

# Part-time officer report- Final 2023/24

Part-time officers work consistently throughout the year to provide for their cohort going above and beyond whilst balancing their courses alongside this responsibility. Whilst they have limited time and funding, all of these individuals have been able to make a lasting impact on our Students Union and the wider University with their dedication to enriching our educational experience.

## **Mattie Simpson (LGBT+ Officer 2023/24)**

Mattie began the year with a multitude of initiatives to implement during their time in the role and they have managed to do a great deal of work for their cohort. Though met with a lot of funding issues and University non-compliance, Mattie has been able to host events such as HIV testing on campus. These events are a great way to de-stigmatise and clarify misconceptions faced by the LGBT+ community whilst providing a safe and judgement free space to offer the assistance people need. Another great idea was the request for sanitary bins although this was met with funding issues and could not be implemented.

Mattie initiated much needed movements on the removal of the need for RADAR keys to access disabled facilities on campus. Having communicated effectively with the necessary departments, Mattie has been assured that steps will be taken to remove this barrier to accessible facilities. The open letter as of writing this has still not yet been published, however, progress has been made and the release of this will depend on scheduling and the availability of SU resources.

Mattie's grass roots conference would be a great introduction for the community and enable a space for people to share their experiences and enact change effectively. Their clear dedication to the community has been recognised by Scrutiny committee and we are happy to award Mattie a pass.