

**HULL UNIVERSITY
UNION**

PRESIDENT

Maximilian Garroch

Vote for Max, sit back and relax

I have been a student at this university since the year beginning 2012. During that period I have witnessed a wealth of change, some of it hugely beneficial but in doing so, other aspects have fallen by the wayside. If we are to move forward with longstanding success we will need to address these inadequacies with the advice and help of all manner of students on our ever expanding campus.

We have seen the student nights dwindle to one a week, the number of external live music acts become near extinct, the continued rise in price for the cost of drinks and a financial scandal previously unseen by any other universities' union. All amidst the backdrop of the most important moment for Hull to shine as we enter the year of the city of culture. It is here we need to be at our brightest, protecting what gave the university the character it had whilst maintaining the academic prestige it was once known for. The future of this institution must be met with strength at its core, through openness, discussion and an enfranchised student base who feel that they are very much a part of what is OUR university. Vote for Max on March 20th-24th and we'll get this ship back on tracks (track didn't rhyme properly).

Aleksandrs Kosusenko

I have a burning desire, great skills and brilliant ideas for student's life improvements.

I want to become a University of Hull President because I have a burning desire, great skills and experience, and undoubtedly brilliant ideas for student and university future. My innovative solutions to some of the aspects of university's life will bring a lot of pleasant and necessary changes, while more profound changes will happen in a long-termed period. All these improvements will lead to an overall increase in a rating of our university; student routine life will become more determined and efficient, they will have a chance to learn new skills and even earn money by putting ideas into an action.

Our HUU team will apply the innovative way of democracy for our students and university members. Since democracy is not the result, but the process, the HUU will be as active as possible to let every student voice be heard and put into action.

Basing on my experience, I can teach how a person can become from shy and inactive student to a confident leader, writer, entrepreneur and soon possibly university president. The University of Hull will provide self-development courses which will provide such opportunities by offering free seminars and courses. I will be first who will combine practical knowledge with motivational specific knowledge as PASS Leader. Therefore, will bring new hope and energy into our student's lives as well as commit with them straightly.

And finally, such things like a branded music and sports festivals will become available for every our student.

Jack Laird

Vote Jack Laird for President 2017/18. Vote to make the union thrive.

Since becoming more involved in the Union and talking to the current Student Officers, I've realized that there is room for improvement within the union. If successful, I plan to continue the work done so far by the current team, raising the profile of the Students' Union so that all students will consider the union to be more than just Sanctuary and the shop but the first place they can go to with any problems and make the most of the services available.

I want to make the Students' Union more transparent by publishing what the Student Officers are doing and working on, making this information easily available so it can be accessed by all students.

As an undergraduate hoping to take a sabbatical year to represent you as President of the union before I return to my studies to complete a Masters in Chemistry, I have a strongly vested interest in leaving the Students' Union in a better state than it currently is.

I have been a Student Ambassador for the university since my first year. I have worked with prospective students and also helped with training new Student Ambassadors. As part of the role of President of the Students' Union involves representing the university to new potential students, I feel that I already have the relevant experience to immediately start that positive representation of the University and Students' Union.

Osaro Otobo

VOTE OSARO #1 FOR HUU PRESIDENT – EVERY STUDENT COUNTS

I am your elected Student Trustee & an AU Club President, now I would like to be your next HUU President.

I want the voice of all students to be prioritised above all else to achieve the student experience you all deserve because EVERY STUDENT COUNTS!

TRANSPARENCY

- Give students confidence in HUU; more clarity on how HUU works, improve communication to ALL students and better awareness on how HUU can benefit you.

REPRESENTATION

- More promotion & visibility for campaigns & events, across campus & online.
- Celebrate Student Success – highlight motivational stories of current students & alumni to provide inspiration for all.

INCLUSIVITY

- Wider variety of events tailored to ALL students throughout the year.

- Stronger support & funding for ALL clubs & societies of ALL sizes.
- No lectures after 12pm on a Wednesday – give ALL students the afternoon off!

EMPLOYABILITY

- Give a comprehensive electronic employment guide to ALL final year students tailored to their course.
- HUU volunteering – boost awareness of the different volunteering opportunities at HUU, the importance of the skills you develop & the positive impact it can have in gaining employment in the future.
- Liberation – give particular focus on students in minority groups & those looking at restricted career areas to give them an EQUAL fighting chance at employment.

See full manifesto at fb.me/teamosaro17

VP EDUCATION

Salman Anwar

Putting the yoU in Union. Vote for real change, Vote Salman for VP Education.

Having helped lead the No to NUS campaign I know how disconnected students often feel from the Union. That's why I want to make real changes as VP Education. Education is at the centre of every student on campus, and I'll put students at the centre of everything I do by making a number of changes.

Lecture recordings; I want to make lecture capture a more common practice across the university. Most other universities have it as standard, to give students that fall ill, have childcare commitments or have to miss a lecture for whatever reason a chance to catch up on their work.

Reconsider mitigating circumstances changes; The changes to the way mitigating circumstances are handled by the university has caused real concern amongst students, especially those with mental health issues. I want to signal that I'm ready to listen and hear students' concerns and reconsider the changes that put unnecessary stress on students.

Campaign to defend International Students; Due to the uncertainty around Brexit and tougher rules and rhetoric on immigration I want to campaign to defend international students by working with ISA, the local council, the university, and government to secure commitments on issues such as the right to remain and freeze international student fees.

I have more aims and objectives on my Facebook page but I want to ensure students get the real change they deserve from their students' union. I hope you'll give me the opportunity to deliver that change.

Cory Austwick

Passionately driven towards a better academic and educational experience for all.

I want you to feel comfortable here at the University of Hull but also want you to make use of the education system here as a platform for effecting a positive change in your life. Throughout my time here I have worked on two committees showing leadership and dedication towards the members. I have consistently shown excellent communication with the members of the societies.

As VP Education I will:

- Increase your voice through the new Student Voice Project created by the previous VP Education
- Increase transparency through better marketing and better channels of communication, not burying you in emails
- Continue to build on technology, such as the push notifications on iHull and the 'Who's my Rep' function
- Introduce Office Hours for all Officers to ensure you have designated time to speak to the people that represent you.

By voting for me you'll be voting for a positive change in the Union and for your lives. You'll be voting for someone who is passionate, driven and enthusiastic about students, the academic processes and the betterment of education across the University campus.

Jack Price

The Price is Right

Over my 4 years as a student, here at Hull I have been involved in various volunteer roles, including my current role as a Faculty rep. While in these positions, I have gained valuable experience of the university structures and have campaigned actively to improve our education. This is how I will improve the education of students:

1) Improved communication between the university and students. Many changes take place within the university without students being consulted. What I will do:

Any changes that affect students will be published in plain sight.

Notices will have information on who to contact about the changes.

Open forums will be set up so students can talk about changes being made, these will be attended by university staff.

2) Improving Timetabling

Timetabling to be finished 2 weeks before the start of lectures.

Change in policy of alerting people to timetable changes.

Should be alerted through Canvas of changes as well as email notification.

If there is less than 24 hours' notice to a change in timetabling a text message will be sent to students affected.

3) Improving the education and university experience of Postgraduates

Minimum amount of teaching experience for postgraduates.

Will also improve the social and academic Postgraduate experience by:

Building forums for both taught and research postgraduates so people can express education concerns.

Out of these forums societies will be created and a number of events will be set up that appeal to postgraduates.

VP WELFARE & COMMUNITY

Jack Carlin

It's good... but it's not quite Carlin

As someone who's played an active part in the Welfare and Community Zone for the majority of my time at university, I'm in an excellent position to see what works well, and what can be improved. I started off by volunteering with Hull University LINKS, but for the past two years I've been on the committee, too - most recently as the Vice-Chair of LINKS.

The Welfare and Community Zone does some fantastic work, but with the right changes, we can do even better! To see it at its best, I feel we need:

1. Greater coordination within the zone. Think what could be achieved if everyone worked together!
2. Greater awareness of the welfare zone, and how to access the services it provides. Let's make sure students are aware of the brilliant work the zone does, and how to get involved.
3. Better awareness of mental health problems, and support in dealing with them. Sadly, mental health problems are on the rise, so it's important we're well equipped to support people who are suffering from them.
4. To work with local charities, as well as utilising the services they can offer. By raising awareness of charities we can have a positive impact on the local community, as well as benefiting from their expertise. It's a win/win!
5. A better mechanism to deal with housing disputes. Unfortunately, sometimes things don't work out with your housemates, and that can have a detrimental effect on your time at university. By effectively dealing with issues, any damage can be limited.

Dee Davison

HUU've Got A Friend in Dee. Vote Dee Davison #1 Welfare&Community to take HUU to Infinity and Beyond

As VP Welfare and Community I want to help look after YOUR WELFARE and improve HUU's standing in the COMMUNITY.

"Welfare" isn't just something we need when we fall on hard times (though it's especially crucial then). It's about making sure we're getting enough sleep, are having safe sex, and aren't putting ourselves at serious risk on nights out. It's about making sure we're looking after our mental health too.

If elected, I will:

- REVIEW AND REFORM STUDENT MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT
- GIVE LIBERATION OFFICERS FULL AUTONOMY
- INCREASE SEXUAL HEALTH DROP INS TO TWICE WEEKLY
- DEVELOP A STRUCTURED TRAINING SCHEME FOR SPORTS TEAM WELFARE OFFICERS
- WORK WITH OFFICERS TO OPEN UP HUU – no more closed shutters
- FORGE CLOSER LINKS WITH HULL CITY COUNCIL – to drive up the quality of private student housing, improve our communities, and develop the image of students in society
- TAKE HUU TO INFINITY AND BEYOND

So can I deliver?

I have a track record of campaigning for students: whether by moving the emphasis from fees onto the COST OF LIVING during the 2015 General Election debate; leading the campaign for Hull to disaffiliate from the NUS, SAVING HUU TENS OF THOUSANDS of pounds to spend on YOUR campaigns; or fighting to MAINTAIN HULL'S STUDENT COMMUNITY during the recent Hull Council Boundary Review - I have been standing up for Hull students every step of the way. Not just on Campus, but everywhere.

Vote for me because HUU've got a friend in Dee.

Find out more: fb.me/DeeWelfare

Christopher Knott

Working Together To Build A Better HUU

During the referendum, I kept hearing the same line from different students: HUU doesn't matter to them because it doesn't make a difference to their lives. The only way we can change this is by making HUU meaningful to students and more than just a bar and a shop. As your candidate for VP Welfare & Community, I want to make three big changes.

Launch a crackdown against dodgy landlords. Most of us live in student housing and we've all heard about – or worse, suffered – accommodation nightmares. We have the power of over 18,000 students. The right campaign can make our voice heard: better quality housing and less landlord headaches so that you can focus on degree and on your life.

Work with the other Student Officers to ensure radical reform to our governance structure without compromising student welfare or experience. One of my proudest moments at university was running the successful Keep the Structure campaign, but I ran that campaign because I wanted change that works for all students, not just a select few.

Expand the remit of Welfare & Community. The Zone currently does a fantastic job at representing students (and I'm proud to have contributed through my successful campaign to get Check Your Drink strips behind the bars) but I want to explore possibilities to make the Zone more inclusive: representatives for all religions and none, housing representatives, and any other ideas you might have.

Those are my priorities for you. Let's work together to build a better HUU.

Emily-Jayne Laughton

A safer, healthier and more inclusive experience for all

As someone who struggles with mental health and a disability, I know how it feels to feel completely alone and not fit in. In first year, I had trouble adapting to university life because of my struggles, my own difficulties and not knowing where to turn when I needed guidance. My mental health affected me in a way that it made my physical state seem worse than it was; days of not wanting to get out of bed or the fear of seeing people.

As VP Welfare and Community, I will:

- Bring more mental health awareness to students
- Champion inclusion and safety across the campus
- Work with campus police to increase security for accommodation
- Assist in campaigns for campus wide issues that students feel strongly about
- Liaise with student services about accommodation, health concerns, disabilities, learning difficulties and anything else that can affect the student body

By voting for me you will feel safer, have a healthier student environment and feel included in every aspect of university life. I will ensure to the best of my ability that the level of dedication that I have makes students feel as though they can finish university without feeling unaccepted, segregated or excluded from any activity and opportunity offered to you as students.

Jennie Watts

#JennieVPWC Your Welfare and Your Safety within our community are my number 1 priority!

#HUUSaysNo has shown me we need better welfare across university life. Whether you are part of a liberation group, the AU, a society or a student focused on their degree your welfare should be the number 1 priority of your VP Welfare. We can do this in three ways;

1: Integration of welfare; working with both the union and university to ensure every single student's welfare is accounted for in their studies and general university life, I will fight for you and the issues you believe in and work alongside the zone to provide any support they need. My commitment to sports and societies during my undergraduate and postgraduate at Hull has shown me the importance of welfare within all areas of the union. Working in RAG for 3 years has shown me the generosity and kindness of students, what you care about and the issues that we need to support.

2: I fundamentally believe that our students' union should be influenced by students. I will introduce weekly drop-in hours to encourage students to raise any of the issues they feel are important in a safe and welcoming environment. As well as this I believe there is a need to go to students and communicate with them directly by taking facilities to students in all halls and faculties.

3: I will build our relationship with the local community by getting students involved. Regular food and clothes bank collections and facilitating support services in local facilities would provide opportunities and also encourage student safety off campus.

Sadie Wild

Vote Wild for Welfare for compassionate commitment to the wellbeing and inclusivity of all students.

I will work alongside each of the part time officers to raise awareness for their campaigns. I shall be in contact with the welfare groups and attend events, assuring members that I am there to support them. Working with PMLD students at a local school, has empowered me to improve the access of education for all abilities, gender, sexuality and ethnicity. No group of people should be marginalised and I will strive to ensure that this is implemented within the union's ethos. I will aim to guarantee that no student experiences discrimination and shall be focusing closely on the Zero Tolerance policy our union enforces. I would like to create links between the surrounding community that are beneficial to both. To achieve equality amongst all students, I am also wanting to install different language speaking counsellors so that international students can acquire higher quality of the services provided. Another concern of mine is mental health; it affects 1 in 4 people and is a tremendous issue on campus. Advertisement of the available help, in my opinion, is not as visible as it could be. Therefore, I will increase visibility of the services available amongst students. My aim is to hold a Welfare Week, consisting of a festival of events, focusing on the wellbeing of students and community. For example: a bouncy castle, freebies, Soak the Student Officer etc. If you are wanting compassionate commitment to the wellbeing and inclusivity of all students then Vote Wild for Welfare.

VP ACTIVITIES

Thomas Best

Vote Tom for VPA - Simply the Best

Societies and volunteer groups are a very important part of university life, from performing arts, languages, Hullfire Media to RAG. These groups enrich the student experience by learning new skills, making new friends with others who share their interests. I believe I can make this experience much more fulfilling in 4 ways:

1. Working closely with volunteer groups, societies, RAG. I would regularly communicate with the groups to ensure that facilities are available to run arranged activities successfully.
2. Make sure students can easily find the group they are interested in. This can be done by properly advertising the contact information. It will be easier to get in touch with societies by giving lists to lecturer's offices, posters and social media and I will ensure societies update their contact information on a regular basis.
3. I would encourage existing groups to flourish and encourage the growth of new societies. It is hard work establishing a new society as it takes time and can be confusing, I will look to streamline the process, making it as easy as possible.
4. I will liaise with other nearby universities and encourage joint charity events. I believe RAG does incredible work and if we join forces with other universities and establish events for a good cause, it may encourage other universities to follow suit.

Jack Bridges

Encouragement for students, engagement with the community and opportunities for all

Having something else to go to as an escape from academic work is a hugely important part of a student's university life, for health and happiness, and this all starts at the students' union. Providing academic support tutors with the knowledge and ability to direct students to an activities zone area that suits them is incredibly important for student involvement and engagement. As VP Activities, I would work to provide every student with a chance to improve their university experience through one of the many outlets contained within our activities zone. Hull University is uniquely situated this year, as a principal partner of Hull City of Culture, with over 16,000 potential contributors, and I intend to take full advantage of this opportunity. This city is the perfect place for students to get involved, not just with the university, but with Hull itself, and the possibilities for student engagement here are too good to pass up. The continuation of the Fringe-Fest is something I strongly believe will be beneficial to the students, and perhaps even expanding it outside the university too. Working hard to integrate Hullfire Media into the City of Culture process is a high priority as well - the sheer amount of events means that all three outlets will never be at a loss for content. RAG also stands to benefit greatly from 2017 - with so many people getting together to make things happen, it makes sense to help charity with all that work.

Jack Craig

Transparency, engagement, efficiency, democracy; the Activities Zone thrives with the care it needs.

The positive impact that societies, media, and charities can have on a student's personal life and happiness cannot be understated; I myself and many others have blossomed as much through engagement with the Activities Zone as we have through our courses - and having been on the exec team for three different societies and spending a year on the Societies Executive Committee, I've found myself well-equipped to solve the pertinent issues within our Zone:

Increasing student engagement requires transparency; students need to know how they're being represented, so as your next VP Activities, I would blog in detail on social media about all the duties I fulfil in the role. In addition, I would decrease the minimum membership fee for joining societies, as well as simplifying the ratification process for new societies in order to encourage more signups and support niche interests. For similar reasons, I would also provide an accessible social media outlet for aggregating and marketing events run by members of the Activities Zone, better publicising the excellent work done by our dedicated volunteers.

To support increased membership, I plan to oversee an increase in the number of rooms available for societies to book, as well as a revamp of the currently patchy booking system used to do so. Ultimately, Activities want low levels of interference, and high levels of support - and I'll seek to provide that in any way I can. So, with all that in mind, I hope you vote for me!

VP SPORT

Meg Cooke

Equality, Engagement, Excellence

Sport at Hull has made great progress in the last few years. Successful teams, excellence programmes and an upgraded sports centre have been fantastic achievements. Improvement in facilities and funding must coincide with enhancing the AU; therefore I would aim to improve it by guaranteeing that funding is allocated fairly and helping more clubs participate in BUCS. Additionally, many students find it difficult to participate in away fixtures on Wednesdays due to lectures. I would look into reaching an agreement with the university to authorise absences for those competing.

I believe all sports should be represented equally. I would ensure that smaller sports teams receive the same representation as larger teams. I would assure students' concerns are heard then follow up any issues with the relevant body, resulting in better communication between clubs, the Union and the University.

Being new to sport and choosing which is right for you can be daunting. To counter this I would hold recreational sports events with a friendly atmosphere allowing students to try or watch a new sport. This would increase participation and engage students that have not played sport in the past, leading to a more inclusive AU.

Sport engages students with HUU and enhances the university experience through making friends and having an impact. An important aim is that every student participating in sport gets the most out of their involvement and leaves with a positive experience of university sport.

Caitlin O'Neill

Making your Sport, our Sport

Joining the boxing club in my second year, throwing myself into training and socials which led me to run for social sec was the best decision I made. Being on committee, a coach of a big club and a member of Pole Fitness, a small club finding its feet, I understand the different needs and problems both big and small clubs face. After conversations with friends from different teams, I started to notice recurring problems and how, if given the chance, I would address these issues. I was interested to be more involved in the AU and have a better understanding of how sport on campus works.

As VP Sport my policies will be built upon 3 fundamental ideas. Recognition, Integration and Communication. By referring back to these I will be able to:

- Ensure ALL teams receive the recognition they deserve for their efforts so that all members of the AU know how we're doing as a whole.

- Bring teams together, get them involved with one another and support each other so our AU can thrive.

- Provide support to ALL teams, be that backbone to help secure sponsors, promote fundraising events, organise a fundraising week for all teams to get involved with so we can bring money back into the AU.

- Ensure no team feels neglected and get the intramural league more involved.

- Improve communication between teams, the AU Exec and the SFC by making myself more available and easier to contact.

Sport at Hull has huge potential, and with the right support and guidance, we can see every team thrive.

Shannon Webb

Vote for Shannon Webb as your Vice President of Sport. I would love the opportunity to represent our AU

The fundamental reason I am running for VP Sport it to take my passion for sport to the next level and not represent just my own team, but the AU in its entirety. I am up for the challenge and will represent and support each Team wherever possible. I have been Club Captain of Netball League, thriving in a team environment. I am President, and a Student Trustee. As a Trustee I have helped the Board govern HUU, and have a firm grasp on how the Union works. This has provided me with invaluable experience. As VP Sport I would continue to sit on this board, and will take the experience to the next level. I have loved being President – the responsibility of

decision-making and working in part of a fantastic committee. I am determined to get more involved in the AU and improve the communication between staff and clubs. I have attended Union Council and all AU councils and meetings throughout the year. This is critical in understanding the needs of all Clubs. I have used that time to reflect on what I could do to further better the AU. I have a professional attitude and drive to succeed. I will bring this to my work next year; to listen; understand and put into action what I can. I am an approachable person, a leader, an organised, and diligent person. The passion of the AU shouldn't be underestimated, and I will channel this in the provision, promotion, and management of sport in every way I can.

LGBT+ OFFICERS

Alexia Auger

My name is Alexia Auger, I am transgender and I would like to run for LGBT+ Chair.

As LGBT+ Chair I would like to encourage more students to attend the Friday meetings we have. I would like the Friday meetings to be more open, accessible and inclusive to everyone.

I will do everything I can to make all LGBT+ students feel safe and supported, when I first came to the university I was very scared and had no clue what I was doing here. The LGBT+ community here made me feel welcome with open arms and I found a new support network that made me feel safe.

Connor Massey

LGBT+ liberation for all and not just some: Vote Connor for LGBT+ Officer

I've been one of the LGBT+ Officers this year and would love to continue as LGBT+ Officer:

What I have done this year:

I have fixed office hours every week so people can talk to me if they have any issues. I have been to nearly every event to be a regular face to approach. I have helped run a LGBT+ and mental health campaign and I have regular meetings with the head of the University's Diversity and Inclusion team. Attended every Union Council meeting to make sure the LGBT+ voice is heard and been to all Welfare zone meetings. Helped run the LGBT+ and sport campaign this year giving more representation to LGBT+ students who do sports, something we haven't done before. I helped organise the union and university in what we are doing for UK Pride.

For the future I want to:

Focus more on international students, for some this may be the first and only time they can be themselves without committing a crime. I'll do this by being in touch with a diverse range of societies. Push for greater trans rights within the union and university by making sure more students are aware about the issues that face trans people and push for more gender-neutral toilets and forms in the university and union. Make sure I get out there more to LGBT+ students who don't come to our events and listen to what they want, run more campaigns that are seen as something we wouldn't do, but also remember our core people. Most importantly, I wish to make sure that people feel welcomed at our events.

ENVIRONMENT & ETHICS OFFICER

Ruth Williams

I am enthusiastic about the planet and human rights. I want to encourage this passion in others.

I aim to further engage students with their responsibilities towards the planet and fellow human beings. This will be through awareness events such as earth week and human rights week. I would like to extend the social media presence creating an easier way to engage with particular issue as the committee needs to strengthen its voice.

3 policies for environment:

Introduce an environmental impact form for all university events with plans considering potential damage and reflecting on how it can be reduced.

Push the university to continue its commitment to self-sustainability in energy and detach itself from that which is damaging.

Encourage the university to reduce its water wastage and carbon impact by using grey water and pursuing low impact buildings.

3 for ethics:

Introducing an ethical sourcing awareness for all products sold or promoted by the union, including university memorabilia and uniforms.

Lobbying the university to introduce the living wage standard across all employment and making sure students are entitled to this outside campus.

Making the university Equal Access and a Sanctuary to show support for refugees.

I am a politics and history student, Vice-President of Amnesty Society and a RSPCA Volunteer as well as a stubborn vegan. I am also highly organised, opinionated and approachable.

If you think my experience, ideas and personality are what you want in an Environment and Ethics Officer then vote for me and be prepared for a tsunami of activism.

WOMEN'S OFFICER

Jacqueline Gomes-Neves

VOTE JACQUELINE for a more visible, inclusive and representative Women's Officer for all

1) Putting female students at the heart of what I do as the Women's Officer:

I will aim to find new ways to engage and represent the female body at HUU. I will reach out and work closely with societies and sports teams to run a brand new and more visible 'No-tolerance' campaign so that our campaign is an outward looking umbrella group that represents the interests of all women on campus, regardless of age, background, course or ability.

2) Ensuring the survival, growth and strength of Women's campaigns - even through tough social and economic times:

Developing and sustaining strong relationships with funders, stakeholders, partners and students to ensure the survival and growth of Women's campaigns and activities around campus. I will work with my committee to help raise funds for women campaigns and empowerment sessions around campus.

3) Our individual and collective experiences are our strength

I will be a strong Women's representative at Union Council by ensuring that I hold open monthly meetings for society representatives and any other female with a query or issue or in need of support to attend. These meetings will decide my agenda for Union Council meetings.

4) Forming an alliance

I aim to form a national campaign led by our students here at Hull against sexual assault, harassment and rape – which is currently an epidemic in UK universities.

5) Education

I will campaign to have compulsory 'consent' classes for freshers. I will also aim to run and strengthen training for student representatives and staff on how to deal with sexual assault, harassment and rape reports when they are reported to the union so that we have a solid support system for sensitive cases.

Hannah Marsden

I am passionate about creating a safe and supportive environment for all people.

I am currently part of the MMA team and I am helping to organise and run the self-defence classes through HUU says No. I want to improve the campus safety for women by organising a 'Take Back The Night' march, and to get regular self-defence classes as well as ones just for women for those who feel uncomfortable around men.

As a chemistry student, I understand how it feels to be part of a male dominated discipline and I will try to encourage young women into the STEM subjects. I want to improve the sanitation provision within the union and all campus bathrooms. To build on this, I want to try to get sanitary products untaxed and sold at cost within the union, and focus on equality and equal opportunities for everyone. I want to encourage equality within all disciplines that make up the university and create a cohesive whole, being a woman shouldn't make you feel like you have less worth.

I believe that anyone can succeed in what they put their mind to, and on this vein I would want to try to organise talks on mindfulness and body image to support and empower women, as well as others that may benefit from these talks.

COUNCILLOR FOR SCRUTINY W&C ZONE

Jordan Ben-George-Navarro

Vote for Jordan. For an experience worth remembering!

With good humour and the experience of the student body in mind I will make it my prerogative to make the years spent in Hull a more inclusive adventure for everyone involved. Having been given so much by the community at large, I have been humbled by the variety of opinions and views I've been exposed to. They have profoundly impacted my world view and lifestyle, for which I am eternally grateful.

My only wish is to give back the optimism that has been installed in me, to create an environment in which others can experience all that Hull has to offer. To reverberate the doctrine that the university stands for, to bring light in dark places to those who need it. As my role as the Councillor of Scrutiny, I recognise the importance of my position in dealing with concepts such as faith, identity and the well-being of others. With this in mind, I will aim to synergise and improve on the already existing framework with my personal experiences to reach a broader demographic. I want to give the same sense of pride that I carry, pursuing my passion in all aspects of my academic career here in Hull. It has been an adventure which I would like to better for everyone, with inclusivity and tolerance. Let's make this an adventure to remember!

CHAIR RAG

Abigail Triner

A RAG Chair to lead RAG and support student fundraisers to be the best they can be.

Hi I'm Abi, currently in the first year of my Physics degree after completing my foundation year here at Hull Uni. I'm the current team leader for the Kilimanjaro climb in aid of Childreach International and I'm keen to use my current fundraising knowledge and connections to continue supporting local and national charities, as well as individual fundraisers and societies. I'm really excited to be more involved in RAG over the coming year and would love for more students to have the opportunity to travel and volunteer abroad.

As RAG Chair I will strive to:

Lead others to increase fundraising efforts on campus and within the local community

Continue the work of the current RAG team to increase awareness and engagement of RAG across campus

Increase the impact and inclusivity of RAG Week

Increase challenge opportunities, including new overseas volunteering, alongside the current overseas challenges (including Kilimanjaro Climb)

Chair SEC

Max Cummins

Societies Deserve More

My name's Max and I'm running for Chair SEC. I've spent this year putting in the graft, attending every Union Council, leading a successful motion to secure additional rooms for student activities and working hard to ensure societies' concerns are being listened to.

When it comes to experience, I currently hold the position of Society Presidents' Representative, as well as serving back-to-back years as president of one of the campus' largest societies.

What I want to achieve is simple:

- Get the successes of societies shouted about.
- Provide opportunities for societies to network with each other.
- Ensure that people have access to the information they need for their society to flourish.

How I intend to do this:

- Work with student media and use our under-utilised social media platforms to make sure that as many people as possible know about all the great things that societies achieve.
- Expand on the single Presidents' social at the beginning of the year, as well as work to make a 'Society Awards' night a reality, with awards given out to hardworking exec members, best socials and more.
- Provide regular drop-in sessions so that members can get assistance with anything from trip packs to accessing society grant money.

I believe that Societies are one of the best things about HUU, and in this role, I think I can help make them better.

MATURE STUDENTS OFFICER

Ashley Pattison

A strong voice, a clear message and an ethic to help all mature students, whatever their troubles.

If elected as Mature Students' Officer, I pledge to work on providing assistance to all mature students to the best of my abilities. Be it concerns with timetables, assignments, transport, childcare, accommodation and/or anything else that the transition to academic life can confront you with, I will be there to aid you. I wish to provide a frequent clinic for mature students of all levels (3 to 6) to come discuss their concerns, a discussion and potential implementation of better transport arrangements for local students from across the city, outreach programs to draw in those who feel potentially excluded from higher education (be that college level or university level), more assistance for students with children (including a database of reputable childminders, discussions towards flexible timetabling to accommodate childcare requirements and a stronger link with the children's university), and finally full support towards the foundation year students

(of whom mature students often make an incredible majority), including essay writing classes, exam revision tips, learning how the campus and how the university system works, IT support (including Canvas, MyAdmin) and events that relate to speaking to former mature students (of all levels) and their achievements. If elected, I will be the recognizable voice for UoH's mature students, and your thoughts will be conveyed. Of that, I can assure you. Ashley Pattison

PART-TIME STUDENTS OFFICER

Adam Clifton

Part-time study. Full-time representation.

Next year will be my fifth in Hull and I've loved every day. I do my MA part-time, in part to perfect my work, but mostly to prolong my time here and experience more. I work at a local warehouse, do several jobs for the University and am also a City of Culture volunteer.

That's my life as a part-time student, but what about yours? My aim is to find out. There hasn't been a Part-time Students Officer this year, and that's a significant number of unrepresented students. Your reasons for going part-time may be different to mine; maybe it's health reasons, family commitments, or the need to work alongside your studies. Whatever it is, I want to know if the University is doing all it can to accommodate you, and how you find balancing study with other commitments. What can I do to help? Can I help you be more engaged in student life? Can I help you meet other part-time students?

I've spent each year here as an active member of multiple societies, including in five committee positions that have hugely developed my leadership skills. I'm highly organised, good at networking and extremely creative. If I'm elected as Part-time Students Officer, you can expect:

- Networking: I'll reach out to all part-time students via email, social media and events.
- Flexibility: I'll fit myself around the position and the people I represent.
- Communication: I will make contact regularly and always respond quickly to queries.
- A friendly face: Always there to help!

PGR STUDENTS OFFICER

Rebecca Devine

You are not alone; A problem shared is a problem halved!

When I arrived at this University in September to embark on my new journey as a PhD student, it was immediately apparent to me that there can often be a real lack of a sense of community among Postgraduates. I felt isolated, alone, and admittedly, a little inferior as well. That is why I ran for this role last year and am the current holder of this post (Postgraduate Research Students' Officer). I did not want anyone else to feel this way, so during my time in this post, I set up the first student-led Postgraduate Research Forum at the Union. This was a place for Postgraduates to come together, have lunch, chat, get to know one another, build a stronger community whilst discussing any other issues that you may have. Since then, I have been targeting concerns such

as teaching opportunities for all Postgraduate Research Students. Like many of you, this journey as a PhD student is only the beginning of what I hope to be a successful career in academia and I recognise the standards that must be met. I also acknowledge that academia is not everyone's dream, but that should not mean that you lack in opportunity. By electing me to run for this role again, I will not only continue with the forum, but continue to target each and every one of your issues to ensure that we all avail of every opportunity available to us and more; to ensure that when we graduate, we are all fully qualified, trained, and more than ready to embark on each of our individual career paths.

AU SECRETARY & COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER

Isabella Mason

Isabella Mason for AU Secretary and Communications Officer!

My name is Isabella and I'm running for the position of the Secretary and Communications officer within the AU. My primary aim is to ensure that everyone is aware of the developments taking place within the AU and how they can contribute towards the changes.

I believe I would be appropriate for this role as I have notable qualities which would aid in organising sport for the continuing success of HUU. This year I have played in the local Humberside league on first team and BUCS within Netball league. This has required both commitment and enthusiasm which has helped us have a very successful year as a team. I have fully invested myself into netball this year and I would like to focus this time and energy into enabling students to be aware of what's going on in the AU. Being part of a passionate team has equipped me with the confidence and increased awareness of sports in the union. I want to be an approachable source for students who want to voice their opinions as to how the AU can be the best that it can be. Both my organisation and time management will be useful in achieving this and I hope to contribute to informing students what the AU has to offer and any developments that are occurring for an overall better AU!

Holly Mottram

Let's share our success!

My name is Holly Mottram and I am Ladies Hockey Second Team Captain and a second year History student. Having been a highly active member of Ladies Hockey for the last two years, the future and success of the Athletic Union is very important to me - I want to be part of the decision-making process through being a part of the AU Executive.

Continuing to promote the Athletic Union's success is my key goal. I want to increase publicity and coverage of matches across all 49 clubs through stronger links with HUU Media and Hullfire. I would like to work alongside the media outlets to develop an up to date platform for clubs to share their successes.

I want to be your next AU Secretary and Communications Officer to ensure the projects taken on by the Sports Zone are well organised and well known to all clubs, so that everyone has input and involvement. I want to assist the smooth and organised running of AU Council through

supporting the VP Sport and other AU Exec members, as this will ensure that our Athletic Union is successful.

Being on Ladies Hockey committee this year I have learnt the importance of organisation and good communication. Helping to run the club has given me a greater understanding of the role of the AU Executive and the role of sports in the Union.

I strongly believe that joining a sports club at university is one of the best choices you can make. I want to make it the best experience for everyone, as your next AU Secretary and Communications Officer.

Natasha Wilson

Vote for me for a more publicised, passionate and inclusive attitude towards sport!

As a student of Hull University and member of the AU for the past 3 years, I have lots of first hand experience of the AU's running as well as general University life; however I still endeavour to gain a deeper insight into how the AU operates and help to make changes by facilitating its development and participation. I want to help all teams, large and small, have a voice and have their achievements and successes be equally publicised and celebrated throughout the Union.

Current secretary and past social secretary of Hull University Women's Basketball team I already have an involvement in successfully organising a committee. I adore sport and the club prides itself on inclusivity and development of self-esteem through sport, values I hope to carry forward to the AU by giving everyone the opportunity to get involved. I hope to further empower more women in sport and make people more aware of all sports within the University so that they can truly get full University involvement and gain confidence through it.

Being a part of a sports team is such an important part of University life and I would love the opportunity to be a part of something even bigger. The AU has completely changed my University experience in such a positive way and I want to make sure that everyone has an equal opportunity to share that experience, just as I have.

So vote for me as your Secretary and Communications Officer to have your opinions heard and make sport celebrated by everyone!

FACULTY REPS

FACE

Katie Hobson

I am Katie Hobson and I hope to represent you and help you get the most from your time in Hull.

I am standing as Faculty Rep as I have really enjoyed being School Rep during my first year of study. I have developed my skills this year by chairing meetings, taking on board students' views and planning a student campaign to recruit education course reps at the start of the next academic year. I would like to continue to use my skills by representing Arts, Culture and Education at a higher level so that everyone can be represented in the best way for them.

On a personal level I hope to gain a further understanding of the workings of a Students' Union, particularly student support as this is what I would like to do when I graduate.

As a Faculty Rep I will help support students to run campaigns, signpost them in the right direction and attend various meetings. I also hope to help deliver training if students require support and advice from a current student. I will bring my passion, interest and dedication to the role.

FSE

Steven Storey

Hi I'm Steven, I'm a marine and freshwater biologist.

I have two main focuses in my university life:

1. My degree
2. The wider student education

This year I have actively campaigned in the faculty to keep students at the heart of the faculty's decision. I have worked with schools to improve feedback and communication, dealing with any problems that affect the wider student body in the FoSE. I believe in student equality, every student in FoSE no matter what subject you study deserves the same quality of teaching and resource availability.

As a Faculty Rep I will continue to work with the faculty to maintain that equality across schools.

I will promote the effective use of current technology available.

I will continue to ensure quality across all administrative fields like timetabling and student hubs.

SCHOOL REPS

Marketing & Business Strategy

Edward Frederick Park-Poulson

Vote Ed for HUBS school rep, and be blessed with better timetabling, good luck and spicy memes

I believe I would be the appropriate choice for school representative because I have previous experience as a course rep for international business. I am not at all worried about making myself heard during meetings, thus ensuring that we students have our voices heard by the HUBS staff. Additionally I'm very approachable and always willing to talk about topics both HUBS related and less hubs related.

I intend to campaign against 2 hour lectures as I have received numerous complaints from people on my course about them making up the majority or all of lectures in the timetable, as well as complaints from 1st years across HUBS courses. As such if I am elected I will use my improved position to get the amount of 2 hour lectures reduced for next semester.

Additionally I will attempt to create a more social and friendly atmosphere in HUBS for all types of people be they 1st years or Postgrads, Northern or Southern, Red or Blue, Eastern or Western, etcetera etcetera. Because I feel that if everyone has more friends in HUBS, we'll all do better in our assignments as we can help each other out with new ideas, if we all get good marks we'll all be happier and being happy is good.

I can also promise 120% more memes for HUBS, and if that hasn't convinced you to vote I don't know what will.

Thank you for reading through my nomination, I hope you vote for me..... erm I can't think of anything else to say, good luck y'all.

English

Ilisa Crow

I have had the pleasure of being the School Representative for English for the academic year of 16/17. I believe that if you choose me, I can continue to put forward our ideas and make them into something. For the academic year of 17/18 I would like to improve staff recognition of Specific Learning Difficulties (SpLDs); I would aim to make information on them available all around the Larkin building in the form of posters and leaflets. I also feel I am approachable, and promise to listen to any problems you are having and try and resolve them in the best way possible.

Isobel Victoria Hall

My predominant priority is using the power of our student voice to promote valuable change to you.

I will create an active voice to make a positive impact on your learning experience. Our student voice is the number one priority in creating change and we must stay at the forefront of discussions concerning our learning and student experience. Key areas that need addressing are:

1. Academic Support: Encourage Academic Support Tutor availability and to consistently have an effective impact throughout your studies. Having consultations at the beginning, middle and end of each semester to really focus on your individual development throughout your course, setting clear, focused goals to direct you to success. Promote sessions with lecturers for discussing essay questions, drafts and feedback.
2. Course Improvement: Revitalise seminar classes to be more productive and engaging, preparing students for assessed work. Widen the student experience by promoting event opportunities relevant to modules. Ongoing module feedback to make an active change whilst you are studying the module.
3. English Community: I represent you! Ensuring I am easily accessible to contact at any time providing opportunities to speak freely and voice concerns. Giving you regular updates on achievements derived from your suggestions. Every student should have a strong influence on any changes or modifications relevant to their degree.

Together we can work towards achieving a more valuable student learning experience from which you can reap the rewards.

Drama

Benjamin King

Vote for your representation, and all jazz.

To all students within The School of Arts, I pledge a simple thing - your representation. I've been acting out the role of drama representative for the first year students and if there's one thing I've come to learn over this time, it is that we, as students of the University of Hull need more from the School of Arts.

Don't get me wrong, our current rep does a fine job, and I hope to continue their work and to go above and beyond the bar set currently. However I believe that more communication is needed from the top down to better the study of students in our University to achieve further progress.

But this can only happen if you vote for me, and if you do I will work for not only the guarantee of your representation, but that the focus of the School of Arts maintains itself on its students. Maintains itself so that whilst Hull celebrates its status as City of Culture, our University does not lose focus on its artistic students, those who actively create and show new pieces of work that contribute to the cultural identity of this city and its University.

So vote for me as the new school representative for The School of Arts and you have my commitment to the betterment of your representation, and all that jazz.

HYMS

Vassili Crispi

Having already been School Rep for HYMS, I'd like to carry on my role to work on the projects I have started this year.

I am Vassili, current HYMS School rep at HUU and one of the student reps within the medical school, and I would like to represent you once again next year. We have achieved a lot in the past year and this is all thanks to the feedback you have given. I believe I have represented yours views impartially and effectively. I have liaised with the other reps among all phases to bring your concerns and ideas to the members of staff within and outside HYMS, and we improved anatomy and pharmacology teaching and delivery, and student voice representation, for example. I have been a point of reference across Phase 1, and I am also representing the MB BS student body at the new-born Faculty of Health Sciences. I am passionate about making positive changes in our course, and I have enjoyed working as part of these teams and committees representing your views. Hopefully, fellow students and staff will agree that I am an open, trustworthy and approachable person. If I am given the position I will continue to work on the projects I have started this year, such as improving students' voice representation, enhance use of interactive resources for basic science teaching. Therefore, in order to do this and more, I would like to continue representing you, my colleagues, in the forthcoming academic year.

Chemistry

Lloyd Glanville

Support; Engage; Develop

Robust and creative, both qualified and extensively experienced in leadership and management gained from time spent as an officer/head of department within a global uniformed youth organisation. Lloyd has the necessary skill set and passion to develop on the work of his predecessor.

As the school representative, I will champion these 3 core values:

Support

- > Extensively support the new peer mentoring scheme to enhance the student experience.
- > Provide additional support to ensure the course reps can continue with their essential roles.
- > Liaise with school staff to facilitate new initiatives championed by students or staff.

Engagement

Having previously been a student rep for the curriculum 2016 panel, I believe student engagement is key to further enhance strategic changes required to improve your academic experience.

- > Holding a monthly informal drop in session so students can engage and suggest improvements or new ideas.
- > Ensure the student feedback is voiced with faculty and the university.
- > Remain visible around the school to receive student feedback.

Development

- > In an ever-competitive world I will ensure to open more schemes for personal development and employability enhancement relevant to the school subject areas.
- > I endeavour to develop further the quality of education within the school to produce satisfied top quality graduates from the City of Culture.

Physics

Benjamin Brooks

Ben for Physics School Rep!

Hello all, I am currently the MPhys Course rep for 2nd Year and the Chair of the Student-Staff Committee and I hope to be elected as the representative for the whole school next year. My main aim is to involve as many students as possible by making sure everyone is represented, this year some course rep positions were not filled, most notably the Foundation year rep. I will help to ensure these positions are filled so that everyone no matter what year or course is represented and can pass an opinion or concern on to the SSC or beyond.

Jessica Clunan

I will challenge anything that stops us from achieving our potential, and make our experience better.

I aim to address the problems with the Student Hub and to increase the effectiveness of course reps as representatives of our respective courses. The student hub is here to stay; nothing can change this. However, we can put pressure on the faculty staff to make the Hub as effective as possible. I do in fact believe that the Hub will work and will be effective in dealing with our admin issues, but is not currently doing this. Why do I believe I am the best person to put this pressure on behalf of Physics? I believe I am the best person because I am someone who needs justification for every answer I get. This is something that I believe is needed to create an open and frank dialogue between the faculty and the students, and will ensure the best situation for us.

With course reps, the major problem is that some students don't know who their course rep is. This is a problem because the course rep is your academic voice in the university. Any problems should go through them, to our staff student committee. However, if your course rep is unknown, how can these issues come to light? They can't, leading to a worsened experience. I will ensure that every year will not only have a course rep, but know exactly who their course rep is and how to contact them.

So, why vote for me? I believe that I am a person who can effectively challenge the Student Hub to ensure the best service for us, and can ensure that students on individual courses are fully represented in the university.