



Chair of Union Council candidate:

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Making Union Council accessible
for all!

Manifesto

Union Council has stagnated due to a lack of knowledge, control and informality.

I'm Jess, and I've sat on UC for two years, being chair for part of last year and this year. In this time I have gained a massive amount of knowledge about the underlying rules of UC, and how they should be applied. Currently there are problems in their application, and the level of formality in UC:

Application:

The rules must be followed. In recent years there has been a discrepancy in when and where the rules are followed. In the past year I have ensured they are all applied where necessary, taking time to discuss with staff on how the rules should be interpreted. In doing so, everyone over the past year has had a fair chance at union council, regardless of when they present their ideas. I wish to further this next year, by removing any ambiguity in the Standing Orders, to make the application simpler next year.

Formality:

UC is difficult to understand for almost all First time officers, a lot of returning part time officers and almost all non-officers. This year I have tried to remove a small amount of formality from UC, whilst still maintaining order, allowing discussions to be more natural, and engagement simpler.

So, why me?

I have the experience of chairing UC previously, and being extremely familiar with the rules. I have sat on both sides, being both a part time officer and chair, giving me a unique insight into both sides of the coin