

## By-election 2017 Candidate manifestos

### Part-time Officers

BAME Students Officer

Angela Musa

attain - highlight - represent – empower

I am running for the BAME officer position because despite the array of issues BAME students may face, I believe that at university a safe space can be created. A space where BAME students feel supported, safe, understood and heard. I am passionate about raising issues and delving deeper into what can be done to resolve issues within our community. For this role to benefit the students a high level of collaboration between the students and the officer to help this I propose holding focus groups where I discuss with students what they would like to see or want to be raised in welfare meetings.

I couldn't fit all I wanted to say in this box linked here is the rest of my manifesto: <https://www.facebook.com/angie.feyi.9/posts/134217693981050>

Farihah Omotoyosi Tijani

A vote for me is a vote for more ethnic equality. #voteforfarihah

Hi my name is Farihah Tijani and I would like to inform you the student body why I wish to run for the position of BAME Students Officer.

I believe that I would make a great candidate for this position because I truly believe in equality for all and I want to use my voice to help all those in the minority ethnic circle to be heard.

I want to embody this role to represent the BAME students of the University of Hull, which is including but not limiting students with African, Asian, Arab and Latin American heritages. I as a representative want to help inform other students at the university about the different cultural heritages that walk the path of the campus and to also show the different sides to you the student body.

I want to do this by introducing educational and fun showcases for the different backgrounds here at the university such as Black History Month, the Culture of Asia, the culture of Latin Americans and many more.

I know this to be true because I am a part of the Black, Asian and minority ethnic and I wish to use this role to make changes for all at the university of hull one vote at a time.

Wendy-may Aiesha Sharon Dailly

Don't be blinded, Be open minded

I am an enthusiastic, driven student who possesses excellent communication skills with the ability to both listen and talk to others well. I am a friendly and bubbly person who loves to meet new people. I am easily adaptable and able to get on with people from all walks of life. I have the ability to work independently on my own initiative, and capable of meeting strict deadlines. I'm now looking forward to securing this position.

Maria Majekodunmi

Vote for me for a more inclusive, supportive and integrating community in Hull University Union.

#### ABOUT ME

I am currently a third year BA Business student from Nigeria. Over the past two years I have actively been involved in campus societies and clubs which has helped me connect with people from all kinds of backgrounds and learn about different cultures. Women's basketball in particular is a club which highlights the benefits of creating bridges with different cultures as our committee is extremely diverse and gives all people who join our club a community feeling. I aim to promote this integration of all cultures and connections between current minority group societies. I love to work with people and if elected will always be open to inputs.

#### MY AIMS

- I aim to be a representative for the minority group and an instrument to any issues that they may have and would like to raise.
- I plan to bridge the gap between existing minority group societies. In terms of encouraging partnerships and collaborations in promoting each societies culture and BAME issues they may have
- Facilitating discussions on the issues we can often face such as identity crises', racism, sexism and intersectionality woes.
- Provide BAME students with a strong voice within HUU

Voting for me means you have chosen someone who has a passion for equality and believes being discriminated against, treated unfairly and victim to abuse is unacceptable and that we shouldn't be judged on the physical. It needs to change. I feel this would make me the perfect candidate as your BAME Officer.

Disabled Students Officer

Jessica Clunan

Currently there is a system of misinformation for Disabled students. This simply cannot carry on.

Hello, I'm Jess and I'm an Autistic second year physics Student. In my first year, I was met with a system which is not fit for the needs of disabled students. I was met with misinformation from many different sources, I was sent to many different places and it took effort to finally get the answers I needed. This cannot carry on, we need clarity and simplicity.

If elected as Disabled Students Officer, I aim to achieve three main goals:

1. Better Representation of disabled students
2. Provide a forum in which issues from students can be resolved by students
3. To run Awareness campaigns for change throughout the year

I believe I am the right person to do this, because I have had previous experience in running and organising campaigns, namely the Fresh campaign in Liverpool. This is a campaign which is run by the young people of Liverpool CAMHS to smash the stigma surrounding mental health. In three short years, we managed to win the hearts of the highest officials in Alder Hey Hospital, win multiple awards, change the name of the service itself and, perhaps most importantly, make a difference to people's wellbeing. I hope to bring the knowledge and experience I gained from this to HUU.

LGBT+ Co-Officer

Georgina Baulch

Vote Gee for LGBT+ - An inclusive, responsive and accountable LGBT+ Co-Officer.

Hey, my name is Georgina and I want to be your LGBT+ Co-Officer! I'm an International Law Masters student and this will be my fourth year at university. I identify as LGBT+ but I'm still questioning where I fit into all of it, as I am sure many other students do too throughout their time at university.

I want to work with the other LGBT+ Co-Officer and the rest of the committee to ensure inclusivity, student engagement and accountability.

Here's a few of the events I would want to make happen if elected:

Trans Awareness events (November)

LGBT+ History Month activities (February)

Drag events

Influential guest speakers

International and national trips

Activism on campus

Involvement in national campaigns

Campaigning for gender neutral toilets in every single university building!!

Chill-out area in The Haven for absolutely anyone to come and have a chat.

Tea and coffee tents around campus to increase student engagement and get some fabulous ideas from you as students.

Why me?

I ran the largest society on campus and carried out many successful events and gained substantial sponsorship,

I work for HUU part-time so I am dedicated and involved in the student experience,

I have volunteered and been a part of the LGBT+ youth group in my home town,

I am approachable and friendly

I am dedicated and passionate about LGBT+ rights and activism and I want the LGBT+ movement to be the norm on campus!

Vote Gee for LGBT+

Thank you

Chair RAG

Tom McNamara

An experienced RAG Chair to continue Fundraising Success

I have been involved with RAG since my first year when I took on Mt Kilimanjaro for charity. Since then I have been on the RAG committee as Challenge Coordinator, leading us to a very successful year of challenges, raising over £77.5K for charity.

Due to my past experience with RAG and as the current Acting Chair, I believe I have all the required skills to make this year our most successful year yet.

As Chair, I will:

- Increase student awareness of RAG across campus.
- Encourage more societies and AU teams to get involved with fundraising, including collaborating with RAG.
- Offer a greater range of opportunities to students, including new challenge events.
- Develop and build stronger relationships with our charity partners.
- Raise awareness of student fundraising by offering a more detailed breakdown of our year total.

Chair SEC

Rayne Goddard

Standing to fix the communication issues between the SEC and the Societies they're meant to help

I am running for SEC Chair because I think that it is a position that needs someone who knows what they're doing, who is acquainted with the issues that have arisen in the past and are willing to put the time and effort in to fix them (or at least stop them reoccurring). I was the SEC Secretary

last year, which gave me a lot of insight as to how the SEC did and didn't work; these are the things that I will take on to improve my term as SEC Chair.

I feel I could do a lot of work towards making the SEC a more engaging body for societies to turn to when they need help. Last year we didn't have enough engagement with the execs of the societies we're meant to support; the SEC focused only on making the presidents engage with them, leaving out the treasurers (who have to talk to our treasurer every time they require money for their society) and the other members that might need to talk to the Events Co-Ordinator (for help creating large cross-society socials, or travelling events), or get the help from the Marketing Officer (making social media posts, advertisement around the university, etc) and the Welfare Officer (for if any informal complaints are made by any member of the society). What is the point of having these roles if no one is aware of the existence of them?

In short, I'm going to fix the issues I saw last year, and hopefully this will make the SEC function better, and enable more people to talk to us when they need help.

Gabriel Scott Wilson

Because we don't have a VPA, we need a choice in Chair of the SEC, and I'll probably do a good job

Someone's got to run for this, and to whomever takes up that mantle, they might as well face some competition along the way. I'm Gabriel and I've been involved with societies seemingly before my first fresher's pint, guiding the Psychology Society throughout my university career. I'm no stranger to the SEC and all the responsibility that comes with being a part of it as the Welfare Officer throughout last year. I was lucky enough to work with some absolutely amazing people who've shown me how to be competent at every position available and I'll be devastated if I don't come up against any of them this election.

More pressingly, this year we will not have a dedicated Vice President of Activities and the remainder of the union council have generously taken on as many responsibilities as they possibly can. They will need to have someone close to societies that will be passionate and unwavering in their dedication to the cause to assist them with their new found responsibilities alongside their original cause. So yeah, why not...

Councillor for Scrutiny (Governance Zone)

Kym Cardona

Kym for Councillor of Scrutiny! Supporting campaigns and holding Union Council to account.

I would like to be the Councillor of Scrutiny for the Governance Zone as I believe I will be able to hold the Governance Zone, and rest of the Union Council, to account; as well as contributing to the organisation and delivery of campaigns across the Zones of the Union.

I have been an elected member of Union Council for the last two years and have held the positions of Women's Officer and Academic Council Rep; during these roles I have been involved in a range campaigns and events concerning topics including consent, women's and LGBT+

issues and improving academic representation. As a Councillor of Scrutiny I would like to continue to assist in a range of campaigns and events across the Union.

Having had experience in different roles in the Union I have good knowledge of HUU structures, what works and what can be improved. I hope that in my third year at the University of Hull I can continue to make a difference to this University and its future. An important part of this is holding my elected Zone members and volunteers to account for their strategy objectives and budgets. A role which I believe I can fulfil well due to my organisational and time management skills, and the attention I pay to detail.

To note, I will be undertaking an internship during the first semester which is not based in Hull, but during this time I will be as involved with my Zone members as possible and this will not affect my dedication to this role if elected.

Councillor for Scrutiny (Activities Zone)

Alex Fynney

Vote Fynney for Union transparency and efficiency!

I'm running for the position of Councillor of Scrutiny because I believe that our elected Union representatives have an obligation to all students to keep to their manifesto commitments and to be held accountable for being unable to do so.

I want to work with the Activities zone to ensure that students get the best possible results from their Union representatives and that no-one's voice goes unheard or is misrepresented.

As former President of the Politics Society, I know how important the Activities zone in the Union is to all societies at the university and how frustrating it is when things don't work as they should. By electing me as Councillor of Scrutiny I will make sure that deadlines between the Union and societies are kept, that you won't be waiting any longer than necessary for paperwork to be filled out and that you and the societies you enjoy aren't limited by an inefficient Union representative.

Thank you for taking the time to vote.

International Students Officer

Stefan Caluser

I come from 1,913 miles away but I want this to be our HUome

Throughout my last year in my country high school I discovered that life has another side when I joined Red Cross and my local gym. I got out of my comfort zone every day, pushing my limits in the gym and in my study hours for my final exams so I could fulfill my dream of coming to UoH. In my journey I became aware that helping others makes you enthusiastic.

With my confidence and leadership skills that I have obtained in the last year I want to become an International Officer so I can help international students not to feel lost when they arrive here and throughout their whole period of studying. I want to be their rock, I want to be someone that they can express to without hesitation. I want to improve their quality of life because they're not just freshers, they're freshers in the city and many are freshers in UK.

International students need to be much more informed before they come to university, they need a special e-introduction.

When I arrived here I could observe in airports where I waited for my flight connection that other universities had special stands where they greeted international students and offered them advice about what bus they need to take so they can go to university. I don't want anybody to be through what I have been, after a 15 hours trip and two flight connections I arrived near my desired university and I was still far from it.

International students don't come to UoH to lose their time, they are here to study hard and to change their life.

Usman Masood

International will feel National because we are Hull at University of Hull.

I hail from Pakistan and it will be indeed a great honour to represent the international students. My endeavour is to make myself available to all 24/7. I am one call away. We are a diversified but nevertheless a unified family. Our objective is the same, We are Hull, My slogan is that international will feel National and I will make you feel it.

#### Faculty Representative

Business, Law and Politics

Emily Brown

A one in emillion candidate

My reason for standing is that throughout my first year of university I received some wonderful support from my course reps and throughout the year became one myself. This was a job that I particularly enjoyed but I wanted to make an impact on a larger scale. I would view myself as an active member in the business school and the university itself through the combination of being a course rep and a student ambassador. I believe these demonstrate some of the personality traits required for the role, in addition, I am a friendly face who is always willing to chat to help individuals both better themselves and the faculty.

Health Sciences

Amelia Smallwood

A friendly face through which to express your faculty views

- I'm passionate about people and always try my best to help when and where I can.
- I'll like my final year to be about giving back.
- With all the recent changes I want to be a constant that my peers can rely on and feel confident in coming to if they have any concerns.

## School Representatives

### Biology

Sanaa Sabir

Hi guys, I'm Sanaa. Vote for me to have an experienced person to represent YOU and your views.

My reason for standing is to ensure that all your feedback is heard and effectively dealt with to provide more tailored services and support to enhance your experience at Hull. After being the Head Girl at my high school, I have plenty of appropriate experience to persuade those in charge to listen to you and make relevant changes. Having spent some of my earlier years being shy, I can fully appreciate that some students may not want to talk to staff about issues that are bothering them. Here's where I can come in as your course representative and get those issues resolved for you. I am a friendly and approachable person who is confident and willing to fight on your behalf. I am an excellent team player and am always open for discussions. I never leave a task incomplete and will see any issue through till the end. I will make it my upmost priority and responsibility to represent you and make sure your voice is heard.

### Biomedical Science

Angela Musa

Hearing is imperative, vote for me to be listened to, hopefully together we can make changes.

Being a course rep last year I was able to see how the role of the school rep is imperative in ensuring course reps felt listened to. An example being the use of Lecture Capture being implemented this year, I observed how the persistence of course reps but also the in-between communication from staff to the school rep allowed the course reps to feel heard and see that changes were being made.

I understand how the school rep serves as a go between many groups of people. The level of communication required for this role is something that I would be happy to carry out. I am more than willing to listen to people and hopefully come to a place that pleases all.

Rebecca Brown

I will help this cohort be the mitochondria of the school of life sciences

I am an avid Biomedical Science student who is a keen advocate of student wellbeing and satisfaction; furthermore, I feel I can provide a conscious approach to student life, become a friendly face on campus to help students on the Biomedical science course with any issues they may have and ensure the role of a motivator for their studies.



Computer Science

Samuel Spain

School rep from last year. 4th year MEng. Disappointed by the science hub still? Me too!

Hi!

Like my blurb mentions I was the school rep from last year. Through that I made sure the whole course rep team kept in contact and brought issues that affect students from multiple years to the newly formed school of engineering and computer science. It was a fantastic time working with your course reps last year and I'd like to do it again.

Throughout my last year the biggest issue was the new science hub which had disappointed and frustrated too many students to even keep track of. They're hearing what we say now and want to improve. I want to make sure they keep on listening.

I came from being a course rep 2 years ago. Student representation is a big deal for me.

Also,

samspace.in is a pretty cool URL, no?

Cultures

Alice Morley

I want to get more involved, I would like to leave university with something to be proud of.

I really want to get more involved at university, and be active, within my course and my school. I don't want to graduate without feeling like I at least tried to get involved, and potentially do some good for future students! When I was in secondary school I was heavily involved in student government, I also set up an Amnesty International club and organised multiple fundraiser events, for Amnesty, and other charities. I, obviously, think I would be a good representative for my school, as I am good at communicating with people, at all levels, so I think I would be approachable by others in my school, and able to communicate what they say to lecturers and others working at the university. One event that inspired me to run was seeing Ken Loach speak at the university. He criticised the way employability was a big selling point for people to run for elected positions, and obviously if running increases my employability that's a good thing, but really I want to run because I want to do good things for the university that I love, and I want to represent the student body that I care about.

Geology

George Moverley

George Moverley, previous 1st year and 2nd year Geology rep. Here to help!

Being the Geology school representative requires a great deal of responsibility and enthusiasm. Ultimately delivering the voice of Geology students in the school to staff and making sure you have an accomplishing and fulfilling time at university.

From being Geology course rep the past two academic years, I understand that student voice is powerful. It gives everyone clarity and helps resolve academic problems we may encounter to improve our experience.

Last year I was proud to have set up the Geology and Geography feedback page on canvas so I could get student feedback before meetings with the department.

This year as school rep gives me opportunity to spread your voice further on to the faculty rep, getting your voice heard, higher up at university more easily.

Matthew Tapp

Vote for me for better communication and improved timetabling

In the past couple of years I have been a student I have often seen a lack of communication between students and staff. Combined with this, countless occasions of errors in timetabling have meant that there is demand among students for improvements in the system.

If elected I will liaise with course reps to ensure it is easier for students to have their concerns addressed to the SSC. I will also do my best to ensure the student hub system works more efficiently and effectively. As well as this, I intend to address the serious concerns over timetabling which often mean students end up coming in for no reason, or on other occasions missing crucial taught material.

Vote for me, and your concerns will be heard.

History

Kye Coulson

Listening to your issues and granting you solutions through proper and effective representation.

Greetings,

My name is Kye Coulson, I am running for the position of School Rep for the School of Histories, Languages and Cultures because I believe I can make a positive difference for both staff and students alike by bridging the gap between student voice and practical change within the university. If I obtain this position I will listen directly to the students and help get their voice heard. I understand that as School Representative I will also be responsible for those affiliated with the Languages and Cultures sections of the School, which is outside of my background in the histories subject area, and as such I welcome this opportunity to better my knowledge of these areas and the issues they may face and need resolving. I will be openly available for anyone to visit and talk to about what changes they want to see implemented within the University of Hull and what they like already and to see how the University can do more of what it is already good at while improving on its weaknesses.

Thank you for your time and I hope I can represent you in this academic year,

Kye Coulson

Organisational Behaviour/HRM

Michael Howe

A vote for me is a vote to ensure your voice is heard.

Having been a course rep last year, and one thing I successfully maintained was a proactive attitude - any and all concerns were fed back to the relevant members of staff, and I sought opinions and questions from students who may not have otherwise contributed. I intend to carry on this policy should I be successful for this position.

I am confident enough to raise matters within meetings with staff, and will press for responses to ensure those who I represent are satisfied.

On a personal note, I love pizza, and cats are awesome. That said, I tend to avoid combining the two, as this would be inhumane and not particularly easy to digest.

Politics

Terence Smith

If you want your voice to be heard and make sure that you know who you can contact, vote for me

Standing for this position allows me to use my passion for the subject and also my passion for making sure the student voices are heard if they have any concerns. I will make sure that I and your course Reps work together to make sure that you as a student know who we are and how you can contact us and make sure that you feel engaged in your whole learning environment.

Psychology

Michelle June Whitfield-Greener

Michelle Whitfield-Greener, I'll Support you and put your voice forward.

In my first year I underestimated university life. I appreciated the decisions that were being made on my behalf as the pressure was overwhelming. Now I am going into my second year, I feel more prepared to start university. I want to be the voice of the students and help make decisions to better facilitate both students and faculty.

Matthew Orr

Hello. I was year 2 course rep last year and I aim to continue helping as a school rep this year.

Hello, my name is Matthew. I am currently in my final year of Psychology and I am aspiring to be a clinical psychologist. The opportunity to be a school rep will not only provide me with valuable and relevant experience for a career in clinical psychology, it will also allow me to benefit students. Last year, I was a course rep for year 2 Psychology and I aim to use the knowledge and personal experience I gained from this to support other course reps in their role. I have listened to the problems of my fellow students and acted on their behalf to resolve them as best I can; I now wish to extend this support to course reps as well as students, and continue helping the university to provide its students with the best experience possible. In my first year I attended PASS sessions

and I am now training to be a PASS leader for other first year students. This will enhance my leadership and communication skills that I can then transfer to my role as a school rep. In my spare time I enjoy taking part in social activities with the university and am a member of the ju jitsu society, for which I was the equipment manager last year. I will apply this same commitment to being a school rep and I hope you will provide me with this opportunity.