

Candidates 2018 / 19

PRESIDENT

Kym Cardona

VOTE KYM #1 FOR HUU PRESIDENT - BETTER COMMUNICATION, WELLBEING, EMPLOYABILITY AND ENVIRONMENT

As YOUR PRESIDENT I will:

1. **COMMUNICATION.** Review the way HUU and the University communicate with students by speaking to students. Revise how HUU uses its website, social media and Canvas to tell YOU about their events and services. Be clearer about how HUU works.
2. **WELLBEING.** Improve the mental and physical health of ALL students by increasing the facilities and support provided by HUU. YOUR wellbeing should be at the top of the University's priorities but many of the HUU services are underfunded. I want to increase the staff and facilities to support YOUR mental health. I want to raise awareness of HUU services, such as STI testing, and extend them to be more regular and accessible on campus.
3. **ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE.** I will work with the HUU, students and members of the local community to boost awareness of how the University and local area can be more environmentally sustainable by increasing recycling facilities and reducing the use of disposable cups and cutlery.
4. **EMPLOYABILITY.** Increase the employment and placement opportunities on campus. Raise awareness of the impact participating in sports teams and societies can have on employability. Focus on how departments can help students find placements and support them during their time off campus.

I have been an active member of Union Council in elected roles for 3 years - I understand how HUU works and how I can improve it as YOUR PRESIDENT.

Find out more: [facebook.com/groups/votekym1/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/votekym1/)

#VOTEKYM1

Osaro Otobo

RE-ELECT OSARO #1 FOR HUU PRESIDENT FOR REAL PROGRESS, REAL WINS, REAL EXPERIENCE.

Over the past 9 months I've had the pleasure of being your elected President. I've been working hard to improve the student experience at Hull. I've been actively listening to YOU to hear about the change YOU want to see. I've had big wins so far, including securing £4.5 MILLION for the Student Central Redevelopment, however I have a lot more left to give. I've laid foundations & built up key relationships; vote for me to carry on the momentum & to keep building on the successes of 2017/18 so far.

- **MORE INVESTMENT FOR THE THINGS YOU CARE ABOUT**

Mental health. Course resources. Sports. Societies. Facilities. Volunteering projects.

- **BETTER TIMETABLING & ROOM BOOKING FOR ALL**

Timetabling impacts everyone – let's sort it out once and for all.

More free & affordable rooms and facilities for students.

- **EMPLOYABILITY EVENTS**

More engaging employability events centred around your interests and career aspirations – giving you unique face to face opportunities with employers & successful alumni.

- **REPRESENTATION, INCLUSION & COMMUNICATION**

Making sure that every student counts and their voices are heard. Making the union relevant for all. Improving awareness on how HUU can benefit you. Ensuring that the campus is safe & inclusive for all.

For more information about what I have achieved, what I want to do & to let me know about the change you want at Hull visit fb.me/teamosaro18

WE'RE NOT DONE YET, WE'RE JUST GETTING STARTED!

EDUCATION OFFICER

Isobel Hall

Get M.O.R.E from your Education Officer!

Education isn't just about the taught hours - it is much more than that.

I will challenge tradition to get you the very best out of your university experience! I have a proven track record developing initiatives that create opportunities for all students, such as the first ever Life & Literature Festival.

The role of Education Officer means that I can give students at this University M.O.R.E.

Money:

I will improve access to resources. This includes:

- Giving all students access to FREE printing
- Increasing digitisation of core texts and number of copies available in the library
- Making water fountains more accessible

Opportunity:

Opportunities at University should be inclusive of, and stretch beyond, education. To facilitate this, I will:

- Make lecture recordings mandatory
- Introduce TEDx Talks to inspire students

Representation:

Whether you are undergrad, postgrad, mature, international, or part-time, your voice deserves to be heard. To promote effective representation, I will:

- Provide accredited training for Course Reps and incentivise the system.

Engagement:

I am passionate about connecting with students and providing the best support possible. I will achieve this by:

- Holding monthly Chocolate & Chat sessions
- Making lecturer availability more accessible
- Revamping the Academic Support System

My priority is securing you access to the very best opportunities and representation.

Invest in yourself: Vote Isobel for Education Officer

Steven Storey

I'm Steven, running for the education officer Vote for me No.1 education officer #Your Voice Matters

I have been a course and school rep, and for the previous two years faculty rep for FOSE. This puts me in a good position to fight for your educational needs, I have a proven record working with academic staff to effect change, and have further strategies to improve the teaching framework for students. Below are just four ideas I will campaign for, if I was elected.

1. To end printing poverty

I will lobby the university and seek out other means to provide an amount of credit per student per semester for academic printing.

2. To enhance the academic support tutor system to improve the overall student experience

I will achieve this by working with the university to evaluate its code of practice, ensuring students have a full say. I will ensure adherence to the code is monitored, and best practice is embedded into the program across the university.

3. To review university's group project work policy, with the aim of enhancing it

By establishing the current views of students and researching other alternatives, I aim to create a more cohesive, suitable group learning experience that allows equality across group members.

4. To work with the university to make sure its services are accessible to all the students including part-time students, and to help improve services like timetabling

To work with the university and HUU to try to establish a broader spectrum of office hours for all the students across the range of support/administrative services

Edward Towers

Ed for Ed- Students over profit!

Whilst I wouldn't want to be anywhere else, I believe few students would disagree with me that the university is heading in the wrong direction. Increasingly, we find that we are being treated as cash-cows instead of students. Our complaints are being repeatedly ignored in favour of university cost-saving measures. We need a union always on our side, to stand up to an administration which views us simply as a commodity.

Half the time, we have no idea- and no way of finding out- what happens in the committees that make these decisions, but it appears as if the profit for the university has been considered first, and the impact on us, it's students, second; This has to change! Vote for students over profit; for transparency over secrets: vote Ed for Ed:

- I will ensure any concerns students have on current decisions, past mistakes or future changes are heard by the university, and that action is taken to address them.
- I will continue to apply pressure on the university to ensure that policies such as mitigating circumstances and extensions work best for students, not the university.
- I will refuse to allow the further centralisation of services that has led to such catastrophes as the creation of student-hubs at the expense of our department offices.
- I will campaign for the accountability of university administrators to students: We should have the right to question those making decisions that affect us.

WELFARE & COMMUNITY OFFICER

Andrew Costigan

"Half deaf but I'll still listen"

#Vote Andy Costigan no1 for your Welfare and Community officer!

I have been consistently and heavily involved with the Welfare and Community zone for 3 years through LINKS and by working directly for HUU as part of the Student Voice. I am a confident person and capable of committing myself to be the difference for full time, part time, mature and post grad students from every walk of life by promoting all opportunities within the Welfare zone.

MENTAL HEALTH

- Increased support for those affected by suicide and depression by providing additional drop in sessions
- Lobby the university to increase funding and advertise their services more effectively
- Negate the need for immediate evidence to obtain mitigating circumstances by introducing a grace period

HOUSING

- Earlier housing fair with better information distributed about which landlords to avoid
- Increased awareness of the housing dispute services inc. legal representation
- Empowering students with knowledge about their tenant rights with the Council if houses aren't fit for habitation

DISABILITIES

- Review and reform the process of applying for disabled students allowance on campus to make it clearer and simpler
- Additional sign posting to help for people who need assessment for a condition
- Greater support for those with invisible disabilities and getting the help needed for those who may not realise they have one

Trust me with your voice - I will listen to every student.

Charlotte Mealings

Vote #CharlotteForWelfare to Improve Wellbeing, Reduce Cost of Living & Enhance Union Accessibility.

I aim to improve wellbeing services, reduce the cost of living and enhance union accessibility. Here is how I propose to achieve these goals:

Improve Wellbeing Services

- Promote the services available and increase outreach to all students;
- Introduce collaborative group sessions for those struggling with mental health issues;
- Provide campus counselling irrespective of whether a student is registered with a GP.

Reduce the Cost of Living

- Raise awareness of financial aid schemes so students know where to turn;
- Introduce financial advice drop-in sessions and workshops on budgeting;
- Provide on-site facilities such as microwaves and fridges.

Enhance Union Accessibility

- Reorganising the Union website to increase accessibility for all;
- Scheduling regular live Q&A sessions on social media to bring students closer to the Union;
- Introduce presentations on the role and purpose of the Union to be shown during welcome week. The Union is run by students, for students, and this should be clearer.

Since 2015, I have been an active and engaged student within the Union. After being elected President of the Feminist Society in 2017, I have performed my roles and responsibilities with success. I will use my experience as President, along with knowledge gained from my course in Politics, to fight relentlessly for my proposed reforms. More details of my aims can be found on my social media.

Sophie Wingham

SOPHIE FOR VPWC - WHERE THERE'S A WINGHAM THERE'S A WAY!

WELFARE OFFICERS IN SPORT & SOCIETIES

Let's introduce welfare officers to clubs and societies which are welfare trained (eg mental health /finance/housing). As a stepping stone between the committee and a club, if a member has an issue it can be discussed with privacy and discretion, without involving all of committee. Help will be easily available and students will know how to get it. Leading a committee showed me we need this!

WELFARE FOR FRESHERS

Provide all new students with the details of local doctors, dentists and a comprehensive list of the facilities near uni (shops, bus stops etc). Construct a FAQ of questions students may be uncomfortable or embarrassed asking. We could help make the transition to uni life so much simpler!

ADVERTISE OUR SERVICES

Signpost our services! Show people what we offer, how students can use us and their benefits. Give all students reference points to services if they need them at any point in the year, especially in exams. Make this available online so ALL students can use it.

HOUSING PROBLEMS

They happen. We need to give personalised guidance when things go wrong and let students know that we can help even when it seems hopeless.

WHY ME?

I have run welfare campaign events (breast cancer awareness) and have two years' experience running an AU committee, along with a part time job. Throughout this, welfare has supported me and I want to offer that same support to my fellow students.

ACTIVITIES OFFICER

Jack Chiverton

Involvement and exposure for the Activities Zone: Helping students find where they belong

The Activities Zone exists as an important part of university life for many students. I believe the main focus of the role of Activities Officer should be to promote societies, charity work and the Union's media outlets in any way possible.

My experience as the President of a society has given me a good understanding of the assistance and support society committees need. I plan to introduce informal Q&A sessions for society committee members to assist with the assumption of new positions now or in future, and with the general running of societies whenever necessary. I will use the role of Activities Officer to encourage more charity work and more exposure for said charity work around the university.

At the beginning of the academic year I will increase the publicity of the Societies' Fair with the intention of giving it the same level of exposure as the AU Fair. I will also aim to create more opportunities for societies to promote themselves around the University throughout the year. Not all students find what they're looking for in the first weeks of their University experience and therefore added exposure for societies will help promote society membership. Through Hullfire and Jam Radio, I will encourage more representation of students' talents and abilities.

My vision as Activities Officer is to broaden the reach of societies to ensure that every student at the University of Hull has the opportunity to find where they belong.

Frederick Essex

A unified, streamlined Activities Zone with a new Awards system and support for everyone.

The Activities Officer is there not only to give support to Societies, but also to enrich the lives of everyone within the Activities Zone. If elected I will provide this enrichment as well as strive to achieve the following goals:

- Bring a sense of pride to the Activities Zone by unifying Societies, Media and RAG under one banner and with a new structure. Formulating a fulfilling reward system to celebrate achievements and utilising a hands on approach to the running of committees.

- Work with the Welfare Officer to provide more support within Societies; by helping students, who might miss opportunities normally, engage with the many groups on offer within the union.

- Rework the current Zone committee training practices to include mid semester training and union run socials with the goal of passing on advice for the running of committees and societies.

- Provide training videos and information packs on paperwork and other processes that might be confusing for new committee members.

In the past year, the Activities Zone has suffered due to the lack of representation it needs and deserves. Societies and Media are considered by many as one of the most defining things about their University lives and through RAG the Union helps by raising money for a variety of causes. For me, this is why the Activities Officer role is so important: creating a platform for students to engage with others that will make your University years be some of the best of your life.

Rayne Goddard

Soon-to-be ex-chair of the Societies Executive Committee and ex-co-chair of LGBT.

#MakeItRayne

As a third year who has spent my entire time at uni on at least one exec, I know it's hard to find out what is happening within the Union when it comes to decisions made that affect all student activities. I have been on the SEC for 2 years, and only this year have we made any changes towards becoming an accountable student body. The biggest issue faced by Activities Zone is not being transparent.

Many societies do not have the funds necessary to engage the students as they want to, I aim to change this through creation of a Sponsorship Fair and an Alumni Fund to allow societies to self-fund better. I have also previously changed the way that the Society Grant is used by the SEC to allow for more widespread impact. This will mean that execs have better opportunities to create more interesting socials and events, as well as the financial stability to take more risks. I also aim to make access to rooms easier across the campus, to allow for more events to be hosted.

An issue that I've noticed with Media is that, despite being a powerful force in the Union, it doesn't engage with as much the student body as it could. I would like to help Media engage with RAG and societies on a much more public level as well as the overall student body. As for RAG, I would like to increase their engagement with societies through encouraging their Society Award Scheme. Hopefully these will encourage more people to join both Media and RAG as well as increasing awareness of society existence.

Benjamin Grocock

Vote Ben: Why not?

I'm a 3rd year Politics and IR student hoping to be elected VPA so I can:

- Increase the quality and renown of student media both on campus and nationally
- Maintain the high level of effectiveness of Hull RAG
- Make quality of life improvements for Society Executive Committees and members
- Throw more parties for the above

I was the Station Manager of Hullfire Radio (now JAM Radio) in 2016-17. I would aim to increase the professionalism and respectability of the 3 aspects of student media by networking with national student media groups such as NaSTA and the SRA, and increasing the number of visits and training sessions provided by members of the industry, such as presenters from BBC Humberside.

The reality is that there are no radical changes that need to be made to the way societies operate in HUU, but I would work to increase the amount of interaction between societies by promoting networking events for Presidents and Vice-Presidents.

I would also introduce a support system for executive committees with concerns about the longevity of their society due to low interest.

You may know that Hull RAG raised the most money of any RAG society in the country last year. I have never been heavily involved with RAG so this is just a coincidence, but I would ensure that RAG continues to be effectively managed next year.

I spent the last semester working for an MP in Parliament so am used to high-pressure office work.

I think that's fair enough, right?

Tom McNamara

With drive and experience to get results, helping students shape the future of HUU!

As the current Chair of both RAG (Raising & Giving) and the Activity Zone, I have developed strong lines of communication and relationships with HUU staff. Providing a platform from which I can challenge the Union, on behalf of students, to bring about real change and new opportunities for you!

BETTER Representation

- Give my voice to students of the Activity Zone, to ensure their issues are heard and acted upon; following up on persistent issues such as room bookings for societies.
- Drive discussion over Democracy, in order to better represent students.

MORE Opportunities

- More investment in student activities, to build on previous success and develop new enterprises.
- Increase publicity for Society and Volunteering events, through a new centralised HUU page.
- Continue and develop the "Give it a Go" programme, to encourage student engagement.

GREATER Support

- Champion collaboration between Societies to run larger scale events and socials; encouraging Zone cohesion.
- Work with the Union to further develop the training given to committee execs.
- Encourage and assist students in the setting up of new societies.

I have a proven track record when it comes to producing results. Under my leadership, the RAG team has had its most successful year yet; supporting societies and sports teams to raise thousands for charity (Up 40% on last year).

HUU has enriched my time at University. Vote Tom McNamara No.1 for Activities Officer, give me the chance to offer you that same opportunity!

Connal Plant

Putting the ACT back in Activities!

CONNAL PLANT – ACTIVITIES OFFICER

Encourage Greater Student Participation and Engagement with Societies, Volunteer Groups, Student Media and RAG -

Increased advertising of events throughout the Union and University – Allow events to be publicised and promotional materials made further in advance and give students more time to see them.

Greater focus on providing events and encouraging participation in Student Halls - Specifically aimed at the Lawns and other Halls to encourage greater participation and growth in societies and other groups especially during Fresher's and Re-Fresher's.

Targeted Emails based on events you are actually interested in – Fortnightly opt-in mailing list based on a set of defined interests selected by students.

Greater Support for Societies and Student Media -

Help societies gain appropriate sponsorship – Help all societies interested by organising a sponsorship fair and establish links with local businesses to achieve this.

Clearer line of communication and support – Make clearer to societies and student media the support that they can receive from the union.

Greater Support and Focus on helping RAG, Volunteering and Campaigns on Student Issue -

Organise a way of rewarding hard-work amongst RAG and Volunteers through the Union – In the form of a points scheme in which tickets can be claimed to events hosted at the Union

Ruth Williams

Putting the Act back in to Activities!

The Activities Zone should be more accessible, supportive and representative of students both actively engaged and not.

3 main policy areas:

1. Digitising student media- I want student media to broaden its scope to not just being available on campus. I would look into reintroducing Hull fire to online with opinion pieces further engaging students, consider an App for Jam Radio and revitalise Torch TV to create more online content.
2. Establish a Sports-Societies Buddy system- sports teams and societies could benefit from greater interaction, expanding their appeal and helping each other run big events or fundraisers.
3. Empower Marginalised to be on execs- I want to better understand how involved liberations groups are in leadership positions across the activities zone, personal growth deserves equity.

I have spent the past 3 years enthusiastically fundraising and event creating for the union, such as HUU's first vegan fair. I believe that activities is a crucial zone for getting students aware of and engaged with the union. Activities needs to be effectively run to do this. I have experience working with societies as a president and have been an active and fully participatory representative for the union.

For more information on my ideas go to my Facebook @RuthWVPAct

Gabriel Wilson

Increase availability of facilities, transparent activities zone, & lower HUU cut in membership fees

Have your very own Angel of the North in Hull!

I aim to make facilities more readily available for societies to book and replace the current booking system for facilities akin to the library room booking service. The current system feels like taking a shot in the dark with emailing in and waiting on a reply whether or not the facilities you want are available.

Increase the efficiency and availability of meetings minutes regarding societies. Whilst we have endeavoured to make the minutes taken from the meetings of the SEC available to presidents. I aim to make minutes taken from activities zone meetings publically available. This will include the minutes from the SEC and RAG as well as from the activities zone meetings available to everyone. I believe you should be able to inform yourself about how the activities zone is operating.

To reduce the amount of membership fee goes toward the HUU. The fee goes toward the SEC budget of which has seen some societies benefit. However, I believe that by decreasing the amount of the fee, societies could decide for themselves to either decrease their membership fee making their membership easily accessible to a greater number of people, or increasing their revenue and decreasing their reliance on the SEC budget and truly free up their finances.

Overall I aim to end the lack of input societies have on how their governing body operates.

SPORTS OFFICER

Matthew Miller

My aim is to maximise enjoyment and participation of sport across the university.

- Develop better communication with SFC
- Improve financing and funding of clubs
- Expand the AU
- Increase sport awareness

I aim to negotiate an increase in contact hours between the SFC and club committees to build a better working relationship and reduce issues and miscommunications throughout the academic year. Club finances still prove to be an ever heavier burden upon many sports teams, I aim to build upon the existing fundraising reward scheme and work closely with clubs to help them find alternative revenue streams and achieve financial ability. Many teams within the AU this year have struggled to maintain the numbers of sign ups seen in previous years.

Through better promotion not only through the AU but across the whole of the University and efforts to improve inclusivity I aim to push sport to the forefront of the University experience helping teams grow and retain their memberships. Our AU has a massive 53 teams offering a huge variety of sports, I will work with smaller teams to help increase their promotion to grow and attract new members working towards equal opportunities for clubs across the whole of the AU.

Sport has been a huge part of university life, and I want to ensure that everyone can experience the enjoyment and belonging you can achieve by involving yourself in the AU.

Aaron Walker

The A for your AU!

Since accepting my place at Hull University, I always knew I would be heavily involved in sport; in particular swimming, following my extensive career as a competitive swimmer as a child. Being and active member both socially and competitively throughout my time at uni lead me to run for social sec in my final year. Having played a crucial role on committee I am fully aware of the issues which both small and large clubs are facing and believe that I have the drive, passion and commitment to make our AU stronger.

Equality – Every team has equal opportunities & everyone has equal access to sport.

-I will ensure that every team has equal access to funding, providing struggling teams with opportunities to better themselves, and those who aren't to greater success.

-I will ensure allocation of training time and space is done equally and fairly to ensure EVERY team has equal access to the facilities needed to succeed in their sport.

Inclusivity

-I will work closely with campus sport and the intramural leagues ensuring there are sporting opportunities which cater for all

Solidarity – WE ARE HULL!

-I will increase communication between all teams, the Union and the University by using myself as an accessible medium.

-I will stand at the forefront of our AU tackling any issues we / your team has head on, leaving no team behind!

Tour

-Minimising misunderstanding and miscommunication between Tour leaders and the Tour provider

Full manifesto fb.me/AaronVPSport

Nicholas Wright

VOTE NICK #1 FOR SPORTS OFFICER MAKING SPORT MORE ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL

<https://fb.me/VOTENICKFORSPORT>

Sport is not the thing that brought me to Hull four years ago, but it is what has kept me here. Like many students sport has shaped my time in Hull, I have been an active member of rugby union throughout my time here, serving as Treasurer last year and having the privilege to be President this year. I have been fortunate enough to be part of AU Exec this year allowing me to see first-hand how our AU works from the inside, how hard our clubs work to achieve and some of the obstacles they face.

What can I bring to the role:

A lifetime's experience in sport at elite and amateur levels.

An understanding of how the enjoyment of sport has a positive impact on the physical and mental well-being of students.

What I will try to do for you:

Always be looking for ways to reduce or remove barriers to participation in sport be they financial, physical, academic or logistical.

To comprehensively promote and publicise sport at Hull, increasing awareness of BUCS and non-BUCS fixtures/competitions and sharing our success stories with the wider student body.

Being your Sports Officer is not about my passion for my sport, but your passion for yours. My job will be to support it, share it, learn from it and help you to express it.

For more information visit: <https://fb.me/VOTENICKFORSPORT>

PART TIME OFFICERS

ENVIRONMENT & ETHICS OFFICER

Adam Kirk

Producing energy with waste, getting you to Uni with haste

I talk to a lot of local students, and one general concern of theirs is how hard it is to get to uni from Hull's suburbs. Often they are left with no option but to get 2 buses, or drive. In order to reduce the amount of student and staff car traffic, I propose a bus to university that serves Hull's suburbs. As well as limiting the environmental effects of car traffic, I also believe this would benefit students' education, as it means they would not have to worry about how they are going to get to university, particularly for 9am lectures.

In this current age of budget cuts, it is difficult for councils to effectively clean the streets. As a result, there are high amounts of waste in the streets surrounding Newland Ave. Being the area in which a lot of its alumni reside, the university has a responsibility to help maintain its upkeep and it is for this reason that I propose incentivised student clean ups to keep the area safe and clean. Moreover, these clean ups would present the university in a good light to local residents, who may usually blame students for the mess.

In order to produce renewable energy, whilst also diverting waste from landfills and incinerators, I propose a small scale biogas plant be built on campus. This involves the anaerobic digestion of plant waste, producing gas which can be harnessed as an energy source. In addition to this, a by-product of the process is a low carbon fertiliser, which could be sold to raise money for the union.

LGBT+ CO-OFFICERS

Ralph Lending

I passionately believe we could become the most inclusive SU in the country. What's stopping us?

As part of my manifesto, I want to work closely with other SU clubs and societies to create collaborative campaigns that support members of the LGBTQ+ community across the board.

Through talks, meetups/socials, and other events/fundraisers, I intend to support all members of the community from an LGBT perspective as has been done in previous years with a range of successful campaigns. In addition to this, I intend to raise our profile on social media, with the goal of engaging further with members of the University of Hull (on top of regular office hours).

Furthermore, I intend to put Hull SU on the map by gaining greater representation at Hull Pride festival, including members from different groups in the SU rather than the LGBTQ+ community only. I feel that the development of our rights and the acceptance we gain is by including people from the outside and showing that we aren't simply a minority. By doing this it can be possible to raise other issues to do with mental health, women's equality, and general health and wellbeing around campus.

My final suggestion is to continue to work with the university itself and our lecturers to give lectures on LGBTQ+ issues relating to whichever subject they teach – a scheme to enlighten students and attempt to bring the SU closer to the university and its students.

I want to contribute to a positive and collaborative SU and Welfare team that works harder for equality and acceptance across the board.

Caroline Lindsey Frances Studdart

Queer for Me and Qu(Here) for You!

Hey, I'm Caroline, or as most of those in the community that know me Frankie. I've been an active member of the LGBT+ community at the university for the last five years, I've seen all the ups and downs, and want a chance to give back to the community that has helped me so much.

Should I be elected I plan to bring back the two big weekly socials Fridays Meetings and Sunday Coffees, along with organising events with different societies. The LGBT+ community is a diverse place and I want us to celebrate that.

The purpose of the LGBT+ is to represent you the students and let make sure your voices are heard. If elected I plan to make our community what you want it to be and give you a place where you can be yourself without fear of any kind of discrimination.

DISABLED STUDENT OFFICER

Jess Clunan

Disabled Students face a challenge in just finding information, this cannot continue

Hello, I'm Jess and I'm an Autistic second year physics Student, and the current Disabled Student's Officer. Over the past year, I have worked hard to put disabled students, a group often forgotten, at the forefront of all decisions made by HUU. In first semester, I worked hard to engage with Disabled students, and to give the committee a consistent branding and presence across campus. This semester I have launched a campaign to increase awareness for students living with invisible disabilities.

If elected as Disabled Students Officer, I aim to continue my work from this year, and achieve three main goals:

1. Fight for better Representation of disabled students across campus
2. Provide a forum in which issues from students can be resolved by students
3. To run further 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 prior to university, 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, and to continue the work I have started this year.

COUNCILLOR OF SCRUTINY (GOVERNANCE ZONE)

Daniel Ingram

Campaigning for greater communication and transparency between the Union and students.

The Students Union has a major problem with student participation and engagement with its democratic processes. Sabbatical officers regularly drop out through the course of the year, many positions on the union council are not filled including those of liberation officers, and student engagement in union politics is currently undergoing a sharp decline.

If elected as Councillor of Scrutiny for Government and Democracy, I will use my position to lobby for better communication by sabbatical officers and liberation group officers via social media, and email to ensure students are kept up to date with what the union is doing.

I will also advocate for reform of the union council body to make it stronger, more efficient, and more representative of the student body as a whole, as well as to increase its transparency. It is my belief that greater transparency with the internal workings of the Student Union will encourage more students to be involved and engaged with student politics.

It is also my belief that simple knowledge about the elected positions in the Student Union and who is currently filling them will make it more likely for students to engage with Union politics, and it's likely to improve their lives more generally as they will know who to lobby for change at university.

So for greater transparency and communication, vote me!

RAISING & GIVING (RAG) CHAIR

Daniel Kupusarevic

Daniel Kupusarevic - making RAG more prominent and more successful

As RAG Chair I would like to:

- Increase the prominence and use of RAG Reps by having more events hosted by RAG
- Have more socials to promote the work of charities and societies as well as thanking those who volunteer with us
- Find new and exciting challenges for students to take part in which have achievable funding aims
- Help engage with the community and local businesses by taking part in local events and projects around the city - raising awareness for societies and the Union and promoting the good work they are doing
- Work more with societies and sports teams. This will be done through helping the societies to plan events or challenges and actively promote the good work they are doing to raise as much money as possible
- Work with other RAG's in the country to increase the number of opportunities for students to take part in
- Use social media more to make RAG more well known and celebrate the good work being done across the University

My experience:

Events Coordinator for RAG 2017-2018

Head of Charity and Social Committees at my Secondary School

Director on a Youth Trust Board

Why me?

Having organised and planned Charity and Social events as well as leading teams throughout my time on RAG and before (with one winning a Diana Award for Charity) I believe that I have the suitable qualities to become the RAG Chair, combined with my passion and dedication I believe that I will be able to make RAG even more successful next year.

Olivia Tant

THINK BIG, VOTE LIV!

My name is Liv. I'm a first year studying MBus Management and I am campaigning to be the RAG Chair. I want to lead the team to bring about positive change.

I would like to:

- Unite RAG and students to increase our fundraising efforts.
- Increase the awareness of, and participation in events such as RAG week.
- Discover new challenges for all to take part in, such as a charity abseil.
- Work closely with charities far and wide finding new activities and opportunities to help out.
- Listen more to the student body; to understand the charities they support and hold close to their hearts.

I have been the engagement officer for RAG since September 2017 so have experience of working with the committee, involved in multiple events including Animal Sanctuaries, 'Adopt a charity week' and RAG week. Also involved in the RAG Mag design.

Why me though? I'm lively, bubbly, confident and I want to bring about change for the benefit of the local community and internationally by helping to raise as much money as we can. I want to be more involved with RAG, and I feel I can do this by becoming to be Chair. I am a good team player, but I feel I can also be a good leader.

RAG Chair needs to be motivated and determined to get as many people active to raise as much money as possible. I feel with my drive and passion and sense of ambition I am the perfect person for this role.

Liv :)

STUDENT TRUSTEE

Connor Massey

This year is my 5th year in Hull as a student and next year will be my final year. In that time I have been on the LGBT+ Liberation Campaign committee for 2 and a half years and I was the LGBT+ Officer for a year and a half. Due to these roles I have helped improve the lives and represent LGBT+ students at this union and university with the unisex toilets campaign, LGBT+ and sport, international students and LGBT+, all the events such as LGBT+ History Month and Pride. In general I have been a well-known face on campus that people could talk to about LGBT+ issues and raising awareness. Not only have I been the LGBT+ Officer and in a committee role, but I also was briefly the deputy chair of Union Council and chair of the Welfare and Community Zone this year. All these roles have helped me in my confidence, leadership skills, talking to others, organisation skills and the importance of being honest and accountable.

What's more, I have also spent time outside of the Union volunteering as well. I have been part of a local animal rescue for nearly 5 years in which I have helped not just with the day to day work, but also in promotion and long-term planning. This year I have also volunteered at the University Art Gallery.

All in all I know a great deal about Hull University Union and for next year I wish to continue improving this Union by being a Student Trustee. I feel that being so involved with this Union has provided me with lots of insight that will help the Trustee Board make long term decisions and perhaps bring an awareness on how part time officer and volunteers in general at the Union feel. However, I will make sure that whilst bringing this experience I am not bound to it and I understand the issues of conflict of interests. I am hardworking, a long-term thinker, empathetic, approachable, ethical, and honest. Therefore, I think that all of these traits are essential in a trustee and ones that I would like my trustees to have.

I wish to make this Union as best as it can after it's given me so much over the years; therefore I believe I would be suited to the Appointments and Governance Development committee.