations, equipment and promotion
- Lobby to end our contract with Circuit Laundry and for laundry services to be free
- Better support for disabled students with a university Disabled Students Allowance

### Strengthen Our Community

- Defend the free Oadby Bus for students and lobby for night bus provision
- Reform the room and speaker booking
- Organise a diverse calendar of events to celebrate and support our fantastic diversity
- Create and support a survivors network for victims of sexual harassment and assault and support reform to the reporting system



# Alex Burt for Community Officer

## Stop the hurt, Vote for Burt

### A Bold and Radical Student Voice

- Offer a termly Question Time to ensure University and SU executives remain accountable to students
- Work with the University to write a new and comprehensive ethical investment and careers policy
- Resist any university cuts to courses, support or the student experience
- Be a consistent voice for student causes to the University Executive

### Supporting Tenants and Workers

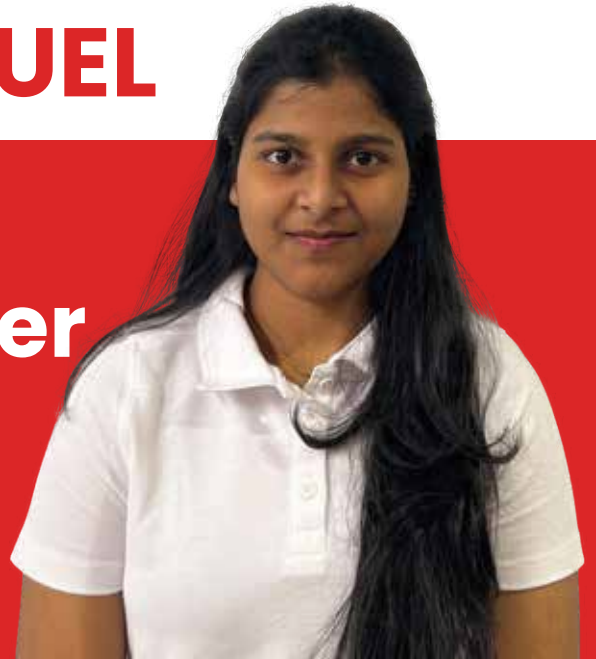
- Lobby for more flexible accommodation contract provisions for all students
- Create a university-wide 'students first' policy for part-time vacancies
- Introduce a tenants and workers rights service to Advice, in collaboration with trade and tenants unions
- Establish student parents and carers networks and specific support schemes for parents and carers



# **My Manifesto as your Communities Officer**

# SUKEERTHI SAMUEL

## Running as your Communities Officer



### PERSONAL STATEMENT

Hello Everyone,

I am Sukeerthi Samuel, and I am honored to stand as a candidate for the role of Communities Officer in the upcoming Students' Union elections. As a MSc student in Advanced Computer Science, I have experienced the diversity, energy, and challenges of student life. Being an international student, I know how important it is to feel welcomed, supported, and connected, and I want to ensure that every student—regardless of background—feels heard and valued.

Before embarking on this journey, I gained valuable leadership experience as an Assistant School Pupil Leader, where I worked to support and represent my peers, organize initiatives, and build a strong student community. I also worked as a developer at a multinational company, where I developed problem-solving, teamwork, and leadership skills that I will bring into this role to advocate for real change.

However, my decision to run for Communities Officer is not just about my past experiences—it is driven by a genuine passion for making a difference and fostering a sense of belonging for all students. I believe that every voice matters, and as your Communities Officer, I am committed to ensuring that your concerns, ideas, and aspirations are not only heard but acted upon.

Together, let's build a stronger, more inclusive, and connected student community!

Thank You

- Sukeerthi Samuel

**"It's time for change"**



# My first steps for change

## **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.

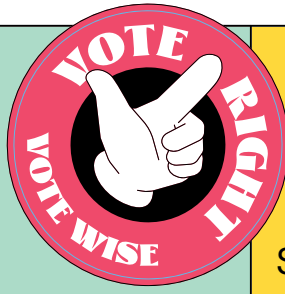
## **Sports:**

**Annual Sports Awards** – Recognize student-athlete achievements.

## **Mental Health:**

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

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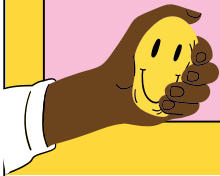


**FOR COMMUNITIES OFFICER 2024/25**

I am passionate about fostering an inclusive and welcoming environment at university. A vote for me is a vote for improving student well-being and building a stronger, more supportive community, where your voices are not only heard but supported.

## ON CAMPUS SENSORY ROOM

A dedicated safe and quiet space on campus where students can take a break, breathe, and relax, providing a environment to unwind and recharge.



## ADVERTISE SOCIETIES MORE



Societies are a core part of our student experience, and they are something we should all participate in. Here, work will be put in to increase engagement and awareness.

## CHAMPION DIVERSITY AND LIBERATION

Celebrating and hosting events for Black History Month, Women's History Month, Pride, Disability Awareness Month, and more



## OPEN OFFICE HOURS



No need to book an appointment - just drop in and have a chat whenever you need support or a friendly conversation.

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## PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID TRAINING TO STAFF AND STUDENTS

Our well-being is extremely important, and a strong community plays a vital role in this. This training will raise awareness and build confidence in supporting others during crises.



## DISCOUNTED FOOD DURING EXAM WEEK

Stressing over exams is tough enough without worrying about food costs. I will push for reduced prices on food access campus during this time.



## STREAMLINE ACCESS TO RESOURCES

For those who have tried to access support resources, you know how challenging the journey can be. I aim to create a more seamless and holistic approach, ensuring you get the help you deserve with ease.



## SOME MORE GOODIES:

**YOUR VOTE MATTERS**

1. Introduce standing desks to the library to help with our physical health
2. Continue with the free breakfast programme
3. Raise awareness of the plethora of resources that are currently available

## YOUR IDEAS MATTER!

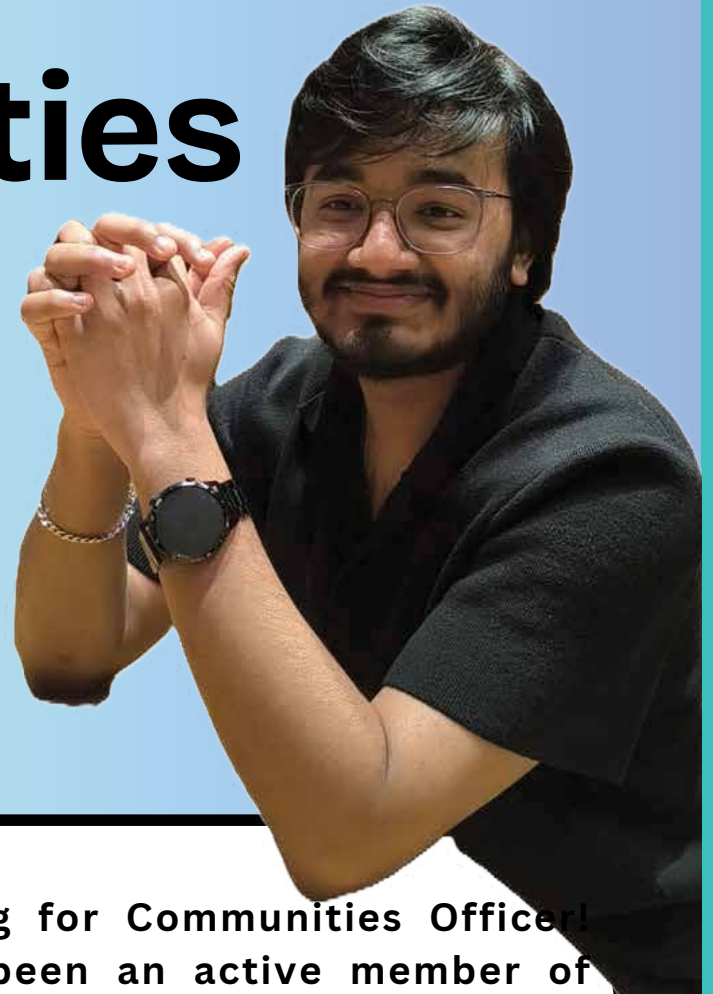


I won't pretend to have all the answers, but I promise to listen, support, and fight for the best university experience for you. Your voice matters!

# VOTE NOW!



# Satya for Communities



Hey, I'm Satya, and I'm running for Communities Officer! Over the past two years, I've been an active member of various student societies and have served as a committee member for two societies. Being involved in student groups has shown me how powerful our communities can be when we come together. Now, I want to take this passion to the next level—by ensuring every student feels represented, connected, and supported at Leicester.

If elected, I will work to improve student group collaboration, bring more funding awareness, and plan bigger, more inclusive events that celebrate our diverse student body. I will push for university buses to run on Sundays, create more events at Brookfield Campus, and ensure that student voices are heard at all decision-making levels. Together, we can build a stronger, more inclusive student community—Vote Satya for Communities Officer!

# If I Win

## Supporting Student Volunteering and Fundraising

- Introduce a collaborative fundraising challenge that encourages student groups to work together on impactful charitable initiatives.
- Develop a structured recognition program that certifies student volunteers, helping them gain valuable CV-boosting credentials.

## Increasing Awareness & Accessibility to Grant Funding

- Fair & Equal Distribution to Advocate for increased funding and ensure fair distribution, especially prioritizing smaller and newer student groups. Establish a feedback system so students can suggest improvements to SU grant allocation.

## Enhancing Student Group Coordination & Collaboration

- Regular Community Meetings - Organize monthly forums for society leaders, sports teams, and student groups to connect, share ideas, and collaborate.
- Invite university staff and SU representatives to engage with students and address concerns directly.



## Ensuring Every Student Voice is Heard

- More Representation at Campus Events - Encourage diverse student participation in SU events to better reflect Leicester's student body. Promote inclusivity by organizing events celebrating various cultures, identities, and student experiences.

## Making the SU More Accessible & Inclusive

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## Addressing Key Student Needs

- Expanding University Bus Services – Running Buses on Sundays - Advocate for 7-day university bus services to ensure students have reliable transport options for work, study, and leisure. Conduct student surveys to improve bus timetables and increase availability at peak hours.





# Callum Marriott

FOR YOUR COMMUNITIES OFFICER

## ABOUT ME:

Hi, I am Callum Marriott, a 3rd year Geology Student. I have played sports for 2 university teams, while also being on the committee of my courses academic society in 2023-24.

I play Rugby League for the University. I have also played American Football for the University.

I am from a town called Grimsby, in Lincolnshire.

I enjoy Music, Comedy and Films, my favourite being Death of Stalin.



Scan the QR Code to Vote.

## WHY ME?

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 and being a student representative on a governance level, as a student governor at my Sixth Form College.

I am also approachable, and value your opinion!



VOTE BETWEEN THE  
**10th and  
14th March**

**Vote Callum Marriott for Communities  
Officer**

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# CAMPAIGN PROGRAMS

## Student Groups

- Work with Arts, Sports and Societies officers on reforming the funding criteria for societies, ensuring that they can afford to do activities and events that the members want and ask for.

## Volunteering

- Working with local volunteering organisations, such as LOROS to help students build skills. Also start working with Leicester City Council to encourage volunteering at the city museums.

## Inclusivity and Accessibility:

- Help foster an inclusive environment by encouraging student groups and schools to start using resources on Blackboard to educate students on how to be inclusive.

## 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 the University Shuttle Bus contracted operator to look at the feasibility of later buses back to the Oadby Student Village from the University Campuses. Also look at reinstating the University Safety buses on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday nights.

## Employability

- Help students by conducting employment and employability campaigns with partnered companies to develop students transferable skills.

**Vote Callum Marriott for Communities**

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# About Me

Hey there! I'm Shiva Prasad Reddy D, your friendly neighborhood candidate for Community Officer in our Student Union elections. The vibrant mix of cultures, innovative ideas, and the awesome connections among students have totally inspired me, and I'm pumped to make our campus experience even more fabulous!



With my engineering and management background, I'm all about problem-solving, leadership, and forging meaningful friendships. My studies have armed me with the skills to tackle challenges, whip up solutions, and roll out effective strategies—everything we need to build a stronger student community! I thrive on teamwork because I believe that together, we can craft an inclusive and supportive campus vibe.

## Why am I running?

I'm motivated to be your Community Officer because I want to connect students, boost engagement, and make sure everyone feels valued and heard. University life is about more than just hitting the books; it's about building connections, sharing experiences, and growing as individuals. I'm here to champion initiatives that promote inclusivity, well-being, and student involvement in every corner of campus life!

# My Priorities

## Let's Unite and Engage Our Student Body!

- I'll secure more funding and resources for student-led initiatives, ensuring every student can jump in and participate.
- Get ready for more networking events and collaborations between societies, sports clubs, and cultural organizations!
- I'll make sure every student feels valued and represented, no matter their background or identity.
- Let's advocate for better accessibility across campus so everyone can join the fun!
- I'll partner with liberation groups to promote equality and diversity through impactful events and campaigns.
- We'll build strong ties with local organizations to boost off-campus engagement and real-world impact!

## Fair Opportunities and Support for Every Student!

- I'll be your go-to representative for widening participation efforts, making university opportunities accessible for everyone.
  - Let's launch mentorship programs to empower and support students from all walks of life!
  - I'll advocate for more career fairs, workshops, and partnerships with employers to prep you for life after uni!
  - Let's team up with industry pros to bring real-world experiences, internships, and leadership opportunities your way!
  - I'm all about launching skill-building initiatives to help you snag those in-demand skills for your future careers!
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- Get ready for well-being weeks, stress-busting activities, and peer-support networks to create a healthy campus culture!
  - I'll fight for better student housing, financial support, and cost-of-living relief to ease stress and enhance student life!
  - Let's throw epic, inclusive events that unite our diverse community in exciting ways!
  - I'll support student-led cultural, social, and awareness campaigns that truly reflect our passions!
  - Together, we'll ensure every event and campaign speaks to what students really want and need!

Let's make magic happen together!

# Cleo for



# Communities



## About me

My name is Cleo Cornou, and I am running to be your next Communities Officer. Here are some fun facts about me:

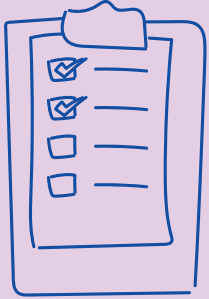
- I study Criminology with Forensic Psychology
- I have competed in three sports at uni: Cheer, Archery and Ultimate.
- I am French!
- I am passionate about advocacy

## Why me?

I have the skills and experience necessary to be the perfect Communities Officer. With a lot of experience in volunteering and working with the SU, I have been actively advocating for various student communities:

- As Course Rep, I represent my cohort to have their concerns and feedback heard in staff meetings.
- As a member of Sports Council, I ensure International Students have a voice in sports.
- As a part of neurodiversity and inclusivity working groups, I helped with awareness campaigns and more.

I am passionate about representing students and enacting change, and electing me will give me the tools to do so on a bigger scale.



# My Priorities

## Female Safety on Campus

- Create a clear procedure to report harassment and assault in the O2 Academy and advertise it to students
- Organise a bus chain system so students do not have to wait for the bus in the dark at night

## Increase Student Employment

- Work with the food vendors on campus to employ more students
- Partner with local businesses to offer opportunities for Uni of Leicester students



## 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 effective and accessible to students, and easier to navigate for societies and volunteers.



## Low Income Students

- Provide help to low income students to partake in sports and activities at University.
- Advertise existing payment plans clearly so students are aware of this support.

## Continuation of previous work

Ensure the continuation of the work done by previous officers and staff, such as the free bus service, cheaper food, sanitary products available on campus...



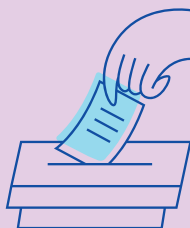
## Collaboration

- Encourage teamwork within the SU, joining the full time officers and part time officers.
- Organise meetings between the different councils to work more effectively.

## Advertise Opportunities

- Make students more aware of the volunteering opportunities available to them at university.
- Advertise the ways in which students can be heard eg. Course Reps.

Join the Community,



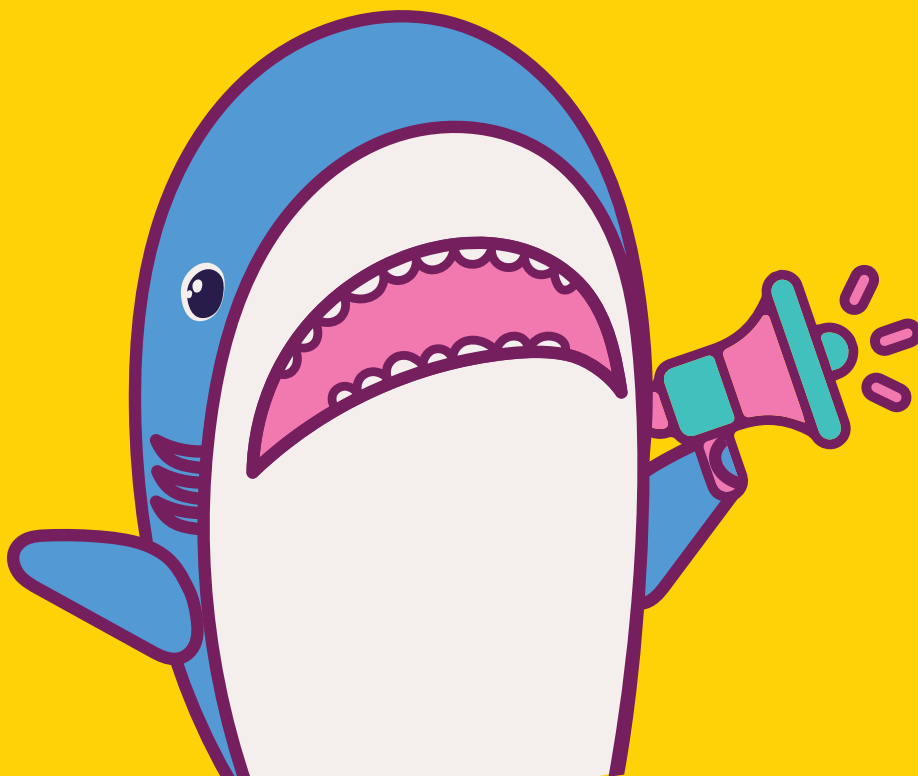
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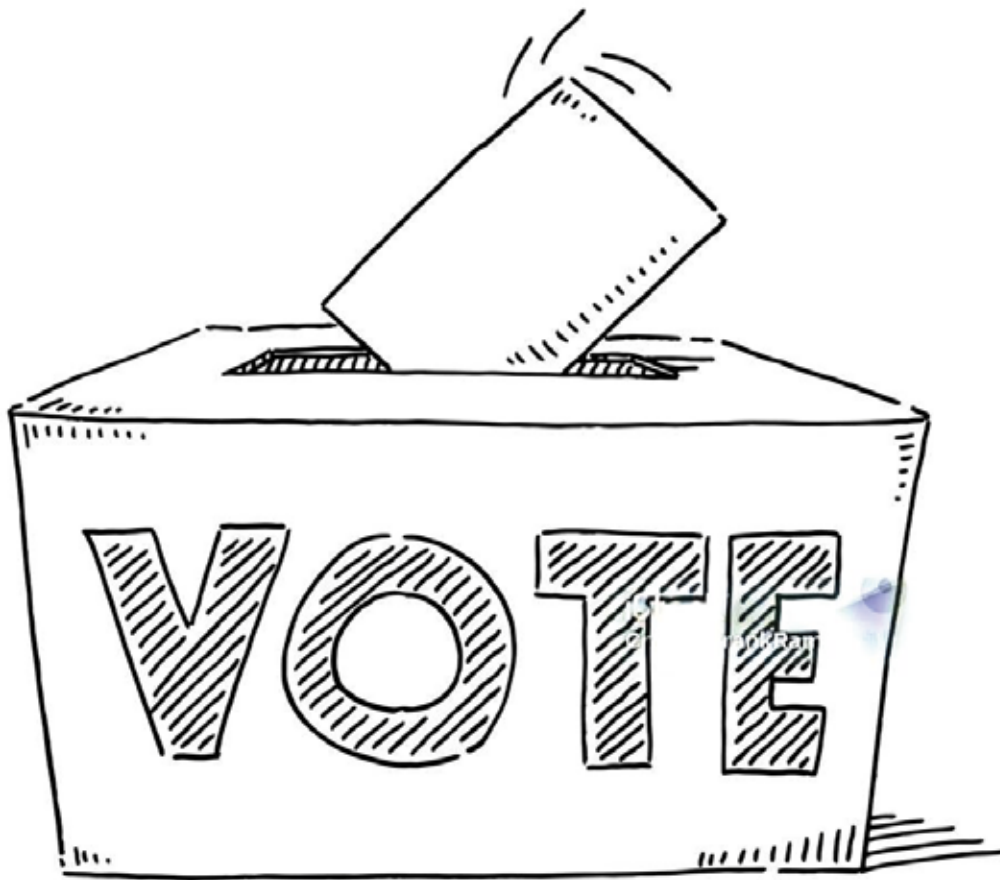


## Education Officer Manifestos



## *Educate, Elevate, Empower with Tarikul Islam!*

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*Dear Esteemed Students,*

*I stand before you today as a candidate for the Executive Education Officer position,  
humbly seeking your trust and support to be your voice, your friend, and your advocate*

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*in the realm of education. My name is Tarikul Islam, and I am here to serve you with unwavering dedication and fervor.*

*In the journey of academia, I pledge to be your ally, your guide, and your problem-solver. Education is not just about grades and exams; it is about growth, empowerment, and realizing your full potential. Drawing from my experience as a corporate manager and a compassionate personal tutor, I understand the challenges you face and the support you need to thrive.*

*I am committed to smoothing your educational path, ensuring that you receive the guidance and assistance necessary to excel in your studies. Campus life should not be just about deadlines and stress; it should be a vibrant tapestry of learning, growth, and enjoyment. Together, we can infuse our campus with energy, creativity, and a sense of community.*

*If elected, I will spearhead a series of engaging events and initiatives designed to broaden your horizons, ignite your passion for learning, and foster a culture of collaboration and fun. Education should be an adventure, a journey of discovery that leaves you inspired and empowered.*

*Remember, this election is not about me; it is about you. It is about choosing a leader who will champion your causes, amplify your voices, and work tirelessly to enhance your educational experience. Your vote is not just a mark on a ballot; it is a statement of trust and belief in a brighter, more fulfilling future.*

*I urge you to cast your vote in favor of progress, innovation, and student-centric leadership. Together, let's embark on a transformative journey towards educational excellence and community enrichment.*



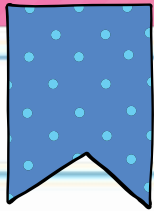
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*Thank you for considering me as your representative. Vote for me, and let's shape the future of education together.*

*Warm regards,*

*Tarikul Islam*

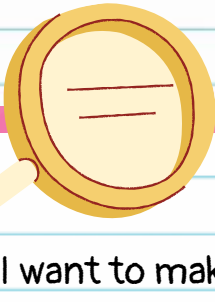




# VOTE MOLLY FOR EDUCATION OFFICER

## Who am I?

My name is Molly and I'm currently studying the Classical Mediterranean MA, after I graduated with my BA in Ancient History last summer. I have been both a campus-based and distance-learning student.

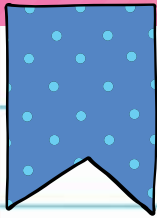


## My Goals

I want to make sure that every student at the University of Leicester has an equal chance at achieving their very best. Everyone has different personal circumstances but this should not be allowed to get in the way of anyone's education. I want to make permanent change that will allow students to access academic support into the future.



I want to make  
education equal for  
everyone



# My Pledges

01

## Equalise Mitigating Circumstances

At the moment, the mitigating circumstances policy gives students different deadlines based on whether they are campus-based or distance-learning, undergraduate or postgraduate, have evidence or not. This means there can be several different submission dates for just one assignment. I propose a review of the mitigating circumstances policy to simplify it and make it fairer for everybody.

## Digitise All Required Reading

02

The University Library has committed to making sure that all required and suggested reading be digitised to improve accessibility for all students. This is an ongoing project and I plan on working with the library to digitise readings where possible, and working with staff to find alternatives when digital versions are not available.

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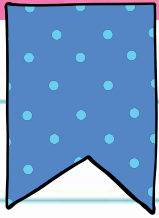
## Improve Personal Tutoring

Personal tutors are meant to email their tutees regularly, but this is often not the case. I plan on working with staff in every department to emphasize the importance of the personal tutor system, as well as raising awareness amongst students of the personal tutor policy so that students know when they are not getting the support they are entitled to, and how to call it out when this happens.

## Mental Health and Community

04

Many students at university don't feel like part of the community, and not having this community can take a toll on their mental health. Attending events alone can often seem daunting for many, so I suggest creating a platform, such as Facebook or Discord, to allow students the opportunity to mingle with like-minded people in a less socially-stressful environment.



# My Experience

## School Rep

For the past two years I have worked as a School Rep in the School of Archaeology and Ancient History. I have worked on a number of projects during this, including improving the dissertation process, improving awareness of the academic reps within the school and building community for distance-learning students.

Follow me on Instagram!



@hopeful\_classicist

## Academic Council

I've been a member of the Academic Council this year, as the Liberation Ambassador. This means it was my job to ensure that all groups of students were considered in the council's decision making. During my time on the council, I have been on working groups to evaluate the role description of RAs, allowing students with neurodiversity or other specific learning difficulties to use their conditions on mitigating circumstances applications, as well as working on events during the Neurodiversity Celebration Week and the upcoming Women's History Month.

## VOTE HERE



## Leicester 100

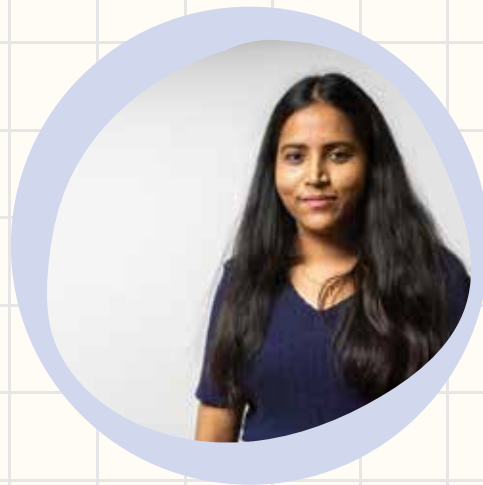
This year I've been a member of the new Leicester 100. I've had to think about how each proposal would affect the student body as a whole, not just myself. These proposals include lowering food prices on campus, extending bus hours, and neurodiversity within mitigating circumstances.

## Student Ambassador

I've worked as a student ambassador for all 4 years I've been at Leicester, so I'm used to regularly representing the university to the public.

# VOTE

## AISHWARYA KOTE



### For Education officer

Hi, I'm Aishwarya Kote— a curious international student who packed her dreams and a suitcase to chase an education that goes beyond textbooks. Coming from India in January 2024 to pursue my master's in international business, I quickly realized that every academic challenge is an opportunity to create meaningful change. My own journey of adapting to a new educational system, navigating cultural differences, and overcoming unexpected hurdles has transformed me from a student into an advocate. I've learned that education isn't just about grades – it's about breaking barriers, understanding diverse perspectives, and empowering every single student to reach their full potential.

### MY EXPERIENCE

As your current Liberation Officer and candidate for Education Officer, I bring proven experience in advocacy and student representation. As Liberation Officer, I have led several impactful projects, including:

1. Established the **Liberation Council** to represent all underrepresented students at the university, creating a platform to discuss campaign ideas and policy changes.
2. Organized **Global Fusion Fest** to celebrate International Students Day, which brought diverse cultures together with over 150 students attending. This first-of-its-kind event featured successful collaborations with student societies, external stakeholders, and officers. I'm currently working to establish this as an annual tradition through official policy.
3. Coordinated a comprehensive **Black History Month** celebration featuring exhibitions, talks on Black Excellence, interactive workshops, and film screenings that engaged dozens of students and promoted greater cultural understanding on campus.
4. Launched **Neurodiversity Celebration Week** in collaboration with Students' Union staff, council members, and our Accessibility Officer.
5. Led the "**Bridging the Gap - Listening Event**" initiative alongside the university's Black Student Experience Team and SU President. This listening event gathered valuable feedback from Black students about their experiences at the university that relates to the awarding gap and other aspects of the university. If elected, I will continue this valuable work, to transform student feedback into concrete actions, ensuring fair academic outcomes for all.

# FIVE MAIN PLEDGES

01.

## ADVOCATING FOR STUDENT ACADEMIC RIGHTS

I commit to supporting students with academic **appeals**, advocating for appropriate **resit and dissertation timeframes**, and resolving conflicts between academic deadlines and visa requirements. I will ensure international students receive **CAS extensions** when needed to complete their degrees without immigration complications.

Additionally, I will push for policy changes to **allow neurodivergent students and those with learning difficulties to receive extra time for coursework**. Currently, these students are denied this support under mitigating circumstances policies, as their conditions are considered “not unforeseen.” However, this fails to acknowledge the unique challenges they face in processing information and completing tasks within standard timeframes. I will advocate for the university to revise its policy or introduce a dedicated process for these students to request additional time, ensuring a more equitable and supportive learning environment.

02.

## BREAKING DOWN FINANCIAL BARRIERS AND PROMOTING TRANSPARENCY

I commit to introducing innovative financial support systems, including **flexible fee payment plans** and establishing a loan scheme for essential academic items, while partnering with National Union of Students to campaign for fair work conditions.

03.

## TRANSFORMING THE POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

I will implement a Supervisor Excellence Program with mandatory training and **enhance PGR support structures** by streamlining processes, improving resource access, and standardizing support roles across departments.

04.

## SUPPORTING DISTANCE LEARNING, INTERNATIONAL, AND COMMUTER STUDENTS

I pledge to streamline visa processing and develop comprehensive guidance for international students, while advocating for **commuter-friendly timetabling** and more relaxed student spaces on campus. I will advocate for better virtual engagement, **ensuring distance learning students have equal access** to academic support, career services, and networking opportunities.

05.

## COLLEGE-SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS AND TARGETED SUPPORT

I will address unique challenges across different colleges to enhance your academic experience



## TACKLING COLLEGE-SPECIFIC CHALLENGES

### College of Business (CBU)

- Transform Brookfield into a vibrant student hub by extending café hours beyond 2-3 PM and establish a separate academic group within the College of Business to create a structured and sustainable way to engage students and promote participation.
- Address critical timetabling issues between Brookfield and main campus.

### College of Social Science, Arts & Humanities (CSSAH)

- Create dedicated spaces to combat isolation for arts students during self-study periods
- Integrate more industry-relevant practical skills in Arts, Media, and Communication courses
- Provide additional support for Law students managing large reading lists and cohort sizes
- Ensure smooth transition during departmental mergers

### College of Science & Engineering (CSE)

- Secure quality alternative spaces for students affected by building closures
- Address teaching consistency in Engineering, particularly during staff changes
- Modernize Computing and Mathematical Sciences curriculum to reflect industry developments
- Develop comprehensive AI literacy programs while maintaining academic integrity

### College of Life Sciences (CLS)

- Broaden career pathway presentations beyond traditional routes
- Standardize placement experiences across Healthcare and Medicine programs
- Plan well-being events at times that work for students on placements, so they don't miss out on opportunities to relax and recharge.



## National Union of Students (NUS) Campaign Initiatives

- Partner with NUS to eliminate age-based minimum wage discrimination
- Campaign for increased work hour limits for international students (currently 20 hours/week)
- Advocate for rights for international students to pursue freelance work and entrepreneurship
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# Why Your Vote Matters

Every student deserves to graduate with the best possible outcome and feel that their education has been worth the investment. University should equip students with the knowledge, skills, and opportunities they need to succeed—not just in their studies, but in their future careers. If elected as your Education Officer, I will work to ensure that every student receives fair academic support, accessible resources, and a learning experience that truly reflects the value of their time and money.



**Vote Aishwarya Kote for Education Officer - Because every student deserves to succeed!**

GO FOR SATOSHI!



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# VOTE SATOSHI FOR EDUCATION OFFICER

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# SATOSHI FOR EDUCATION OFFICER

YOU WILL GET...

## Better Support for Societies in Running Events



So committee members aren't as stressed out, with better and faster support from the SU.

## Free Coffee



Staff get it, Students should too.

## Better Mitigating Circumstances Policy



So lapt.op breakdowns and car issues don't cause your grades to fall.

## Better Help with the Cost of Living Crisis



To help you get through the year.

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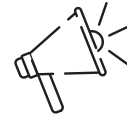
### ACCOLADES INCLUDE:

- SCHOOL REP FOR BUSINESS SCHOOL
- FOUNDER & PRESIDENT OF UOL NINTENDO SOCIETY
- FOUNDER & VICE PRESIDENT OF KG EXCHANGE; INTERNATIONAL YOUTH ORGANISATION IN JAPAN





# VOTE **ATRINDU** FOR EDUCATION OFFICER



Hi! My name is Atrindu, and I am currently pursuing an MA in Global Media and Communications. With my experience in advocacy and student welfare, I am committed to making real, impactful changes. Vote for me, and let's build a future where every student feels empowered, supported, and ready to succeed!

## MY CONTRIBUTIONS FOR SU



- **LEAD MENTOR AT THE SU:** Supervising the peer mentoring scheme helping 100+ incoming students settle in university life.
- **MEMBER OF LEICESTER 100:** Member of an advisory body formulating policies the development of the students.
- **STUDENT STAFF FOR THE SU:** Active member of as a student staff for major SU events.
- **FOOD RESCUE VOLUNTEER:** Conducting surplus food collection drives from university cafes, and making it available for the students for free

# MY VISION



## 1. STRONGER ACADEMIC SUPPORT FOR NEURODIVERGENT & DISABLED STUDENTS:

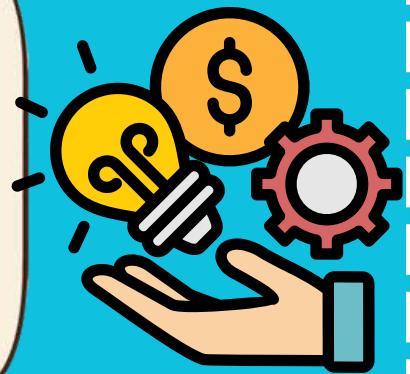
As someone with ADHD I know how overwhelming clashing deadlines can be. I will push for:

- ✓ Flexible deadlines
- ✓ Specialized mentorship
- ✓ An inclusive academic environment



## 2. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR DISADVANTAGED STUDENTS:

I know how hard it can be to balance studies and financial stress. I will push for more scholarships for students struggling with tuition and living costs, so no one has to compromise their education due to financial difficulties.



## 3. MORE SCHOLARSHIPS - BEYOND JUST ACADEMICS:

Right now, scholarships mainly reward academic merit. But what about students excelling in sports, arts, leadership, and other talents? I will fight for scholarships that recognize all kinds of achievements, making sure every student feels valued.



#### 4. FLEXIBLE FEE INSTALLMENTS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS:

Currently, we must pay tuition in two big chunks, which isn't easy. I will push for a three-installment plan per year—making payments more manageable and reducing financial pressure.



#### 5. BETTER CAREER SUPPORT – COURSE-SPECIFIC & PRACTICAL:

Finding a job as a student, especially in a non-technical field, is tough. The University's career services feel too generic and not tailored to our industries. I will push for career advice to be part of our course module—with expert mentoring, field-specific guidance, and better internship & placement opportunities.

#### 6. ORGANISING BUSINESS SUMMITS AT BROOKFIELD CAMPUS

I will arrange business summits at Brookfield Campus, bringing together industry experts, successful entrepreneurs, and alumni. These events will give students a chance to learn from professionals, network for future opportunities, and gain insights into real-world business trends, helping them prepare for their careers.



#### 7. FREE LINKEDIN LEARNING FOR ALL:

We all want to upskill, but good learning resources are often expensive. I will ensure free access to LinkedIn Learning for all students—so we can improve our technical, creative, and professional skills and stand out in the job market.



# **My Manifesto as your Education Officer**

# JEEVANA SANDHYA

## Running as your Education Officer



### PERSONAL STATEMENT

Hello Everyone,

My name is Jeevana Sandhya Gampalapelly, and I am pleased to stand before you today as a candidate for the Position of Education Officer in the upcoming Spring Student Union Elections 2025-2026.

As a passionate Master's in Advanced Computer Science student, I've had firsthand contact with our university's vibrancy, variety, and intellectual spirit. Now, I'm excited to give back by pushing for our common goals and vision. Serving as Treasurer of the Telugu Society has improved my leadership, teamwork, and organizational abilities, allowing me to make a good contribution to our student community. I believe in the power of cooperation and communication, and my leadership is based on listening, understanding, and working together to improve our academic experience.

As Education Officer, I will advocate for enhanced academic support, more inclusive opportunities, and a greater student voice. I am devoted to hearing your concerns, valuing your suggestions, and collaborating to develop an educational experience that represents our shared goals. I am delighted to participate in this election, and I am convinced that with your help, we can effect positive change at our campus. I am passionate about representing you, and I am dedicated to building a future in which every student feels empowered, supported, and heard.

Thank You

- Jeevana Sandhya

**"It's time for change"**

# My first steps for change

## **1. Weekly In-Person Drop-In Sessions**

Introduce regular in-person drop-in sessions where students can meet with the Education Officer to discuss their academic complaints, queries, and feedback. These sessions will provide a direct, accessible channel for students to voice their concerns and receive immediate support.

## **2. Support for Distance Learners**

Ensure distance learning students are not left behind by hosting dedicated online drop-in sessions. These virtual meetings will address the unique academic challenges faced by remote learners, ensuring they feel equally supported and represented.

## **3. Student-Led Policy Development**

Introduce a "Policy Hackathon" where students can collaborate to propose new academic policies. This will ensure that student voices directly shape the Union's academic campaigns and initiatives.

## **4. Union-Led Academic Awards**

Introduce Student-Led Teaching Awards to recognize and celebrate outstanding lecturers and support staff. This will encourage excellence in teaching and create a positive academic culture.

## **5. Academic Quality Assurance Campaign**

Advocate for transparent grading criteria and ensure student voices are heard in academic quality assurance processes. Push for regular updates on how student feedback is being implemented to improve teaching and learning.

## **6. Enhance Academic Representation**

Introduce a 24/7 online platform for students to raise academic concerns directly with their Course Reps and the Education Officer. This will ensure faster resolution of issues and better communication between students and the Union.

## **7. Free Stationery Giveaways**

Organize free stationery giveaways at the start of each semester. Everyone loves free pens, highlighters, and notebooks to kick off the academic year!

## **8. Student Success Stories**

Showcase student success stories through blogs, videos, or social media posts. Highlighting peers who have overcome academic challenges will inspire and motivate others.

# VOTE SNEHA PURUSHOTHAMA

## For education officer

"From Lecture Halls to Life Goals – I've Got Your Back!"

"Hey, I'm Sneha! I've spent the last year as a Course Rep for MSc Data Analysis for Business Intelligence – now, I'm ready to level up as your Education Officer and Making Education Work for YOU!"

### Why Vote for Me?

I'm committed to driving change. I'll push for better academic support, career development, mental health services and lower costs. With firsthand experience, I aim to make education more accessible, inclusive, and engaging for all. Vote for a better university experience!



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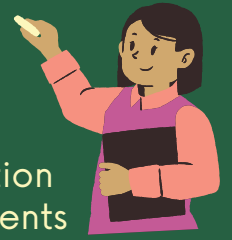
Let's create a better university experience – one that truly listens to YOU! ❤️



 @sneha.p



# Empowerment and Engagement:



- **Real-Time Feedback System** – Implement a digital suggestion box where students can rate lectures and suggest improvements instantly.
- **Course-Specific Societies** – Introduce subject-focused societies to bridge the gap between coursework and career development.
- **Union Engagement Roadshows** – Monthly Student Union pop-up events across campus to make SU more accessible.
- **Accessible Events for All** – Ensure events cater to students with disabilities and mental health needs.

# Wellbeing and Student Success:

- **Academic Stress Relief Zones** – Designated quiet spaces with relaxation tools for focused studying.
- **Wellbeing Breaks in Timetables** – Mandatory breaks in long lectures to boost focus and reduce burnout.
- **Mental Health First Responders** – Train student volunteers to provide peer support and early intervention.
- **Financial Wellbeing Support** – Offer workshops on budgeting, financial aid access, and stress-free money management.



#voteforsnehapurushothama 🗳️



Still thinking? Cast your vote for me now! 🗳️

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# key priorities

## 💡 Career Development & Employability

- Increase internship and work placement opportunities for all students.
- Introduce more industry networking events and guest lectures.

## 📄 Enhancing Student-Staff Communication

- Set up regular Q&A sessions with faculty to address student concerns.
- Advocate for better response times to emails and academic queries.

## 📦 Tackling the Cost of Living Crisis

- Increase financial aid awareness—many students miss out on available funds.
- Advocate for subsidized transport & meal plans for students struggling with expenses.

## 📝 Revamping Assessments & Feedback

- Push for more flexible deadlines to accommodate diverse student needs. Ensure quicker & constructive feedback from professors.
- Encourage alternative assessment methods like projects instead of just exams.



VOTE!

contact me

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vote: 10th - 14th March 📅



#Manifesto

# Education Officer

Spring Selections, **University of Leicester**

## About me

Dear fellow Leicester students! I'm **Sasidhar Sure**, a Master's student in Cloud Computing, but my fight isn't just for one course it's for all of us. I grew up knowing what it's like to push past barriers, to balance work, studies, and dreams, and to feel like the system isn't built for you. That's why I fight.

I'm running for Education Officer because I know what it's like to struggle in a system that doesn't always listen. As your Course Rep, I've stayed late to hear your concerns **visa stress, career worries, feeling lost in a sea of faces**. The students' support is our powerhouse, yet too many students don't know how to use it or worse, feel it's not for them. I'm here to change that. From visa nightmares to career gaps, from crowded libraries to mental health support delays, we can fix what's broken and build a Leicester where every student thrives.

- ✦ As your Course Rep, I've already won small battles like securing extra time for preparation.
- ✦ I've stood up for students who felt unheard, and I'll keep doing it.
- ✦ I'm not here to coast I'm here to change things.



I'm **real, relentless,** and **ready** to get things done.

-SASIDHAR SURE

My Mission

# One Union, One Voice. Empowering Every **Leicester** Student

#VoteforSasi

# Union's Power, Resource for All!

## The Problem

The Percy Gee Building has 200+ societies, free advice, mental health support, and even the O2 Academy yet so many students miss out. Let's change that.

## What I can do

✔ **Launch "Union 101"** – a campaign with workshops, a sleek app, and drop-in days so every student knows how to access these resources.

✔ **Simplify Advice Service access** – no more waiting weeks for help with housing, academics, or personal issues.

✔ **Host monthly "Union Connect" events** – open mics, career talks, chill evenings to make the Union your space, not just a building.

## What I need

Want an SU that works for you? Let's build it!

**#VoteforSasi**

# Grace Period for Assignment Submissions.

## The Problem

Too many of us upload assignments just minutes after deadlines and face penalties despite our hard work. I'll change that.

## What I can do

✔ **Push for a fair grace period policy** – giving flexibility for late submissions without harsh consequences.

✔ **Work with faculty** – to streamline submission processes so technology glitches don't derail us.

✔ **Ensure clear communication** – about deadlines because every student deserves a fair shot.

## What I need

Let's ease the pressure and focus on learning!

**#VoteforSasi**

# Careers That Work for Every Course!

## The Problem

From Sociology to Physics, we all deserve real job opportunities, but Leicester's career resources are outdated and uneven. Here's how we'll fix it.

## What I can do

- ✔ **Push for hands-on experience in every degree** - whether it's research for Humanities, labs for sciences, Computational Data Sciences or placements for all.
- ✔ **Expand employer partnerships beyond Space Park Leicester** - so every student gets industry connections that matter.
- ✔ **Revive the Careers Hub** - with Union-backed mentors for every student, not just the loudest voices.

## What I need

Your degree should open doors—let's make sure it does!

**#VoteforSasi**

I can show the change, I can be the change but **the change has to begin with you**. Choose different, Choose better!

Vote for Sasi

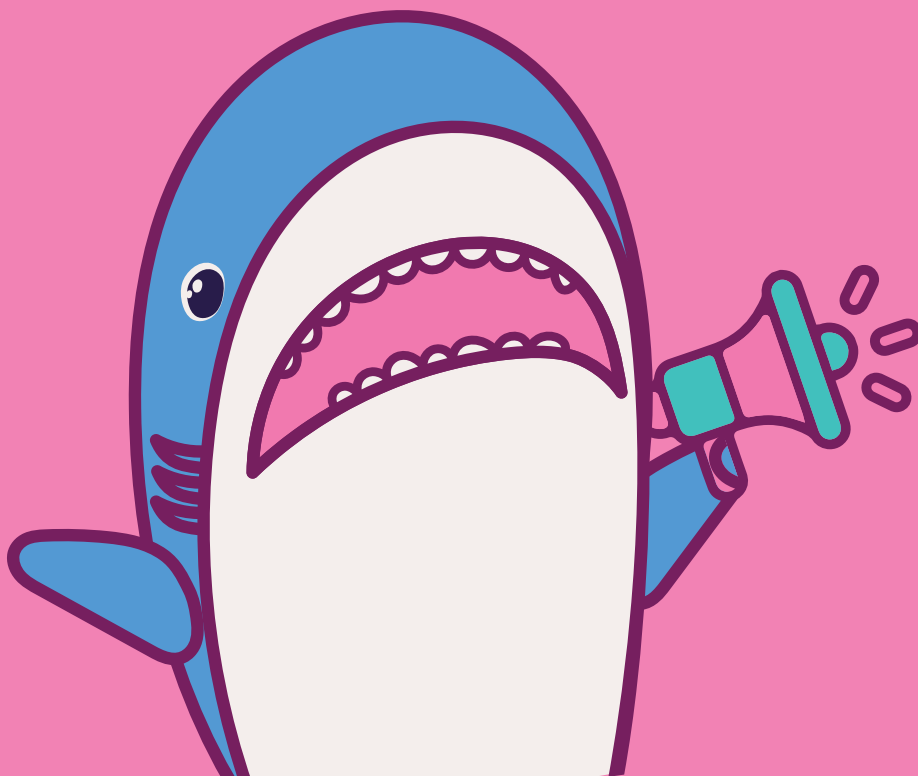


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## SU President Manifestos



# Vote Chan for President

#IChanHelpYou



## About me

I am a desi, final year, Post-Graduate Researcher (PGR) and the current College of Life Sciences PGR student representative. I am the first PGR to run for President (or any Executive position)!

Before this, I was a Psychology student here at Leicester and an undergraduate student rep. as well.

I am now back, full circle, completing my PhD.

## I want to be your President because...

I am passionate about the student cause. I want to revitalise the student experience and curriculum by breaking the mould and making student life more affordable, inclusive and accessible.

I want to ensure students feel safe and healthy at university so that they can achieve their best and are well supported by the university if they experience challenges. Moreover, I want student efforts to be appreciated locally, nationally and globally.

I want to champion change and channel progress forward.

## My priorities are...

- Scrap 9am lectures on a Monday and 4/5pm lectures on Fridays
- Make the Hospital Hopper a free service for all hospital-based students
- To provide international students with enhanced matriculation support making sure they feel settled in and secure
- To mandate emergency housing within 24 hours for students experiencing a crisis situation regardless of the time of year
- Strengthen PGR involvement with the university and student body
- Making university affordable for students during the cost-of-living crisis
- Transforming the student support process for neurodiverse students and students with caring responsibilities, minimising bureaucracy

## VOICE

- Transparency in policy changes at the University and College levels ensuring students are reported about changes as they develop
- Ensure bi-monthly listening sessions are run by Colleges for students to regularly provide feedback
- Mandate the 'YouSaidWeDid' system in all Colleges confirming that all student feedback is escalated and actioned in a timely manner
- Involve departmental reps from the beginning of all policy changes in relation to their College

## LIBERATION

- Improve links with health and social care to ensure students with neurodiversity or informal caring responsibilities have access to care assessments and financial support
- Ensure prayer rooms directories are provided in each building
- Increase the frequency of diverse events and celebrations throughout the year to celebrate the variety in student heritage
- Work with Leicester 100 and task and finish groups to decrease food and drink prices across campus in line with student expectations

## EDUCATION

- Scrap the 9am Monday lecture and 4pm Friday lecture to improve cognitive performance and lecture attendance
- Continue with the #LeicsDecolonise campaign to include learning from diverse voices, and people with lived experiences, to be able to apply learning
- Strengthen the career pathway to enhance confidence in job application and attainment for all students
- Improve the experience of probation reviews and progress reviews for PGRs
- Relieve strict evidence requirements for access to the Crisis Fund

## ADVICE & SUPPORT

- Develop a signposting directory for personal tutors, supervisors and all staff to appropriately support student wellbeing based on individual need
- Make the hospital hopper free for all students that travel to hospital sites
- Require that students in crisis receive emergency housing within 24 hrs of a crisis situation
- Address concerns regarding discrimination based on characteristics not classified as 'protected' in the Equality Act (2010) such as, caste, informal care, and hidden disabilities



## ACTIVITIES

- Work with the PGR PTO to develop PGR societies that are inclusive and accessible to both campus-based and distance learners
- Provide students experiencing financial constraints a free pass to the Danielle Brown Sports Centre, to support maintaining their physical health and mental health
- Run more online events during freshers and throughout the year for distance learners and part-time students
- Increase the frequency of university professional networking events for all students to foster socialisation, academic collaboration and career progression

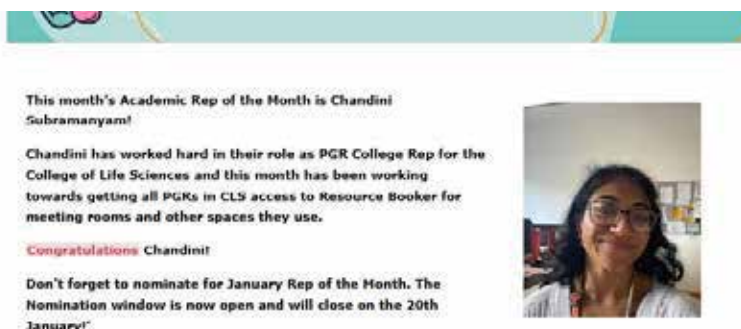
# Achievements as CLS Rep



Lead organiser for the PGR Black History Month symposium



EDI induction teaching





# PREETHI PATEL

FOR NEXT STUDENTS PRESIDENT



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**YOUR VOICE MATTERS. CHOOSE WISELY**

"This is more than an election—it's a movement for real change! I am running to be your President because your voice matters, and it's time for bold leadership that delivers results. From student welfare to academic support, from sustainability to stronger representation—I will fight for YOU. No empty promises, just action. No excuses, just results. Together, we will build a Students' Union that listens, leads, and creates a future we can all be proud of. Vote for leadership that empowers. Vote for a President who delivers. Vote for me!"



#PreethiForPresident

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# PREETHI PATEL

FOR NEXT STUDENTS PRESIDENT



It is a pleasure for me to be a candidate for President of the University of Leicester Students' Union. My name is Preethi Patel. This is about a movement, not simply a term. a campaign to elevate our university experience, elevate student voices, and promote genuine, observable change.

### The Reason I'm Running

I'm running because I think that deeds speak louder than words. Beyond homework and tests, university life should be about opportunity, support, and a vibrant community where each student feels valued, heard, and in control. Concerns raised by students are far too frequently ignored or marginalized. I will not allow that to go on. I will not give up on representation, equity, and student-driven advancement if elected.

### The Significance of This Role

The highest student leadership post is that of president, which requires vision, drive, and the capacity to complete tasks. It serves as a conduit between students and decision-makers, guaranteeing that our demands are acknowledged and given top priority. I'll take this duty extremely seriously and put in endless effort to strengthen our group's voice, push for reform, and ensure that every student has access to greater chances.



#preethiforpresident

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# PREETHI PATEL

## FOR NEXT STUDENTS PRESIDENT

### My Top Priorities

**Unwavering Student Representation:** I will make sure that your voice is heard at all levels because it matters. In order to ensure that policies represent our needs, I will advocate for greater student participation in important university decisions.

**Prioritizing well-being rather than putting it last:** Housing, financial strain, and mental health concerns may all shape your time at university. I'll advocate for better housing standards, financial relief programs, and more support services.

**Sustainability with a Mission:** Our university has to take action because climate change is real. I'll support eco-friendly regulations, cut down on campus trash, and foster an environment where students take an active role in preserving the environment.

**A More Involved, Connected Community:** In order to offer internships, employment chances, and practical experiences, I will improve relationships between students, societies, the local community, and national organizations.

**Action, Trust, and Transparency:** Leaders must take responsibility for their actions. I'll make sure that Union decisions are open, incorporate student input, and prioritize producing quantifiable outcomes rather than platitudes.

### Why Cast Your Vote for Me?

I am a dedicated advocate prepared to take action, not simply a candidate.

I provide the Students' Union with enthusiasm, expertise, and a new viewpoint.

Your needs will always come first because I think that students should come first.

I'm committed to making our institution a place where all students flourish rather than merely get by.

This election is an opportunity to change the course of our student body's future, not just a vote. Join me in standing. By supporting [Your Name] for president, we can work together to bring about significant, long-lasting change.

Your voice. Your Union. Your Prospects.

Thank you for your support!



## #preethiforpresident

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Re-Elect

# JOSHITHA For President



## Why Vote Me?

I'm Joshitha, the **current President of the Students' Union**, and I'm re-running for this election to continue my work on key projects that impact students' academic success. Over the past few months, I've launched initiatives that address students' academic challenges, and I'm committed to building on these ongoing efforts.

My main focus for this election is to ease the financial burdens students face. I will continue to push for more financial support, and budget-friendly food options on campus. Additionally, I plan to increase on-campus job opportunities and ensure that academic resources are more accessible to all students, regardless of their financial situation.

I'm passionate about creating a university experience that supports both your academic success and financial well-being. If re-elected, I will continue to listen to your needs and work towards solutions that make a real difference in your student life.

# If I Win

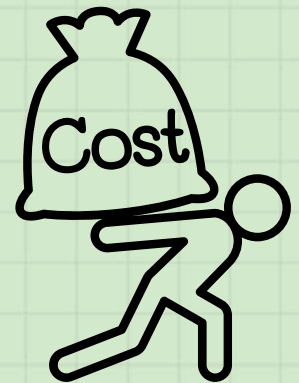
## **Affordable Student-Run Food Outlet:**



- I will work to establish a Students' Union-run food outlet that operates with minimal profit margins, offering affordable meals and snacks at lower prices than other campus food vendors. This outlet will provide budget-friendly options to help ease the financial burden of students and support them in managing the cost of living

## **Increase On-Campus Student Employment :**

Lobby the university to create more student job opportunities across campus, ensuring that more students can gain part-time work within university departments, libraries, cafés, and events. This will provide students with a stable income to help with the cost of living while gaining valuable work experience.



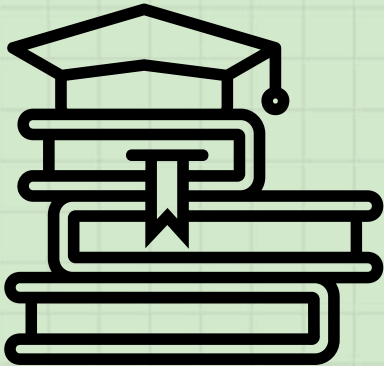
## **Expanded Financial Support & Emergency Grants:**



- I will advocate for the creation and expansion of emergency grants at the university to support students facing unexpected financial challenges. I will push for more accessible, low-barrier financial aid programs to ensure that no student is left behind due to financial hardship.

# If I Win

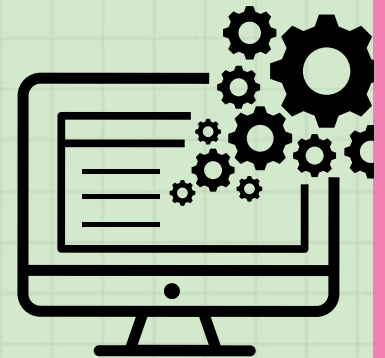
## Enhanced Curriculum Guidance for New Students :



- Push for the university to introduce clear explanations of the curriculum at the start of each course, ensuring all students- especially international students understand assessment methods, grading systems, and academic expectations to help them transition smoothly and succeed.

## Accessible AI and Study Tools

- Advocate for the university to provide free or subsidized access to AI tools and other essential study-related apps, ensuring that all students, regardless of financial background, can benefit from these resources without facing high costs



## Affordable Housing & Rent Control for Students:



- I will lobby the university to work closely with local landlords and property managers to create affordable, university-supported housing options for students. This will include advocating for capped rent prices to ensure they remain affordable throughout the academic year, protecting students from sudden and unaffordable rent hikes. I will also push for the implementation of rent control policies to secure stable housing costs for all students.

# **My Manifesto as your Union President**



# PRABHU SAMBARAJU

## Running as your Union President



### PERSONAL STATEMENT

Hello Everyone,

I'm Prabhu Sambaraju, a passionate Advanced Computer Science student with two years of experience as an IT Administrator at an MNC. Beyond academics, I've served as President of the Telugu Society, organizing cultural and fresher events while supporting new students to feel at home. My approach is simple: "talk less, work more." I believe in leading by action, not words.

I'm known for being friendly, approachable, and someone who genuinely cares about helping others. Whether it's guiding peers or organizing events, I strive to create a sense of community and belonging. My leadership style focuses on humility, collaboration, and making a tangible impact.

Running for Union President is a natural extension of my passion for serving others. I aim to foster unity, inclusivity, and a positive environment for all students. With your support, I hope to continue making a difference and ensuring our university experience is memorable and enriching.

Thank You

– Prabhu Sambaraju

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Prabhu".

**"It's time for change"**

# My first steps for change

## **1. Better Transport for Everyone**

I will work to extend bus shuttle timings on weekends and ensure services run on Sundays until 2 PM. This will make it easier for students to travel for studies, work, and social activities, especially for those living off-campus.

## **2. Empower Students Through Voting**

I will organize voter registration drives and educational sessions to help students understand the power of their vote. Let's make sure your voice is heard in every election!

## **3. Create a Leadership Hub**

I will establish a Political and Leadership Bureau where students passionate about politics, leadership, and activism can develop their skills. Through workshops, training, and networking events, I'll help you become confident, impactful leaders.

## **4. Introducing the SU WhatsApp Broadcast Channel**

I will launch a dedicated WhatsApp Broadcast Channel for the Students' Union to keep you updated on everything happening on campus. This channel will be your go-to source for quick, real-time updates about events, campaigns, deadlines, and opportunities.

## **5. Collaborate for Local Change**

I will work with local MPs and government officials to create initiatives where students and the community can collaborate on projects that benefit everyone. Together, we can make a real difference in our city.

## **6. Safety and Support for All Students**

I will prioritize student safety and ensure international students understand UK laws and university policies. Through workshops and resources, I'll help you feel secure and informed during your time here.

## **7. Strengthen Societies**

I will provide more funding for societies and introduce free membership for first-year students. Societies are the heart of student life, and I want to make them accessible and thriving for everyone.

## **8. Full-Time Sports and Societies Officer**

I will push for the Sports and Societies Officer role to become a full-time position. This role is vital for supporting our vibrant sports and societies community, and it deserves dedicated attention.

## **9. Fitness for Mental and Physical Health**

I will run fitness and wellness campaigns to show how sports and physical activity can improve mental and physical health. Through events, workshops, and partnerships, I'll help you stay active and healthy.

Samuela Arhin For President.

I think being president is a very challenging role. It is not one that I take lightly. It requires a lot of effort, time and commitment. I am prepared to put that in. I want to make an impact on the Student's Union that is positive and beneficial for students of Leicester in the following years. I want to be president because I want to help in making Leicester a better place.

I have many skills and many qualities that reflect that of a leader. Firstly, I am very good at managing my time. This means that I will turn up for meetings, on time, ready to advocate for you. This also means meeting deadlines to prevent any delays in any of the projects we undertake. I am self-aware of my weaknesses and my strengths. I know how to use my strengths and how these can benefit my team members and my work, but I also know where I lack. I know where I need a bit more help to achieve my goal. I am a very resilient person, I understand that 'Rome was not built in a day'. It can be exhausting and upsetting to see so many setbacks to projects and ideas you have, but if it's something I am committed to, then I will keep trying. This is key for projects that require more work and take a long time to organise. As somebody who has been in leadership roles before, I am no stranger to responsibility. Being the Student's Union president is a huge role and requires a lot of responsibility. I am prepared to be held accountable for my successes and my failures. Communication is also important to be an effective leader. I will listen to the other student officers and the ideas of students around me. I am a representative of the students of Leicester, so it is important that I actually represent their concerns and their ideas. To be able to enact my vision, I must communicate with my team by holding regular meetings and being open to criticism and feedback.

I want to keep food on campus at an affordable price. All students have been affected by the Cost-of-Living Crisis, and I want to make the SU provides support a simple way. Students should have the access to affordable meal options that are delicious and nutritious. I also want to invest in our societies here at Leicester. As a committee member of two societies over the last two years here at Leicester, I want to support the growth of societies on campus. This means helping with booking times and booking rooms. It also means accommodating for room changes and needs. This also means maintaining a good budget for societies to let them carry out their activities. I want to also provide meaningful support for societies that would like to do trips and large-scale events, giving them ideas and pointing them in the right direction. A lot of companies recently have gone back on their EDI/DEI initiatives, but I want to make sure these are re-enforced here at Leicester. I would like for us to have a multi-cultural food marketplace may be once a year. I think this would be a great way for students and staff to experience food from cultures they are unfamiliar with. This of course would be in collaboration with the cultural societies here on campus. Another idea I have which I would love to do is to invest in a 'food bank/essentials bank' here on campus. Again, the Cost-of-Living Crisis has greatly impacted everyone, and I would like for there to be a quick and accessible way for people to receive essential items. This would definitely be a longer project, but I am committed to seeing this change happen.

To ensure that actual change takes place, I will hold regular meetings with the staff of the SU and any boards required for action. I will also provide regular updates on the work we are doing for full transparency.

# Matt Schofield



**#ThePeople's  
President**



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**Vote Matt Schofield  
for President**

## CAMPAIGN PROGRAMS

01 Student Safety

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02 Student Cost Crisis

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03 Student Wellbeing

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04 Societies Funding System

# Matt Schofield VOTE

Issue	Why is it an issue?	How I will fix it!
Student Safety	The poor lighting around campus at night poses serious risks for all but particularly women, with 86% of those ages 18-24 experiencing harassment. With the lights turning off at 12 and buses stopping, vulnerability increases massively.	To improve this, I will extend the bus service hours particularly during exam season when late nights are spent at the library. I will work with Leicester City council ensuring that we protect our students by keeping street lights on.
Student Cost Crisis	At university, costs are getting higher without our student loans increasing. Rent has increased massively over the past 2 years with student accom prices rising by £20 to £30 a week. Food prices rising each week with a bottle of water at £1.20. As well as many hidden costs when starting uni which many students don't account for.	I will ensure that the university clarifies any hidden costs such as stylus pens, lab coats and textbooks needed. Also, improving the contract with the Leicester food partnership to get the cost of products lower and much more affordable for us students.
Student Wellbeing	Currently, Concerned help service is overran with initial waiting times over a month from disclosure to initial meetings. One month is too long to put someone's life at risk and on hold.	Efficiently combining resources together to reduce wait times and increase the amount of people treated, helping to protect our students from mental health challenges. By promoting and increasing awareness of our services ensuring all students know what help is available for them.
Society Funding System	Sport and Societies struggle gaining support from the SU due to their lack of funds. Student groups are having to pass heavy costs onto their members as a result leading to missed opportunities due to financial hardship.	With better allocation of resources within the SU and support from the university would allow for more opportunities for students with financial support. No one in the SU can tell you how much money there is for societies, this changes with me as your president. Clarity with students is my priority.

# Matt Schofield Experience



- President of Hockey Club (1 year)
- Mens Hockey Club Captain (1 year)
- Mens Hockey Club Kit Sec (1 year)
- University Hockey Club Head Coach (2 years)
- Football Campus League Captain (3 years)
- SU Sports Council Performance Coordinator (2 years) - Working in the SU for 2 years, I have seen how it operates and how day to day issues arise without being solved

**#ThePeople's President**



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# 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.



**Jobanjit Singh**

## **Manifesto: Building a Better Student Experience for Everyone**

University life should be affordable, inclusive, and supportive for all students. If elected, I will focus on three key areas to improve your experience at the University of Leicester.

### **1 More Cultural Events & Inclusivity**

With such a diverse student community, it's important that everyone feels included. I will organize **more cultural events, festivals, and exchange programs** to celebrate different backgrounds and create opportunities for students to connect and learn from each other.

### **2 Affordable Food & Accessible Dining**

No student should have to choose between eating well and saving money. I will work to **lower food prices, introduce better meal deals, and expand diverse food options** to ensure that halal, vegan, and vegetarian choices are easily available and affordable.

### **3 Wellbeing & Mental Health Support**

University can be stressful, and mental health matters. I will push for **better access to mental health support, regular well-being activities, and a peer support network** so every student has the help they need.

I am committed to making our university a place where every student thrives. **Vote for me, and together, we'll build a more inclusive, affordable, and supportive campus!**



**TRUE  
LEADERSHIP  
IS NOT ABOUT  
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ABOUT  
SERVICE.  
WHEN WE LIFT  
OTHERS, WE  
RISE  
TOGETHER**

- ANU ARTHY MURUGAN K



## **A Leader Who Cares – A Future That Thrives!**

I am **Anu Murugan**, and I am running for the next **Student Union President**.

My **VISION** is clear and simple – I am not here for personal gain but to **serve**, ensuring that our university is a place of **Happiness, Health** and **Opportunity** for all.

If you believe in making a **real change**, I ask for your **support** and your **vote!**

## 1. Student Well-Being – Free Medical Support Initiative

Your health is my priority! I will introduce a volunteer based medical team by bringing in the PhD Medical Students to offer free basic health consultations on campus. This initiative will ensure that students have access to quick and reliable medical advice without financial barriers. **Small health concerns should never become big problems due to lack of support.**

## 2. Mental Health Support – A helping hand from Psychology experts

Mental Health is just as important as physical health and I am committed to provide free mental well-being drop in sessions for students. By encouraging PhD students from psychology and related fields to volunteer, where the students can talk, seek advice and get emotional support. **You are not alone-Help will always be available!**

## 3. Grocery Discounts – Making everyday life easier

I understand that managing expenses as a student is challenging. That's why I will negotiate with major supermarkets such as Lidl and Morrisons to secure one dedicated discount day per month for University of Leicester Students. This will make groceries more affordable, helping students **focus on their studies instead of worrying about their budgets.**

## 4. Flight fare discounts for International students

With approximately 7000 of our student population coming from International background from over 70 countries, the travel costs are a major concern. I will work to establish collaborations with major airlines to offer student discounts on flights, making it easier and more affordable for students to visit their families. **Education should not mean Financial strain-Let's work together for better deals!**

## 5. Giving back to Protect Animals

I strongly believe in social responsibility. To prove my commitment, I pledge to donate 50-60% of my university salary to animal welfare organization. Protecting innocent animals and giving them a better life is close to my heart. As a leader, I want to set an example of **compassion and kindness.**

## 6. A President for YOU – Happiness and Health First

I am not here for personal gain, my only goal is to serve YOU! My leadership is not about money-it is about making sure students feel valued, cared for and supported. I am here to make university life a joyful and stress free experiences for everyone.

The volunteers will be provided with **“Certificates”** from the University which you can add it to your CV/Resume.





## WHY VOTE FOR ANU MURUGAN?

**1. FREE MEDICAL AND  
MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT  
FROM TRAINED PHD  
VOLUNTEERS**

**2. GROCERY DISCOUNTS  
AT MAJOR  
SUPERMARKETS**

**3. FLIGHT DISCOUNTS FOR  
INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS**

**4. SIGNIFICANT DONATION  
TO ANIMAL WELFARE**

**5. A LEADER FOCUSED ON  
STUDENT WELL-BEING,  
NOT MONEY!**

**Let's build a University where  
everyone feels Supported, Valued and  
Happy!**

**Your Voice  
Your Vote  
Your Future**

# executive elections<sup>2025</sup>

VOTE



## Part-Time Officers Manifestos



# WOMEN'S OFFICER

# VOTE ABIGAIL

## My experience

- For the past year, I have been the treasurer of AstRoSoc, Chorus and the Music Association. With AstRoSoc, I played a large role in organising a large-scale conference in March.
- I was a course rep during the foundation year and made successful changes to the course.
- During sixth form, I was elected as the Welfare Officer in our newly founded SU



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## What will I do?

I vow to;

- Extend the rollout of period products on campus to more bathrooms and improve the facilities in buildings such as Ken Edwards - some of the facilities are frankly disappointing.
- Fight for reproductive health by promoting more sexual health events and also on a governmental front. I will also run sessions dedicated to educating about and supporting those with conditions such as endometriosis and painful periods.
- Continue to offer self-defence classes on campus - we experience sexual harassment on a local level, even just when walking through the city centre.



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VOTE HERE!  
10th (8am) -  
14th March  
(midday)

In a UN survey, 71% of women of all ages in the UK\* said they had experienced sexual harassment in a public space, which is appalling. We experience it too often. Way too often.

### But why vote at all?

In the last year's elections, **3569** votes in total were cast. This is **20.9%** of the student population, and was the highest number of voters in the SU's history - only 1 in 5 students voted!! I am confident that we can increase that! The candidates you vote for have a significant impact over your student experience through the SU. We can make positive change and you deserve to elect candidates who listen to you, and care about you! Get your vote in today - vote me, and I pledge to use my position powerfully.



### About me

I'm a 1st year Physics student but I completed the foundation year last year. I have two cats back home who I miss dearly! I love going to the gym, going walking in the countryside and singing/dancing my heart out to all sorts of music. I am learning British Sign Language and I enjoy speaking German. I love cheese, especially brie!

I will also strive to organise more events celebrating all women - past, present and future - and I will publicise these so every single woman across the university can take part.

As part of this, I will run an empowering Women's History Month campaign filled with a variety of inspirational talks and activities encouraging students of all degrees to get involved, including performances from arts societies, running a games night, dance/pole class and a boxing/similar class. It's important to not stereotype women to just dancing - we can box, kick and wrestle, too!

I'm passionate about eco-friendly period products and I would love to collaborate with a local business to bring these onto campus for a pop-up sale.



## VOTE ABIGAIL FOR WOMEN'S OFFICER!



# VOTE AYSU!!

Hi! My name is Aysu Aghaei and I am 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.**



## 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 & 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.

Together, let's build a University where women are not just present but thrive.

# NADINE STRATTON

FOR WOMENS OFFICER 

## ABOUT ME



I am a Law with Politics LLB student, Course Representative, gym enthusiast, and a passionate advocate for women's safety, health, and empowerment.

As a woman of mixed heritage, I know the struggles of navigating identity and representation.

These experiences drive my commitment to creating safer spaces, providing better support, and ensuring that every woman feels seen, heard, and valued.

## KEY PRIORITIES

### **SAFE, EMPOWERING WOMEN'S GYM AREA:**

Advocate for creating a dedicated, women-only gym space where women can work out confidently, free from harassment and judgment, and focus on their strength and fitness together.

### **ZERO TOLERANCE FOR SEXUAL HARASSMENT:**

Strengthen policies and create an accessible reporting system to ensure women feel safe and protected on campus, with real consequences for harassment.

### **BUILDING A SUPPORTIVE WOMEN'S COMMUNITY:**

Organise social events and wellness activities to help women connect, make lasting friendships, and create a network of support, all while prioritising mental and physical health.



# Izzy Obrey for LGBT+ Officer



*I am Izzy Obrey,, I'm bisexual and I wish to create a welcoming environment for all members of the LGBT+ community.*

*I plan to create drop-in sessions with me where students can ask questions or raise any issues they want to or for support.*

*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 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 any information or questions,contact me at [io62@student.le.ac.uk](mailto:io62@student.le.ac.uk)*

# Charlie Cronin



For

# LGBT+ PTO

## Who am I?

I am a theatre kid with a love of reading, surfing, badminton and all things outdoorsy. This is my first year as a UoL student and I'm studying Computer Science! As a bisexual male of colour its my mission to make pride accessible to everyone.

### My experience:

- Head Student at high school in Thailand
- Leader of the Environmental Council at high school
- Summer Camp Counsellor for underprivileged kids in the USA
- Teaching Assistant for children with special educational needs in the UK

# My Priorities



## Unite

1. **Unite LGBTQ+ PTOs across the country** so we can work on systemic issues together.
2. **Make LGBTQ+ spaces available to ALL students who require them**

## Divest

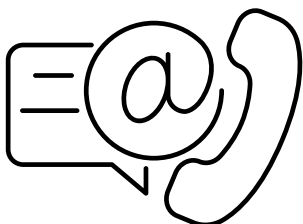
**Make UoL sign the Fossil Free Pride Pledge**

**Make Leicester Pride sign the Fossil Free Pride Pledge**

## Provide

1. **Welfare drop-ins** for all students who are in need.
2. **Bring back the gender affirming care fund.** We did it once and we can do it again.
3. **More LGBTQ+ events.** More events outside of Pride month.
4. **LGBTQ+ training for SU staff** so the people who are there to support us know how to.
5. **Have service for reporting LGBTQ+ harassment.** No one should face harassment for their identity.

## And More!



**Email me with any comments, queries, or suggestions at [CC668@student.le.ac.uk](mailto:CC668@student.le.ac.uk)**



# AIMEE THOMAS-LANE

NATURAL SCIENCES YEAR 2



## Who Am I?

I am currently in my second year of Natural Sciences. 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 had 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. Though 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 implement and work on.

As a part-time officer candidate, I understand that my time is limited and plan to use societies council to help me implement some of my ideas and give them the chance to implement some of their own.

## My Key Priorities:

1. increase funding for societies
2. encourage collaboration between societies
3. promote inclusion and accessibility in all societies
4. Improve communications and transparency with the Students Union

## Action Plan:

### 1) increase funding for societies

- Establish new sponsorship opportunities by partnering with local businesses.
- Improve training and guides on fundraising, grants and external sponsorships
- Organise charity events to donate money to the SU society grant funding.

### 2) encourage collaboration between societies

- start a "Leicester's got Talent" competition for performance groups to participate in

- start an “academic journal” for academic societies to collaborate
- organise regular meetings between society leaders for each “category” of society

### 3) Promote inclusion and accessibility in all societies

- help to develop and enhance inclusion and accessibility training
- work on a accessibility toolkit to help societies plan more accessible events

### 4) Improve communications and transparency with the Students Union

- Have societies meet regularly with their appropriate representative on societies council
- Increase transparency of union activities by encouraging the Students Union to be clearer about events and changes that will affect societies

## My commitment:

If elected, I will be a **dedicated, approachable, and proactive** Societies Officer. I will always be available to listen to student concerns and work towards practical solutions. My goal is to make it easier for societies to thrive so that every student can find a community where they belong.

## So why vote for me?

I am passionate about societies and committed to making them even better next year. With my experience, ideas and plan, I am confident that I can make a real difference as societies officer.

## Vote Aimee for Societies Officer

STRONGER SOCIETIES, BRIGHTER OPPORTUNITIES, GREATER FUN

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# FOR SOCIETIES OFFICER ELLIE STOBIRSKI

## WHO AM I?

- Hi my name is Ellie (she/her) and I'm from Essex
- I am a 2nd year Medical Biochemistry student
- I am involved in lots of societies including: Panthers Cheer, Gymnastics, Cocktail society and DKMS stem cell society
- I have experience in running societies from my time as treasurer for Panthers Cheer and Gymnastics
- I am the Vice Chair of the Societies Council this year

## VOTE HERE



## WHY VOTE FOR ME?

- From my time on Societies Council, I know how the council works and would be confident in leading it
- I am super organised from balancing my roles as treasurer and have insider knowledge on how to run a society
- I am familiar with the process of setting up a society from setting up the Gymnastics society this year
- I am super friendly, open to suggestions and want to make societies more accessible at Leicester

## MY AIMS AND IDEAS

- I would like to support our existing societies by creating committee drop in sessions and a question page on committee hub pages
- I would love to encourage society networking events, where society leaders can meet, collaborate, and share best practices.
- To help those interested in starting a society, I will help to make that process easier encouraging more in person meetings
- To try and financially aid societies I would help organise talks on how to better apply for grant funding and organise fundraising

**STOBIRSKI FOR SOCIETIES**

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Hello, my name is  
**MAHNOOR**

24 years old

Height: 155cm

Zodiac Sign:

Sagittarius 



## WHO I AM?

**AS SOCIETIES  
OFFICERS**

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 stand for "INCLUSIVITY" 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.



**What do I stand for, and why should you vote for me?**

**What would I like to achieve?**



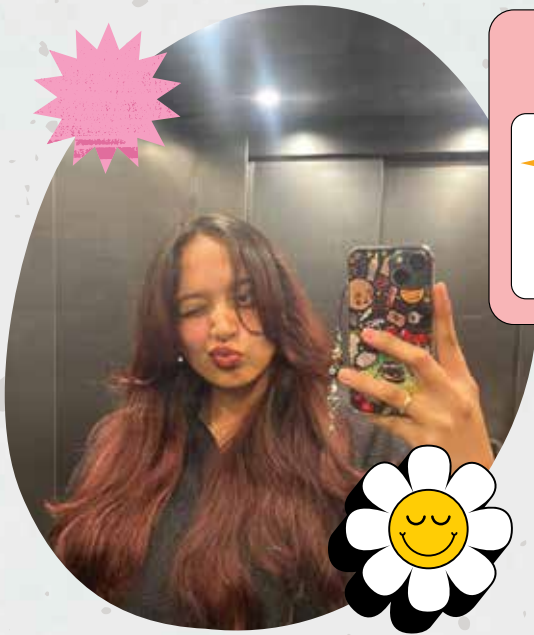
Better facilities , and increased visibility for all societies are all ways to support student clubs. Putting together a variety of social, cultural, and professional development events that are interesting and varied. Better cooperation: Building closer ties between various student organisations to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

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



# ★ Diya K. for Societies Officer ★

Frustrated with the SU over society struggles? Let's make real change!



## About me

Hi, I'm Diya Kulshrestha, a second-year BA Media, Society & Culture student and an active student in the Student Union. As School Representative for the School of Arts, Media & Communications, Press Society Secretary, and Media Production Society Events Manager, I have first-hand experience in student engagement and society management. I want to simplify society processes, sustain societies for the long run, and ensure every student finds a place where they belong.

## My Aims

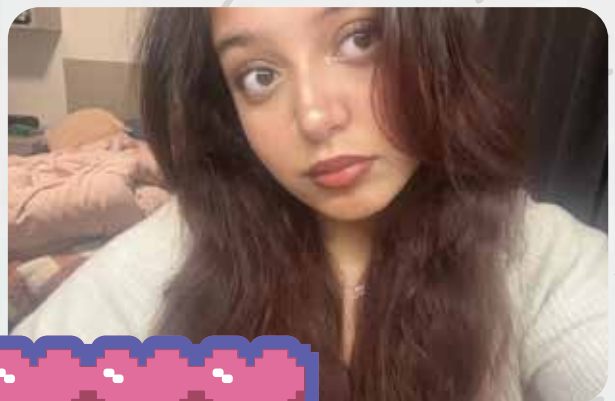
\* Strengthen SU-Society Relations \*

\* Simplify Society Start-ups \*

\* Boost Niche Societies \*

\* Events & Funding Support \*

\* Sustain & Support Societies \*



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★ *Diya K. for Societies Officer* ★

Frustrated with the SU over society struggles? Let's make real change!

## The (Not-So) Boring Bits!



*Vote For Me!!*



✿ Streamline the process so any student with a great idea can launch a society with ease. ✿

✿ Introduce strategies to ensure societies continue and don't fade out over time. ✿

✿ Increase visibility for smaller societies, helping them attract more members and gain recognition. ✿

✿ Organize networking events, training workshops, and provide guidance to help societies grow, with little to no funding. ✿

✿ Bridge the gap between societies and the SU, ensuring better communication and support. ✿

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VOTE FOR

**AIDA  
RAYEGANI**



FOR SOCIETIES OFFICER

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## **WHO AM I AND WHY AM I RUNNING?..**

HI, I'M AIDA RAYEGANI! AS CO-FOUNDER OF UOL SALSA SOCIETY, I KNOW HOW VITAL SOCIETIES ARE TO STUDENT LIFE. I'M RUNNING FOR SOCIETIES OFFICER TO IMPROVE SUPPORT, FUNDING, AND INCLUSIVITY—MAKING IT EASIER FOR ALL STUDENTS TO GET INVOLVED. VOTE FOR ME TO STRENGTHEN OUR STUDENT GROUPS!

## **WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE FOR ME?..**

I'M DEDICATED TO MAKING SOCIETIES MORE INCLUSIVE, BETTER FUNDED, AND EASIER TO MANAGE. WITH EXPERIENCE CO-FOUNDING AND LEADING A SUCCESSFUL SOCIETY, I UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES STUDENT GROUPS FACE. AS SOCIETIES OFFICER, I'LL IMPROVE COMMUNICATION, INCREASE SUPPORT, AND ENSURE ALL STUDENT VOICES ARE HEARD.

## **MY BIGGEST PRIORITIES..**

- HOSTING REGULAR SOCIETY MEETINGS & SURVEYS FOR DIRECT SU ENGAGEMENT
- CREATING A WHATSAPP GROUP FOR QUICK SU-COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION
- WORKING TOWARDS BETTER COMMITTEE TRAINING FOR EVENT PLANNING & FUNDING
- ENCOURAGING MORE COLLABORATION BETWEEN SOCIETIES THROUGH JOINT EVENTS

**VOTE FOR ME TO STRENGTHEN  
STUDENT LIFE AND MAKE SOCIETIES  
THE BEST THEY CAN BE!**

## **HOW TO VOTE:..**



SCAN THIS QR CODE TO  
TAKE YOU TO THE  
STUDENT UNION  
WEBSITE, WHERE YOU  
CAN READ MY  
MANIFESTO AND VOTE!

 **VOTE**  
**BEN CARPENTER**  
**FOR**  
**SPORTS OFFICER**  
**2025 - 2026**



### **A BIT ABOUT ME**

- 3rd Year Aerospace Engineer
- Member of Swimming & Water Polo, Hockey and Mixed Hockey Club through my 3 years!
- President of Swimming & Water 2024/25
- Student Athlete Winner 2023/24
- Secretary on Sports Council
- Played International Water Polo against Australia.
- Currently compete for Bedford Water Polo and Hockey Clubs
- Founded and Tap In XI Hockey Team back in Bedford
- Experienced and qualified Water Polo Coach

### **WHY YOU SHOULD VOTE FOR ME!**

- I want to see every student feel welcomed and have equal opportunities across the University sporting catalogue
- I want to strengthen the communication between the students, Team Leicester and the SU
- I've been a part of many clubs and know how it feels when things need to change
- running campaigns from being Swolo President and sports council Secretary
- Want to ensure transparency regarding finances so that students know where their money is being spent



# MY CAMPAIGN GOALS

## GREATER REPRESENTATION FOR ALL CLUBS

As sports officer I want to make sure that every club is getting equal access to facilities and resources. Not just for Team Leicester Clubs, but all sports clubs across the University. Supporting clubs that may suffer from lack of training times or funding is essential. I want to work with them to try and combat any issues. So that every student taking part in sport at Leicester can make the most of it!

## STRENGTHEN COMMUNICATION

I want to set up more regular feedback sessions between Club Captains, Team Leicester and the SU. Allowing for an open environment for students to share concerns or anything they think could be worked on. Also, to look into providing more transparent information to the student body to know where their membership fees are going, and the decisions that are being made behind the scenes.

## IMPROVE PLAYER SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

I believe it is essential for at least 1 member of each team and any coaches to be first aid trained to handle any issues where paramedic response might be delayed. To tackle this, scheduling of more training days throughout the year should be done. Making it compulsory for teams to send someone to take part. Alongside this, I want to build on the work done this year to help strengthen the support for athletes' wellbeing by ensuring easy to follow sign posting of information.

## CAMPUS LEAGUES

As sports Officer, I want to celebrate and build up our Campus League network across all the sports that provide them. I would look into streamlining all the organisation and look to advertise the schemes more to encourage maximum engagement. From speaking to people I've heard of, many facility setbacks have also resulted in fewer campus league activities. I want to look into combating this, improving the facility selection so that the campus league can flourish.



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# I'M AHMIR RIAZ, VOTE FOR ME

## FOR SPORTS OFFICER



### 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.



IOC YOUNG LEADERS



### CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION

Ahmir Riaz

Thank you for participating in and completing the 4-Week Learning Sprint that took place from 21 October to 17 November 2024

Ana-Marija Garovic  
Head of Activities  
Olympism365 Engagement & Innovation  
International Olympic Committee

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Co-Founder  
Yusuf Sports Hub



Ahmir Riaz

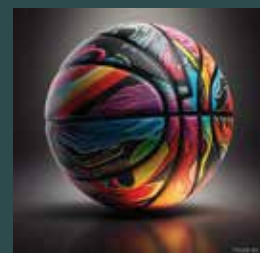
Find me on Social Media and I'll see you around Campus!

# VOTE MOHIT FOR SPORTS OFFICER



## About me

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'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.



## Why you should vote me as your Sports Officer?

- I will ensure to make sports more accessible and affordable.
- I'd ensure inclusive sports days, beginner-friendly workshops, well-being focused activities and inter-society sports competitions.
- I'd ensure the presence of a dedicated first-aid team at all sporting events.
- Vote for Mohit to build a vibrant and inclusive sports community.



### Inclusive sports days

- Events designed to cater to all abilities, ensuring no one feels excluded.
- Providing adaptive equipment, accessible venues, and trained volunteers who can offer support.
- Organising focus groups before and after the events, to get feedback from disabled students, and to make sure the events are meeting their needs.

### Beginner-friendly workshops

- Conducting skill-building sessions to help everyone feel confident trying new sports.
- Fostering opportunities to connect and interact among participants, encouraging social interaction and teamwork.
- Collaboration with experienced coaches, athletes, and sports societies to provide expert guidance and tailored instruction.

### Well-being focused activities

- Integrating mental health workshops and stress-relief activities into our sporting calendar, such as yoga and mindfulness sessions, and outdoor recreation events.
- Intended to provide students with tools and techniques for stress reduction, mindfulness, and overall emotional balance, alongside physical activity.

### Inter-society sports competitions

- Partnering with diverse societies to promote inclusivity and community spirit.
- Aimed at students who may not participate in formal university sports teams to engage in physical activity and competition.
- Bring together diverse student societies, fostering connections beyond their respective societies.

## VOTE HEATH FOR TRANS AND NON-BINARY OFFICER



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.

These initiatives include 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. On top of this I would also more clearly signpost the location of the resource guide for trans and non-binary students

# CHRIS FOR ARTS OFFICER



I am running for  
**25/26 Arts Officer.**

Founding and Current Member  
for The Revival (UOL Gospel  
Choir)

Current member of Leicester  
Glee Club

Current Member of Leicester  
Modern Dance Hip Hop Comp  
Team.

As Arts Officer I will...

- Help art societies with fundraising
- Help societies develop and execute more creative and artistic events
- Create more events for everyone to participate in

LET'S  
GET  
CREATIVE

# VOTE FOR DONO ARTS OFFICER!

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## LIFE IS SHORT



### **ART IS FOR EVERYONE!**

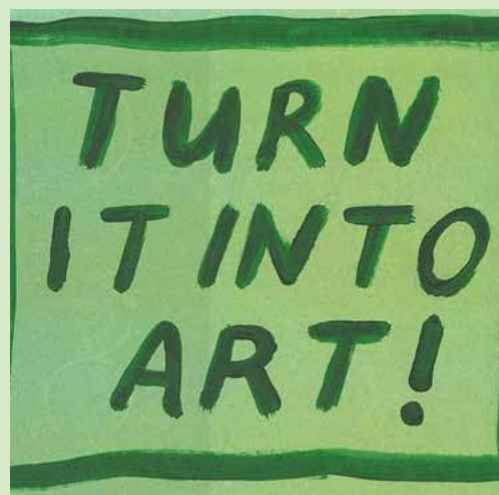
Art is not just for artists—it's for everyone. Whether you paint, design, write, perform, or simply appreciate creativity, you deserve a space to express yourself. As your Arts Officer, I will make sure the arts at our university are inclusive, accessible, and inspiring for all students!

*@donosya follow me on Instagram!*

## 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.

# VOTE FOR DONO ARTS OFFICER!

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## 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.

## ART IS:

*You!*

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

Dear Students of the University of Leicester,

I am thrilled to present myself as a candidate for the position of Part-Time Arts Officer, a role that resonates deeply with my passion for the arts and my unwavering commitment to making a tangible impact on our campus community. As a second-year business management student that with a passion for arts, I have witnessed the incredible power that the arts hold, not just as a form of expression, but as a platform for connection, inclusion, and innovation. I am running for Arts Officer because I believe that the arts are a vital part of university life, deserving of more recognition, support, and opportunities to flourish.

Throughout my time at the University of Leicester, I have seen firsthand the transformative role the arts play in student life. Whether it's through visual arts, theatre, music, or creative writing, the arts offer students an outlet to explore their creativity, express their identities, and find community. Unfortunately, these opportunities are often sidelined in favour of more traditional academic pursuits. I believe that the arts deserve a louder, more influential voice on campus, and I am ready to be that voice. I want to ensure that every student, regardless of their background or field of study, has access to the artistic opportunities that make university life richer, more diverse, and more engaging. If elected as your Arts Officer, I will work tirelessly to champion the arts and ensure that the arts community at the University of Leicester thrives.

### **My Vision for the Role:**

- 1. Increased Visibility and Accessibility for the Arts:** I will advocate for **greater visibility** for all arts-related activities and events. Whether you're into theatre, music, dance, painting, fashion or photography etc, I want to ensure that your work gets the attention it deserves. I'll make sure that students have access to the resources and opportunities that allow them to showcase their talents. By collaborating with student societies, the SU, and external organisations, I will work to bring more arts-focused events to the forefront of university life, events that are engaging, inclusive, and accessible to all students. Everyone should be able to see the power and beauty of the arts, regardless of whether they participate or not.
- 2. Support for Arts Societies and Creative Communities:** As Arts Officer, I will provide **additional support to arts societies** and student-run initiatives. Our societies are the heart of creative life on campus, and I will ensure they have the funding, resources, and space to grow and thrive. I will be a strong advocate for securing more funding for student-run arts events, exhibitions, performances, and creative workshops. I'll also establish closer relationships between arts societies and academic departments, ensuring that the arts are recognised and celebrated as essential to the university's educational experience.
- 3. Promoting Collaboration Across Disciplines:** The arts are not isolated. They are meant to **interact with other fields** of study and create something even more exciting. I will encourage interdisciplinary projects that bring together students from different departments, combining

creativity, innovation, and critical thinking. Whether it's an art history student collaborating with a music student for a performance or a science student using visual arts to convey complex ideas, I will ensure that opportunities for cross-departmental collaboration are more readily available.

- 4. A Platform for Underrepresented Voices:** The arts have the power to amplify voices that are often silenced. I am committed to ensuring that **marginalised groups**, whether in terms of race, gender, ability, or socio-economic status are heard and represented in all artistic activities. I will work closely with the university's diversity and inclusion initiatives to create platforms where underrepresented voices can flourish, whether through art exhibitions, performances, or workshops. I will push for a more diverse and inclusive representation of what art can be, encouraging everyone to see themselves reflected in the arts.

#### **Why You Should Vote for Me:**

I am not just passionate about the arts; I am deeply committed to ensuring that all students have equal access to the opportunities that the arts provide. I am approachable, creative, and proactive, with a proven track record of leadership and collaboration. I believe that the arts are essential for personal development, for fostering a sense of community, and for creating spaces where diverse ideas and voices can thrive. If elected as your Arts Officer, I promise to make the arts an integral part of every student's experience at the University of Leicester.

**Let's make the arts a fundamental, celebrated part of university life. Let's create a vibrant, diverse, and inclusive arts community that reflects our collective creativity and passion. Together, we can transform our university into a space where the arts thrive, inspire, and empower us all.**

#### **"Unleash Your Creativity, Amplify Your Voice"**

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope you will support me in making the arts an unforgettable part of your university experience.

With creativity and determination,  
Amani Mustapha



Hello,  
I'm Ashlesha

running for  
**Sustainability  
Officer**



[leicesterunion.com/vote](http://leicesterunion.com/vote)



### About Me

I'm a 2nd year BSc Psychology student who loves taking pictures and watching movies. I'm approachable and love meeting new people and listening to their anecdotes.

Growing up in an eco-conscious home, my love for National Geographic, my dad's terrace garden, and my mom's work in waste management fuelled my passion for sustainability, further inspired by TED Talks and global initiatives.

### My Aims

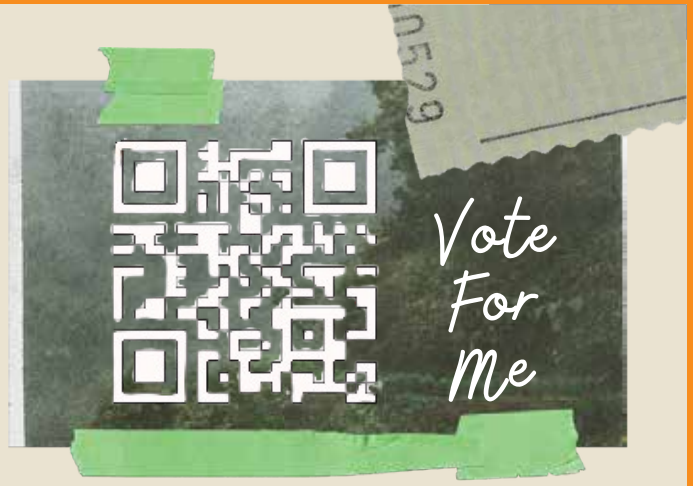
- Student discounts for public transport.
- Diversifying plant-based food options promoting low-carbon diet.
- Organize sustainability workshops and eco-friendly events.
- Increased attendance for sustainability events by advertising.
- Motion for shuttle bus to be electric rather than diesel.

\*Details on the next page\*

**Think local, impact global**







*This is the only Earth we have; so save and protect. The future is in our Hands!*

## *My Vision* ✨

- Provide public transport discounts for students commuting from distant areas in Leicester or other cities, making eco-friendly travel more accessible.
- Spread awareness about plant-based and low-carbon diets while expanding food options to support and encourage sustainable choices.
- Host sustainability workshops and eco-friendly events like Go Green Day, collaborating with student societies, local businesses, and environmental groups to maximize impact.
- Enhance promotions and advertising—such as social media campaigns, interactive posters, and collaborations with influencers to boost audience engagement and increase footfall at sustainability events.
- As a long-term goal, transition the shuttle to electric or other sustainable alternatives, reducing reliance on fossil fuels like diesel to reduce carbon emissions.



**Think local, impact global**



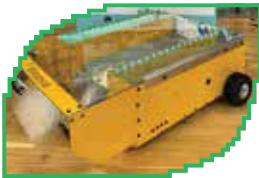


# MOHAMMED SIDDIQUI FOR SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER

## ABOUT ME

Hey, I'm Mohammed Siddiqui, a carbon literate PhD research student in Sustainable Steelmaking with a background in Mechanical Engineering. Having been part of our university community for five years now, I've seen how much potential we have as students to make a real impact on campus, especially when it comes to sustainability.

## PAST ON-CAMPUS PROJECTS



Designed & manufactured a litter collecting robot to pick mainstream litter from campus



Hosted stalls to raise awareness and engage students in solving sustainability challenges



Delivered educational workshops on integrating UN SDGs in to student life



Working on a drone that can clean the solar panels atop our library to boost efficiency

## SUSTAINABILITY EXPERIENCES



### National Grid [Year in Industry]

Undergraduate Project Development Engineer  
*Worked on a multi-million pound project on waste heat recycling to heat offices on site*

### Sustainability Network

Vice-Chair  
*Organised and led sustainability student activities and workshops on campus*



### Innova

Founding President  
*Led 100+ members on sustainable innovation projects to solve environmental challenges using technology*

### School of Engineering

Course Representative  
*Advocated for sustainability initiatives at Student-Staff Committee meetings*



**Sustainability** isn't just a buzzword for me, it's at the ♥ of everything I do!



Whether it's reducing waste, protecting green spaces or finding innovative ways to be more eco-friendly, I believe small, smart changes can drive big impact.



My goal is to make sustainability accessible, innovative and something we can all be part of without it feeling like a burden.

*Therefore let's together turn:*  
**Ideas into action & build a greener, better campus!**

## MY SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR CAMPUS



Display carbon footprint values on food items sold at the SU to help make more eco-conscious decisions



Create a platform for students to turn their sustainability ideas into real-world startups via a green incubation hub



Organise Green Career Fairs and industry visits to connect students with sustainability-focused careers and businesses



Empower students with environmental skills through hands-on projects, UN SDG workshops and free carbon literacy training

## VOTE FOR ME

To drive action, spark innovation & promote sustainability on campus



# Mohak Udiniya

PGR OFFICER

INTRODUCTION

A BIOTECHNOLOGIST AND  
FUTURE CANCER BIOLOGIST. A  
PERSON WITH STRONG  
INTEGRITY AND  
COLLABORATIVE SPIRIT.  
KNOWN FOR HIS BOLD CHOICES  
AND COMMUNICATION. AN  
AVID FOODIE AND MOVIE BUFF



MOHAK!  
MOHAK!  
MOHAK!  
MOHAK!

“HELP ME!”  
BECAUSE I WANT  
TO  
MAKE PGR  
STUDIES

ENJOYABLE AGAIN



# why Mohak?

Social life will improve because of the interdisciplinary events, because its not just knowledge but also, social events with like-minded individuals



Health and welfare will be upfront again with sports competitions monthly

Are you worried that you are not up-to-date or lacking in key communication skills? You dont have worry now, I will coordinate with library to introduce bridge courses

What you want is what you will get. My focus is your well being and that you get enough credit for your contribution.



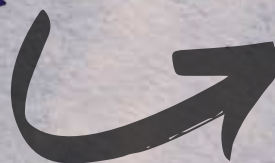
MOHAK!  
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MOHAK!

MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL IS THAT I AM HERE FOR YOU AND THAT IS THE REASON WHY I WILL BE PERSONALLY SURVEYING ALL THE SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES WEEKLY. APART FROM THIS I WILL BE ALL YOURS FOR APPROACH BECAUSE I WILL ORGANIZE OPEN MEETINGS MONTHLY 😊  
[APART FROM DAILY COMMUNICATION]

This is not my first roadeo, but it is the first one where I can make a difference to, maybe your life



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR, VOTE FOR ME HERE. MOHAK IS HERE TO HEAR YOU. HURRY TO MAKE IT PERMANENT



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Vote K.Y for PGR Officer!

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Hello, I'm  
**Kweku**  
★ **Yamoah**



I am a Second-Year Ghanaian PhD student in the School of Economics at the College of Business. I am the deputy PGR Rep for Economics and a past student mentor.

### My Mission

As a Postgraduate Research (PGR) student, I understand the unique challenges we face—straddling the fine line between student and staff- often leading to a lack of community and belonging.

My mission as your PGR Officer is to bridge this gap, ensuring that PGR students feel integrated, supported, and empowered within the University of Leicester. Through engagement, advocacy, and targeted initiatives, I will work to enhance the PGR experience.

### Building a Stronger PGR Community

Recent surveys have highlighted that many PGR students experience isolation, largely due to our unique position in academia. To address this, I will:

- Actively collaborate with the PGR Representative Forum and the Doctoral College to organize regular social events that foster networking and camaraderie among PGR students.
- Create opportunities for interdisciplinary interactions, enabling students from different faculties to connect and exchange ideas.
- Advocate for dedicated PGR social spaces within the university where students can gather, work, and engage informally.

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# Vote K.Y for PGR Officer!

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## Creating PGR-Specific Societies and Clubs

Whilst the university boasts numerous clubs and societies, there is a need for societies specifically targeting PGR students. Having such societies will

- Provide a consistent platform for PGR students to engage with their peers beyond the annual Doctoral Research Conference.
- Foster a sense of identity and community within the postgraduate research cohort.
- Encourage knowledge-sharing, peer mentoring, and collaborative research initiatives.



## Engagement & Representation

Beyond these key initiatives, I am committed to being an active and accessible representative for all PGR students. My role will involve:

- Regularly engaging with PGR students through forums, surveys, and one-on-one discussions.
- Negotiate for tailored support pre- and post-probation and cut down the required words from 10,000 to 2000 for first-year PGRs.
- Advocate for more teaching opportunities across departments and colleges so PGRs are rounded academics and researchers

## Vote for me because...

I am dedicated to making the University of Leicester a more inclusive, supportive, and resourceful environment for PGR students. By fostering community, enhancing access to training, and creating dedicated spaces for engagement, I will work tirelessly to ensure that every PGR student feels valued and empowered.

I hope to earn your trust and your vote. Together, we can enhance the PGR experience at the University of Leicester!

## **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.**

## EDITH MALEMBA - your next PGR Officer

### Who?

A first-year Geography PGR dedicated to improving PGR student experience, research and community.

I am passionate about research and have experience representing students from diverse academic and professional backgrounds.



### What?

- Improve PGR student experience
- Improve PGR research culture
- Improve PGR sense of community and belonging

### How?

- PGR peer mentors
- Inclusive PGR research activities e.g. hackathons
- Welcome mixers for new and potential PGRs
- Interactive PGR bulletin boards

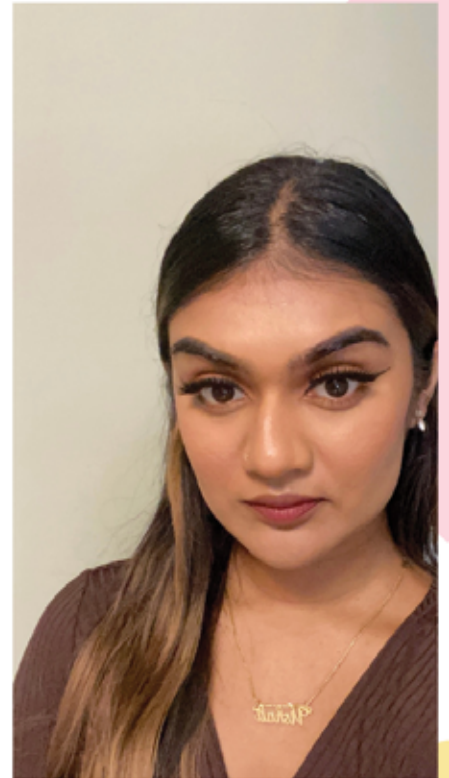
VOTE!





# **VOTE VISHALI FOR ETHNIC EQUITY OFFICER**

**My name is Vishali and I am a passionate law student at the University of Leicester. I am committed to advocating for diversity, inclusivity, and cultural celebration within our community. I am running for the position of Ethnic Equity Officer because I believe every student, deserves to feel seen, heard, and valued.**



**Together, Let's Build an  
Inclusive University!**

**Promote  
Cultural  
Education**

**create safe spaces  
to speak up**

**Ensure every  
students voice  
is heard and  
valued**

**Create more  
diverse &  
inclusive  
events**

**Empower student  
by providing the  
right resources &  
support**

# Ethnic *Equity Officer*

## Key Policies:

- Launch a Student & Alumni Mentorship Program
- Expand Cultural Visibility at the SU
- Increase Diverse Food & Social Inclusion

## How I'll achieve these Policies:

- Work with SU leadership & societies to make real changes.
- Secure funding & sponsorships for cultural & mentorship programs.
- Engage students via social media & community forums.

VOTE

## ★ Why You Should Vote for Me ★

- **Led Black History Month events at a leading global tech company.**
- **Advocated for diversity in sports & inclusivity in BUCS rugby.**
- **Worked on multiple diversity-focused initiatives & leadership roles.**

Hi, I'm Patrick, and I'm running to be your Ethnic Equity Officer! I believe in making the Leicester SU a place where every student from an ethnically diverse background feels represented, valued, and empowered.

Lets get Pat Abor through the door!

Patrick  
Abor





## Margarita Panteleli

Hi, I'm **Margarita**, a Greek law student in the LLB/Maîtrise program, and I'm running to be your **International Officer**! I'm passionate about bringing people together, standing up for others, and making sure every international student feels at home here. Friendly, proactive, and determined, I will work to ensure your voice is heard and your concerns are addressed. From visa and housing support to cultural and language exchange programs, I am committed to making our university a welcoming and inclusive space for all.

**Vote for me to represent you!**

**International Officer**

**Bridging Cultures,  
Building Futures!**

I will ensure **university services**—academic support, career guidance, and mental health resources—are inclusive and accessible for international students. By pushing for better representation and stronger support, I will help create a welcoming environment where every international student feels valued and heard.

**Integration & Inclusion**

## Visa Support

I will ensure that international students receive clear and accessible visa and work rights guidance before they even arrive. I plan to introduce a **Visa & Work Rights Guide**, a PDF leaflet sent to all incoming students before the academic year, covering key information on visas, working restrictions, and useful contacts. Additionally, I will advocate for a **dedicated support service**, where students can submit visa-related queries through a simple email or form, ensuring they get timely and accurate responses.

I will introduce a **Language Exchange Buddy Program**, pairing international students with local students to help improve language skills while fostering cultural exchange. Through casual meetups, conversation groups, and an online platform, students can practice a new language in a friendly setting. This will not only help international students feel more integrated but also encourage local students to engage with different cultures.

## Language Exchange Program

# NIKITA SACHDEVA



## WHO AM I ?

Hi ! I'm a Law student who knows the pain of that long visa application process all too well.

## WHY AM I RUNNING ?

As an international student, I know firsthand the excitement and challenges of studying in a new country.

That's why I'm running for International Officer– to ensure every international student feels supported and heard and to make university a home away from home.

## MY AIMS & PRIORITIES



### A Friendly Point of Contact

Be a go-to person for international students to address concerns, and connect them with the Student Union.



### International Freshers' Meet

Organise an event during Freshers' Week to help international and home students connect.



### Society Collaboration

Work with cultural, ethnic, and religious societies to create a welcoming space and celebrate diversity.



### Cultural Festival

Plan an International Day where students can showcase their heritage through performances, food, and more.



### Your Voice Matters

Regularly collect feedback and implement student-driven ideas to enhance the international student experience.



# VOTE FOR ME !

<https://www.leicesterunion.com/vote>

We, international students, enrich the university with diversity and global connections but face challenges like cultural adaptation, academics, finances, visas, and social integration. I am committed to addressing these issues and creating a more inclusive, supportive experience for all.



I am Olujide Olakanmi, a dedicated PGR student in the Department of Economics, School of Business. As an international student, I am passionate about fostering inclusivity and addressing the needs of our diverse community.

### 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.

### Creating an Inclusive Community

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

### Advocating for Fair Policies

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



Please scan the QR code to vote  
Thank you!

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!

# MAERY

**FOR**

**INTERNATIONAL OFFICER**



## WHO AM I?

**I AM MAERY ONWUZULUME, AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT WHO UNDERSTANDS FIRSTHAND THE CHALLENGES WE FACE WHILE STUDYING ABROAD. WITH PERSONAL EXPERIENCE NAVIGATING VISA REQUIREMENTS, CULTURAL ADJUSTMENTS AND UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS, I BRING EMPATHY AND PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE TO THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL OFFICER. MY BACKGROUND HAS SHAPED MY COMMITMENT TO CREATING INCLUSIVE SPACES WHERE INTERNATIONAL VOICES ARE HEARD AND VALUED. I BELIEVE IN BUILDING BRIDGES BETWEEN CULTURES AND ENSURING THAT EVERY INTERNATIONAL STUDENT FEELS SUPPORTED THROUGHOUT THEIR ACADEMIC JOURNEY.**

## WHY VOTE ME?

**I WILL BE YOUR DEDICATED ADVOCATE, ENSURING INTERNATIONAL STUDENT CONCERNS ARE PRIORITISED AT EVERY UNIVERSITY LEVEL. MY APPROACH IS SIMPLE: I WILL LISTEN TO YOU, REPRESENT YOUR NEEDS, AND CREATE PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS THAT WILL MAKE A REAL DIFFERENCE TO YOUR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE. TOGETHER, LET'S BUILD AN INCLUSIVE AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT WHERE YOU CAN FOCUS MORE ON YOUR STUDIES AND LESS ON NAVIGATING UNIVERSITY SYSTEMS AND FINANCIAL WORRIES.**

**#INTERNATIONAL VOICES HEARD**



# MAERY

FOR

INTERNATIONAL OFFICER



## MY PRIORITIES

### COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT SYSTEM

**ESTABLISHING BETTER SUPPORT SYSTEMS BY CREATING DETAILED WELCOME PACKETS WITH ESSENTIAL INFORMATION ABOUT SETTLING IN, NAVIGATING VISA REQUIREMENTS, FINDING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES, SETTING UP BANKING, AND ACCESSING OTHER VITAL SERVICES NECESSARY FOR COMFORTABLE LIVING. ADDITIONALLY, TO STOP CONFUSION, I WILL WORK TO SIMPLIFY ACCESS TO UNIVERSITY SUPPORT SERVICES, ENSURING THAT INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CAN EASILY FIND AND UTILISE THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO THEM WITHOUT UNNECESSARY FRUSTRATION WHILE TRYING TO NAVIGATE INFINITE WEB PAGES.**

### SUPPORTIVE COMMUNICATIONS

**I AIM TO TRANSFORM UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS TO PLACE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING AT THE FOREFRONT. VISA REMINDERS AND DEADLINES WILL BE COMMUNICATED WITH CLEAR, HELPFUL GUIDANCE RATHER THAN STRESS-INDUCING WARNINGS. STRESS-CAUSING COMMUNICATIONS WILL BE REPLACED WITH ENCOURAGING MESSAGES THAT PROVIDE SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORT.**

### FINANCIAL GUIDANCE

**UNDERSTANDING THAT FINANCIAL CONCERNS MAY BE AN ISSUE FOR MANY INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, I AIM TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS AND EMERGENCY FUNDING OPTIONS. I WILL ADVOCATE STRONGLY FOR FLEXIBLE PAYMENT PLANS FOR TUITION AND ACCOMMODATION. TO EMPOWER STUDENTS WITH PRACTICAL SKILLS, I WISH TO ORGANISE WORKSHOPS FOCUSED ON BUDGETING AND MANAGING FINANCES WHILE STUDYING ABROAD, HELPING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS MAKE INFORMED FINANCIAL DECISIONS THROUGHOUT THEIR ACADEMIC JOURNEY.**

**#MORE THAN JUST A STUDENT NUMBER**

# VOTE DAVID

**FOR  
INTERNATIONAL  
OFFICER**



## INTRO

I am David Nkpa and I am a second-year Computer Science student. Passionate about diversity and inclusion with strong leadership and initiative skills.



**SCAN THE QR CODE TO  
VOTE!**



## THE FUTURE IS A DIVERSE ONE

### Why Vote for Me?

- ✓ Stronger Community – I'll introduce a Peer Support & Mentorship Program to connect students for academic, career, and cultural guidance.
- ✓ Amplifying Voices – I will ensure international students' concerns are heard and acted upon.
- ✓ Cultural Celebration – I'll launch the Mosaic of Leicester campaign to share student stories and celebrate our diverse backgrounds.
- ✓ Better Resources – I'll improve access to essential services, university support, and opportunities for international students.

**10TH TO 14TH MARCH**

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***Your Voice, Your Career, Your Future!***

**✓ Jack S. – International Officer**

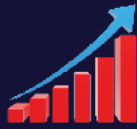


## **Purpose**

When I first landed in Leicester, I was thousands of miles away from home – excited, but nervous. I quickly learned that our journey here isn't just about grades; it's about feeling at home and building a future.

Hi, I'm Jack, and I aim to become the next International Officer to ensure every international student thrives here as a valued member of the university community. As your Officer, I will bridge cultures and build futures for our international community.





## My Vision

### Employability

- Push for more internship and placement opportunities that accommodate visa requirements
- Launch an annual International Employability Week featuring a career fair with visa-friendly employers




## Integration

- Organise regular cultural events to celebrate our diversity and bring local and international students together
- Strengthen dedicated support services – from visa guidance to mental health
- Champion an inclusive campus culture where international students are part of community – not just guests.



## Why This Matters

 **23%** of Leicester students are international, with over **65%** in PGT. Yet, **80%** struggle to find jobs, and **60%** feel isolated.

These numbers show our presence is strong—now, we need stronger support, opportunities, and action.



***Vote for Jack S. – For Jobs. For Support. For You.!***

Your vote is more than a choice—it's a commitment to real change. Let's make Leicester a home away from home for everyone! Starting today.



# Sumairah Qayyum

*Accessibility Officer*



**“ Because Every Student Deserves to Be Seen, Heard & Supported**



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## Who Am I?

Hi, I'm Sumairah, in my second year studying BSc in Psychology with Cognitive Neuroscience. I was diagnosed with dyslexia at Leicester, and the support I received changed my life. It didn't just help me achieve higher grade - it made me feel seen, heard, and understood for the first time in my education.

Too many students still struggle in silence, unaware of available support or facing long delays. As your Accessibility Officer, I will ensure faster access, better resources, and more vigorous advocacy for all students who need it.

## My Vision: Accessibility for Everyone

Accessibility isn't just about physical adjustments - it's about ensuring that all students, including those with disabilities, neurodiversity, or mental health challenges, can thrive.

## My 4-Step Plan

- 1. Faster Access to Support & Diagnoses**
  - Reduce waiting times for dyslexia, ADHD, and learning difficulty assessments.
  - Increase awareness and funding for Disabled Students' Allowance (DSA)
- 2. Better Digital Accessibility**
  - Push for captioning, transcripts, and assistive technology to be widely available.



# Breaking Barriers, Building Access

*Make your voice count*

**Together, We Can  
Make Leicester  
Truly Accessible  
for Everyone!**



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### My 4-Step Plan

3. Creating Inclusive & Accessible Spaces
  - Expand quiet study areas for students needing minimal distractions.
  - Ensure all university spaces are fully accessible, not just compliant.
  - Strengthen peer support networks for disabled students.
4. Ending Stigma & Raising Awareness
  - Implement mandatory accessibility training for staff and faculty.
  - Organize campaigns to normalize learning difficulties and mental health conditions.
  - Ensure all university events and societies are inclusive for all students.



### How I Will Make This Happen

- Collaborate with the SU & AccessAbility team to push for policy changes.
- Hold student forums to ensure accessibility concerns are heard and acted on.
- Advocate for inclusivity in university policies to create lasting impact.



### Why You Should Vote for Me

- ✓ I understand accessibility challenges first-hand and will work for real change.
- ✓ I have a clear, realistic plan that puts students' needs first.
- ✓ I will ensure accessibility is a priority, not an afterthought at Leicester.

# Jamie Hyland

For Accessibility  
Officer



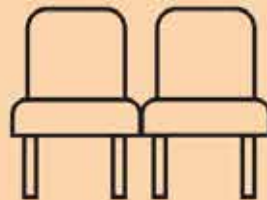
## Why Me?

As a disabled person with physical and mental illnesses I understand how difficult it is to get through university and I know it is not just me that has this struggle during university

## My Aims:



Regular maintenance of lifts, automatic doors and disabled toilets



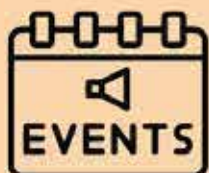
Accessible seating in the lecture theatres that won't strain students necks and legs



Make sure all lecturers make module timetables on Blackboard accessible



Signposting on how to receive resources such as Disabled Students Allowance



Run disability events such as neurodiversity week



Lower the prices for Freemans Common accommodation for disabled students

# Hannah Davies for Accessibility

What does accessibility mean to me?

Accessibility means trying to ensure that everyone gets access to equal opportunities. It means not being held back by something out of my control, avoiding stigma, feeling heard and not overlooked. It means feeling accepted by a community who understand you.

## *Get to know me*



Hi, my name is Hannah, I am a 20 year old psychology student. Things I enjoy are reading romance books and pole dance in my free time. My future career aspirations are to become a clinical psychologist but at the moment I work at a care home/school for children with severe autism and other learning disabilities. On holidays, I go to Germany to see my family and can speak the language fluently. I am passionate about bringing attention to the myths surrounding mental health, specifically in women. Something I would like to learn is British sign language. My favourite takeaway is Nandos, I live with 2 of my friends and a cat (Ember).



## What makes me qualified to be accessibility officer?

I have generalised hypermobility spectrum disorder and suspected autism spectrum disorder, both of these mean I have faced difficulties with accessibility all my life. One of the biggest struggles I have faced is my symptoms being overlooked by my support systems.

I also work at a school/care home for children with profound autism and other learning disabilities. I have also worked with other conditions here, like ADHD, OCD, trauma, Williams syndrome and this job has helped me learn the process of introducing reasonable accommodations and how much of a struggle daily life can be when society is not set up to work with you.



## Myth Busting Campaign

Something I have noticed throughout my studies and working with people with disabilities is the number of myths or negative stereotypes which surround various conditions. As an accessibility officer I would really like to debunk some of these false ideas using an education-based online campaign, spreading accurate information about conditions, including information on where to get help if you believe you are struggling with this. Another thing I would emphasize during this campaign is the inclusion of gender and cultural differences within each disorder as these are often ignored. An example of this in action may be explaining what OCD (obsessive-compulsive disorder) truly looks like, how it's not just being 'clean' and what this condition's struggles may look like.



## Change in Training for Staff and Societies



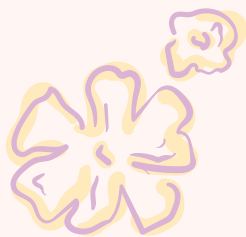
Based off research I have done within the university, I have noticed that the training provided to staff and societies is very information driven and does not work to get people to truly understand what living with a disability looks like. I would like to introduce an interactive training opportunity for staff and societies which puts them in the position of someone disability, for example, using the video "Can you make it to the end?" by the National Autistic Society or dyslexia simulation activity. This will increase empathy and understanding and will put accessibility and accommodations at the forefront of their minds.

## Networking Activities

One thing I would like to implement if I become your accessibility officer is introducing safe spaces for people with disabilities to come together. I believe this will be particularly helpful for those in a position with mental conditions where the wait list is extremely long and people are stuck in the pre-diagnosis phase. This will hopefully introduce people in similar positions together so they can relate to each other and discuss struggles and coping mechanisms.



## Waiting times



Something else I have noticed is the long waiting times to get support through the university, especially for mental health concerns and getting accommodations put in place. I would like to implement a funnel system, within which the first point of access is getting daily level accommodations put in place by your school, rather than at a university level to attempt to streamline the process. This way immediate change is more likely and you have support while waiting to get through to Access Ability.

## Suggestions and Advice

I would like to introduce a suggestions and advice service. This would be a space for you to bring attention to accessibility issues you have faced during university, as well as suggestions you may have to make the university more accessible. This would be able to then help signpost to where you need to go to try and make accommodation, including for financial support and how to receive this if you are eligible. We would then be able to introduce initiatives based on what you have said is lacking.





# VOTE NATALIE

DISTANCE

LEARNING

OFFICER

Why?

- As current Distance Learning Officer I have fulfilled all my previous campaign priorities and continue to create new ideas.
- I have almost 3 years experience working with distance students.
- I have become a visible and reliable point of contact for both students and staff when discussing issues around distance learning.

## Priorities

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1

- Expand Distance Learners' Day to more distance students

2

- Empower distance students to better advocate for themselves

3

- Create a brand-new peer mentoring scheme for undergraduate distance learners

4

- Campaign for the guidelines on fees and discounts to be revised, and encourage high achieving students to remain at Leicester

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Ellie Stobirski  
Mahnoor

## **Sustainability Officer:**

Ashlesha Tiwari  
Mohammed Siddiqui

## **Ethnic Equity Officer:**

Patrick Abor  
Vishali

## **PGR Officer:**

Edith Malemba  
Kweku 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  
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