

# **SurreyDecides**

## **The Manifestos 2021**

**Union President**

**Union Chair**

**VP Voice Committee**

**Voice Zone**

**VP Activity**

**Team Surrey Chair**

**Societies Exec Chair**

**Activity Zone Committee**

**VP Support**

**Support Zone Committee**

**VP Community**

**RAG Chair**

**Community Zone Committee**



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**Students' Union**

## What are Manifestos?

Now that nominations in Surrey Decides have closed, it's time to find out more about your election candidates and what they plan to do if they are elected.

Each candidate is given the opportunity to create a manifesto which sets out what they want to achieve and why you should vote for them. It's important to view the manifestos before you vote so that you are making an informed decision.

This year, as campaigning is online only, we have [created a webpage](#) which shows you information about the candidates. Using this website, you will be able to view candidates based on the things that they are passionate about. Candidates have provided this information to help you make your voting decisions.

The following people are valid candidates but have not submitted a manifesto:

- Activity Zone Officer - Timothy Chukwu
- Activity Zone Officer - David Esayas
- Community Zone Officer - Laurie Halls
- Societies Exec Chair - Ana Pedro
- VP Activity Harsh Rathore
- VP Community - Vibhuti Dangi

## What happens next?

### Surrey Decides – Question Time:

Question Time runs over a series of 3 nights from the **9th to the 11th of May** and takes place in a hybrid format, with some candidates appearing in person in The Marquee, and others online.

You can watch Question Time on the big screen in The Marquee, live online from the Union website ([ussu.co.uk](http://ussu.co.uk)) or on YouTube ([@surreyunion](https://www.youtube.com/@surreyunion)). If you want to ask a question during the debate you will need to be logged into the Union website and use the question box under the live feed.

Question Time is an opportunity for you to get to know the candidates and hear them discuss their manifesto points, over a series of debates which are chaired by student volunteers. The point of Question Time is to help you make an informed decision about how to vote, and also for candidates to practice making their arguments in public.

**Voting will open online after Question Time** and each student will receive an email with a unique code to enter the voting website. **You have until the 15th of May at 7pm to make your choice.**

**CENTRAL ZONE**

**Union President**



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- FINAL YEAR LAW STUDENT
- STUDENT AMBASSADOR
- VICE-PRESIDENT VOICE 19/20
- EXECUTIVE VOICE ZONE MEMBER 18/19
- PRESIDENT OF AFRICAN & CARIBBEAN SOCIETY 17/18
- STUDENT LIFE MENTOR 17/18
- REPRESENTED LONDON ON THE NATIONAL YOUTH BOARD FOR NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE (NCS)

ENDORSED BY:



# VOTE AJAY [1] FOR PRESIDENT

## EDUCATION

- Scrap graduation ticket fees
- Fighting for a hybrid learning policy that works for you!

## WELLBEING

- Prioritise Surrey being compliant with the University Mental Health Charter
- Prohibit deadline and exam clashes to minimise the impact on your wellbeing

## EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION

- Lobby for unconscious bias training attendance to be compulsory for all staff
- Tackle academic and employment support for marginalised/widening participation groups

## ACHEIVEMENTS AS VP VOICE

- Wrote the BAME Student Experience report
- Standardised the election of course reps and introduced course rep socials
- Hosted a PGR Research showcase
- Organised a campaign on sustainability

Voting  
opens 11th  
May to 15th  
May

 @ajay4president  Ajay Ajimobi





**AKSHANT NAGAR**

Heartiest greetings to all! I am Akshant Nagar, a student of MSc Economics. Having also been a Course Representative, I have a strong passion for representing others to help them receive a better university experience. To continue my passion for providing a voice to students, I am focusing on four key areas within my campaign intending to ensure easier, clear and effective communication and facilitation with and between students, societies, clubs and the University. No doubt that this year has hit hard on every one of us due to the pandemic, but every hardship comes up with a unique opportunity and thus, we all must stand together for the better change. **So, let us join our hands together and say:**

### #WeStandTogether for Funding and Financial Aid –

Why? - Financial burden should not be a barrier to success for any student

- Raising **tuition fees concession** concerns to arrive at the best possible outcome for the current students
- Urge University to provide **better financial assistance/bursaries** based on the necessities and merits of the students which is currently less as compared to various competing universities
- Secure **sponsorships to invest in various clubs and societies**, which perhaps do not receive the required financial support in order to support their growth

### #WeStandTogether for Employability –

Why? - Student life goes beyond coursework, seminars and exams, and often the skills learn outside the lecture halls are equally useful.

- Liaison with clubs and societies in and around Surrey to **make students connect with clubs and societies outside the university** to enable them to carry out their passion even after graduation
- Conducting **Employability workshops for society and club members** to utilise their skills learnt in their roles for the future
- Extending **support to students finding employability during the pandemic**, especially for international students and courses without placement year
- No student should feel unrecognized even after graduation. **Creation of common platform for Alumni, Students and the University staffs** to boost employment opportunities, make appropriate improvements in the modules based on industry needs and guidance for current students through direct interactions.

### #WeStandTogether for Wellbeing –

Why? - Mental well-being is as important as Physical well-being

- Ensuring free **COVID-19 vaccination for all students** as soon as possible
- Ensuring that University **extend mental health counselling support** which can be accessed by whoever, whenever and for however long they need it
- Ensuring **Centre of Wellbeing provides supporting evidence for EC** even for first timer counselee as mental health is changing for the worse among students due to the pandemic as per latest reports
- **Yoga and Meditation sessions from experts** for dealing with issues like stress, anxiety etc.

### #WeStandTogether for Everyone –

Why? - Garden is beautiful when it is full of flowers of different kinds and colours

- No matter if one feel different for any reason, may that be gender, ethnicity, disability, age, sexual orientation, or interest areas, we need to ensure that **no student is being missed** to access any of the clubs and societies or is deprived of any other academic or non-academic support
- **Promoting cultural integration** by organising week-long cultural societal and sports events
- Creating a platform where students could **raise and share concerns/ ideas directly to the Vice-Chancellor**, suggest him and work with him for better change
- **Conducting weekly office hours** personally to ensure easy reachability by students

**#WeStandTogether for Every Student**

**#WeStandTogether for the University**

**#WeStandTogether because #WeAreOne**





anamonteir0

# Vote Ana for President [1]



Hi! I'm Ana Monteiro, a MSc Student in International Relations, and the current course rep. Also, I'm from Portugal.

I bring different perspectives and ideas, to make Surrey more inclusive and welcoming for everyone.

Endorsed by: Politics Society



## Mental Health and Inclusivity #1

- Assignment Pressure - Limit the number of assignments per week, and have at least a day in between dates.
- Teatime rooms - This will be an online space where students can come study, talk to each other about different topics, and feel like they are not alone.
- Bring more recognition to bullying (cyberbullying), racism, staff mental health, and disabilities.

## Education #2

- Study on Postgraduate students to better understand how to increase support (more research materials, flexible deadlines, support with placements).
- Open week across departments - Masterclasses where students from other departments can join.
- Improve students employability - Highlight and encourage use of resources already available, and include new technical resources for students CV.

## Life on Campus #3

- Students input on music in Rubix - let's change things a bit (Hiphop, Latin, Afrobeats, etc.)
- How to tutorials - Support for new students through videos in their first weeks in Surrey (cooking, laundry, get around campus, groceries, etc.)
- Talent show - everyone is welcome (singing, dancing, cooking, painting, magic, stand-up, etc.)
- Improve lighting on campus - especially around the lake area.
- Increase recycling in the university, especially targeting accommodation (e.g. recycling bins)
- Get more designated smoking areas - to reduce litter from cigarettes, especially around accommodation

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# Izzy Watkins [1] for Union President



It has been an honour representing you as Vice President Community this past year. **But I'm not finished yet!** As Union President, I will lead an approachable Union that represents our diverse student body and supports individuals in achieving their goals both during and after their time at Surrey.

CHECK OUT @IZZYFORSURREYPRESIDENT ON TIK TOK, FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM TO FOLLOW MY CAMPAIGN.



## SURREY STUDENT TUTORING AGENCY

AGENCIES ARE NOTORIOUS FOR TAKING A CUT FROM THEIR TUTORS EARNINGS. INSTEAD, LETS CREATE A SURREY SPECIFIC TUTORING AGENCY WHERE STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE 100% OF THEIR EARNINGS.

## STUDENTS' UNION ON MANOR PARK

WITH THE MAJORITY OF STUDENT HALLS NOW ON MANOR PARK, AND MANY MORE STUDENTS STUDYING ON THE CAMPUS, I WILL INTRODUCE A STUDENTS' UNION HUB ON THE SITE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO THE UNION.

## TACKLING FINANCIAL BARRIERS TO ACTIVITY

INCLUDING INTRODUCING AN 'ACCESS TO ACTIVITIES GRANT' TO PAY FOR CLUB AND SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS FOR STUDENTS FROM LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND/ OR WIDENING PARTICIPATION AND OUTREACH BACKGROUNDS.

## AN EMPOWERED LIBERATION NETWORK

A GREATER RECRUITMENT CAMPAIGN FOR THE LIBERATION NETWORK AS WELL AS A THOROUGH INDUCTION FOR NEW REPS, MONTHLY CATCH-UPS WITH ELECTED OFFICERS, AND MEETINGS WITH UNIVERSITY STAFF.

SUPPORTED BY:



## EXPERIENCE

**Vice President Community** 2020-2021  
**PetSoc Founder + President** 2019-2020  
**LGBT+ Rep** Liberation Committee 2019-2020

**AutiSoc President** 2018-2019  
**Support Zone Member** 2017-2018  
**Course Representative** 2016-2020

**Sam Bull Award** for Outstanding Contribution to Student Wellbeing  
**Vice Chancellor's Award** for Outstanding Contribution to Student Life

# **CENTRAL ZONE**

**Union Chair**



# VOTE ADESUWA [1] FOR UNION CHAIR

Hi, my name is Adesuwa and I am a fourth-year Business Management MBus student.

Course Rep 2017/18  
Business Society VP 2018 & 2019  
Business Society President 2018/19  
Community Rep 2018/19  
Activity Zone Administrator 2017/18  
Support Zone Administrator 2018/19  
Activities Assistant 2018/19  
RAG Chair 2020/21



 ADE4CHAIR  ADE4CHAIR  
 ADE4CHAIR

#YourUnionYourChange

#OfficersChat -  
Hosting 60 seconds  
updates with all  
elected officers.



Launch a  
#YourUnion  
Campaign.

Creating a  
summary of the  
outcome of  
motions presented  
to exec.

Accountability  
summary for  
Sabbs.



Continue  
promoting exec  
wins on social  
media channels.



Increasing  
awareness of Union  
Chair throughout  
the university by  
going on 'tour'.

**ENDORSED BY**



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## ABOUT ME

- \* POL AND ECON PTY
- \* USSU VOICE ZONE 20/21
- \* BANK OF ENGLAND INTERN
- \* FILIPINO SOCIETY SECRETARY 19/20
- \* BASEBALL TREASURER 19/20
- \* SURREY EFS MARKETING MANAGER 20/21
- \* COURSE REP 18-21
- \* STUDENT AMBASSADOR
- \* PASSIONATE ABOUT CHANGE AND STUDENT SUPPORT

# FOR A BRIGHTER DAY VOTE RENEH [1]! FOR UNION CHAIR

## PROACTIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

- \* CONTINUE THE WORK OF THE PREVIOUS UNION CHAIRS AND THEIR ACCOUNTABILITY PANELS
- \* RELIABLE CHAIR WITH BIMONTHLY CATCHUPS WITH THE PTOS AND SABBS

## UNION-STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- \* CONSULT WITH STUDENTS ON FEEDBACK PLATFORM REFORM
- \* STUDENTS CAN DIRECTLY HOLD OFFICERS ACCOUNTABLE

## INCREASED UNION VISIBILITY

- \* WORK WITH OFFICERS TO RAISE AWARENESS OF THEIR WORK
- \* INNOVATE WAYS TO COMMUNICATE TO STUDENTS
- \* EFFORTLESS ACCESS TO THE UNION FOR STUDENTS



# Vote Tom [1] for Union Chair



Hi, I'm a second year Maths student and the current VP of Maths Soc and Concert Band

Transparency

Accountability

Outreach

- Webpage to track SU elected officers throughout the year (involving manifesto points, key achievements, meeting attendance, short summary and detailed list)
- Spotlight committees (to give a better sense of how they work and what they do)
- SU officers self-complete what they are up to every 2-4 weeks (to provide regular accountability) with summary posted

- Work with first years/freshers to be better informed about their Union to make it easier to get involved
- Update Committee's Union page (including graphics and key factoids)
- Add help menu on the website for easier navigation

- Push for monthly Union emails informing about how to get involved
- Celebrating achievements of SU officers through "SU officer of the month"
- Continuing with anonymous motions to help with accessibility to forums like exec

Voting 11th - 15th May via [USSU.co.uk](http://USSU.co.uk)



# **VOICE ZONE**

**VP Voice**



# VOTE CHLOE



# VP VOICE!



Better assessment  
feedback

The development of students academically is imperative and this can be done through constructive student feedback! This ongoing issue is one I would like to help solve to ensure that student's feedback helps them to develop academically!

Online Exams From  
Home

What can we keep from COVID? Online exams for some have proven to be a great way to take exams. In a familiar environment stress can be relieved so let's think about what has worked well and what we can keep from COVID!

Improved Student Welfare  
Post pandemic and during a lot of people are going to require welfare support and there is a lot of room for collaboration within the University and between SU roles for campaigns to improve student welfare and create a sense of togetherness to ensure students are not alone in difficult times! Let's be the voice and make this happen!

I'm a Student Nurse advocating for patients who would like to now help and advocate for students to ensure their voice is accurately heard and represented within the university!

**I'll Listen - Together lets make change**



# Vote Megan [1]

## for VP Voice



**Megan Simmons**

**Final year Law student**

**My Experience:**

- Voice Zone Exec Officer 20/21
- Secretary of the Mountaineering Club 20/21
- Citizens Advice Assessor 20/21
- Super Angel 20/21
- Law Careers Officer of the Law Society 19/20
- Freshers Angel 19/20

## Hybrid Learning

- Fight for consistency with hybrid learning across different courses.
- Adapt timetabling policy to account for digital exams.
- Review assessment structure across all modules, including digital exams.
- Encourage use of live discussions/lecture Q&A's throughout all courses.



## Liberation

- Establish a link between clubs/societies and the Liberation Network.
- Use the 'Let's Talk' series and calendars to bring awareness to culture.
- Spread out liberation campaigns and events throughout the year.
- Host an "Empowered Surrey" event at the beginning of the year.

## Feedback & Comms

- Continue raising student opinions and feedback with management.
- Work on cultural change for staff and students using Unitu to feedback.
- Improve the communication of Key Union concepts (Exec, Zones, etc).
- More consistency with Union Comms across different media channels.

**For more information on my campaign:**

@meganimpactonsurrey

www.facebook.com/  
meganimpactonsurrey

# #MakeaMEGANImpact





# VOTE NDUKA [1] FOR VP VOICE

2<sup>ND</sup> YEAR ELECTRICAL & ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING  
PRESIDENT, AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN SOCIETY - 20/21  
AMERICAN FOOTBALL MEMBER

## LOCALISE THE UNION

- Have societies elect or appoint a UNION LIASON officer during their AGM's
- The union has a wide range of useful resources & initiatives available to students
- The problem is they are underutilised – The average student feels disconnected from the Students Union
- Societies have greater influence over different sects of the student base as they are headed by elected reps.
- A Union Liaison officer will raise student awareness on union resources like Unitu & Make Your Change, by students simply being involved in their favourite societies

## BRIDGE THE GAP

- Following the societal wide engagement with the African & Caribbean Societies #SURREYACSTOTHEWORLD campaign, will introduce a union campaign #SURREYSTUDENTSTOTHEWORLD
- This aims to give a voice to various student sects (i.e., students from marginalised communities, nursing students, etc.) to speak about their experience in university communities and societies.
- This would encourage more students from these groups to take part in union & societal initiatives.

## FLEXIBLE COVID RECOVERY

- Ensure student concerns with assessment & hybrid learning are considered on university decision making committees
- Introduce an Audio comms platform enabling interaction between on & off campus students.

Endorsed  
By:



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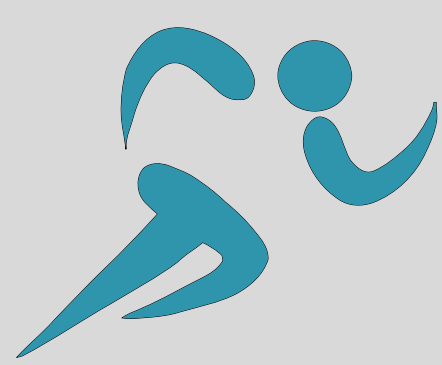
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NDUKA MARC ANTHONY NDUKA-EZE

# #NDUKA2021



# POLI YANEVA



## FOR



VP VOICE



### ABOUT ME ?

- Final Year BSc Computing and Information technology undergraduate (CIT)
- Course Representative of the CIT course for 3 years
- Student Representative of the FEPS Faculty in the Student Success Sub-committee
- Social Secretary of the CompSoc Society

## MAKE A CHANGE TOGETHER #1



- Lobby the university to improve transport links with Hazel Farm
- Fight for affordable living and lower rents
- Boost employability

## COURSE REPS & FEEDBACK #2



COURSE REPS

- Prioritise the student voice
- Improve the quality of education from student feedback
- More support for the Course Reps

## UNIVERSITY RANKING #3



- Work to raise the student satisfaction
- Aim to improve the quality of teaching
- Work with the Employability and Careers Centre



## OTE FOR ME

### I WOULD NEVER:

- Give you up
- Let you down
- Run around
- Desert you
- Make you cry
- Say goodbye
- Tell a lie
- Hurt you



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# VOTE SOPHIE FOR VP VOICE



*Reliable, empathetic,  
great listener*

## ABOUT ME

- Final year **International Tourism Management**
- **Multilingual**: Native French & English, Spanish and level 2 British Sign Language (so come chat with me in any language!!)
- **Course Rep** 2018-21
- **Event Coordinator** of Food & Wine Society 2020-21
- **Student Ambassador** 2018-21

## COURSE REPS

- Improve their learning & development by providing them with ongoing support and training throughout the year including tips and tricks, thus improving quality of education
- Improve the use of MySurrey Voice

## ASSIGNMENT FEEDBACK

- Poor league table rankings due to poor feedback so have standardised feedback sheets consistent in all modules with what went well and what could be improved
- Normalise having 1-1 sessions with lecturer to discuss feedback

## HIDDEN DISABILITIES

- Increase awareness of hidden disabilities such as deaf/hard of hearing (I myself am partially deaf) to give them a voice and represent them through educational video campaigns
- Support issues faced by the disabled community throughout the year



**COURSE REPS**



To find out more:  
Sophie Babeau  
insta: sophieforvpvoice

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**VOICE ZONE**

**Zone Committee**



# VOTE AK[1] FOR VOICE ZONE COMMITTEE

I Am...



**Akshaya Mohan**

- Final year Law student
- MUNSOC President for two years
- Course-rep for three years
- Organised the inaugural SurreyMUN Conference
- Caseworker for domestic abuse victims
- Caseworker for death row inmates in the US
- Head Editor, The Legal Amity
- Ex 'Mooting Officer', Surrey Law Society

I Intend To Be...

**#YourVoice**

I Want To Accomplish...

## TRANSPERANCY AND COMMUNICATION

- Including access to Unitu from the MySurrey App
- Making information about Society AGMs and EGMs available through Social Media and emails too

## LIBERATION REPS

- Including Liberation Reps in the Exec for minority student groups to be effectively represented in the Students' Union
- Holding Liberation Rep elections along with Surrey Decides for more participation in and awareness about the Liberation network

## COURSE-REPS

- Increasing awareness about Unitu and optimising Unitu to include all cohorts, especially Placement students.
- Introducing a 'School Rep' for every school who can consolidate school-wide feedback from Course-reps and represent each School as a pre-invited observer in the Exec.



[akforyourvoice](#)



[Akshaya Mohan](#)



# VOTE ALEKSANDRIA RUSIMOVA FOR VOICE ZONE COMMITTEE



**Vote for Ally to be your ally**

Hello, Aleksandria is here! A little bit about myself: I am 20-year-old ordinary girl, originally from Bulgaria, mentally from all around the world. I am a first-year student, majoring in International Relations. I am endorsed by Politics Society and Bulgarian Society, and next year I am going to be Vice-President of Politics Society.

I would focus on increasing the activity in societies and providing new students, especially non-UK ones, with information about how important it is to be active in university and to make the full out of the years that you are studying.

I want to continue with the good work on listening to students' voices with monthly hearings where students would share how to improve the university experience or with specific problems that they do not feel comfortable sharing through an email.

I would like to focus on better communication between students and academics. Coronavirus made the connection harsher and we should focus on improving it for us and future generations.

● You can contact me here: ●

 alexrusimova160

 alxndrrs  alexandriarusi



# VOTE **DESI** [1] FOR VOICE ZONE



*Your voice will be heard!*



- I am Desi and I study BSc Politics and Economics at Surrey. This is my final year at undergraduate level and I will continue with MSc. I am currently a **Course Representative** (2018/19; 2020/21), liaising with academic staff in order to resolve any issues raised by students
- I have been a **Super Angel** (2019/20; 2020/21), welcoming new students, supporting them during their first days at university, leading a team of Fresher's Angels
- I have also been a **Meet and Greet**/Student Helper (2019), meeting prospective students, escorting them around the campus and Guildford, as well as advising them regarding the available courses

## **D**EMOCRACY

- Improving the **communication** between the academic staff and students, a key for better representation of **students' interests**
- **Accountability** in relation to University decisions in terms of the future of the student community

## **E**QUALITY

- Everyone should be able to express their views, regardless of background, race, gender, etc.
- **Respect** is fundamental for the establishment of a supportive community

## **S**UPPORT

- **Assessments and feedback** – there is a need for creation of clear criteria, regarding the structure and quality of feedback, which is essential for the improvement in future assessments, leading to **higher student satisfaction**
- Extenuating Circumstances – due to COVID-19, students are stressed and under a lot of pressure. Therefore, the availability of self-certification should be extended in the future in order to help students during difficult times



**COURSE REPS**

## **I**nclusion

- Students should be **part of the decision-making process**, concerning the structures of their modules, the captured content and the assessment pattern
- Course Representatives should be the link between students and academic staff, helping **students' voices to be heard**



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*Your voice will be heard!*

# VOTE **DESI** [1] FOR VOICE ZONE

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# A BRIGHTER FUTURE

## ABOUT ME

My name is Hugo Montford, I am a first year undergraduate student.

I study Politics BSc.

I am a part of the university's disability and neurodiversity group.

I am running to be part of the voice zone committee.



## MY IDEAS

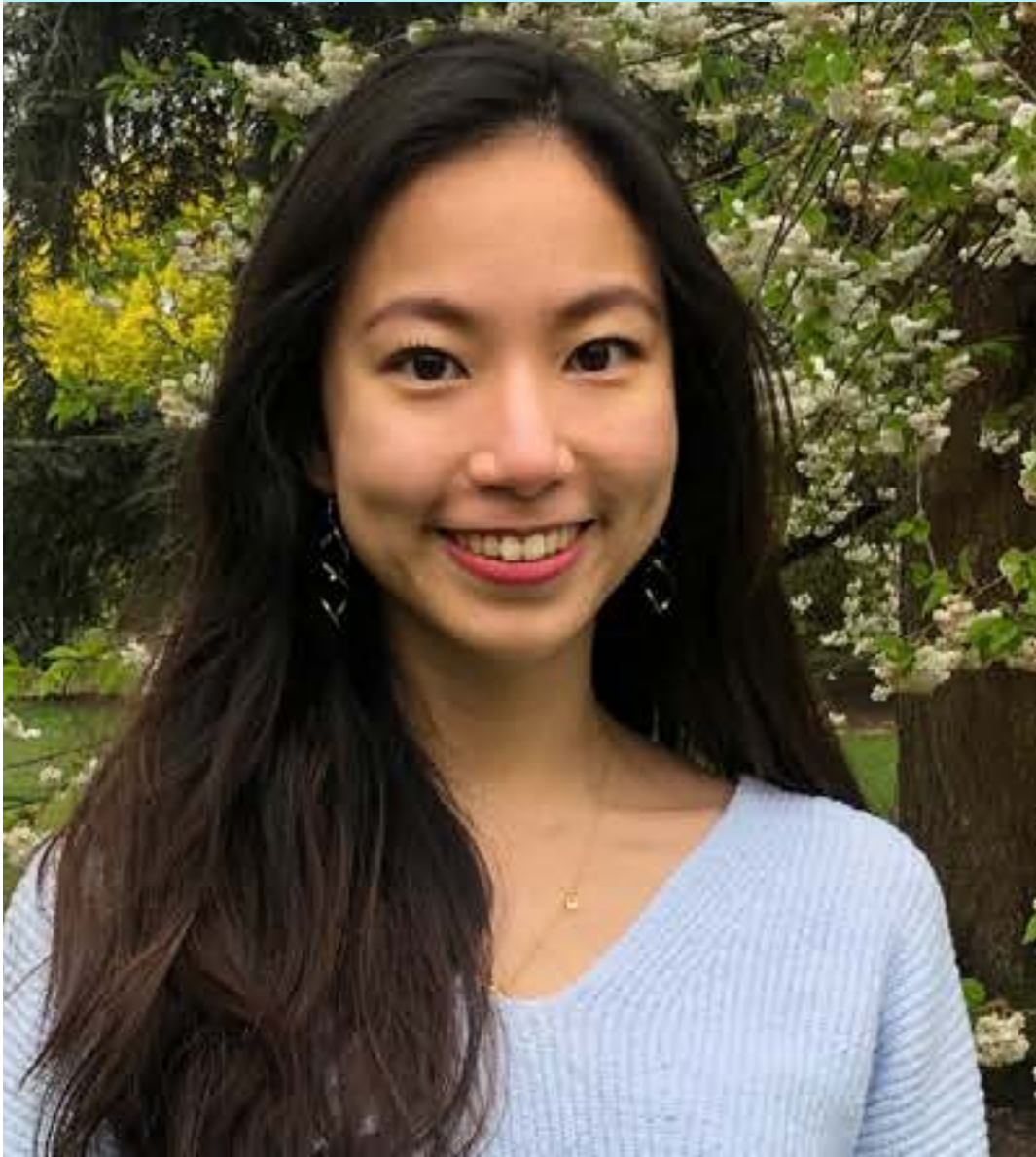
To advocate the return of in person lectures at the beginning of the next academic year, under current projections it will be safe to do so.

To try to keep essay based assignments online, it is something which I feel has worked well with online learning.

To introduce regular polling on the most important issues for students, to be able to be better represented.



# VOTE MICHELLE FOR VOICE ZONE



 @MICHELLE4VOICE

I am passionate about ensuring that every student has their voice heard as a course rep, and hope to continue to do so for all students!

MSc. Human Resources Management  
Course rep of the month x2  
Postgraduate Marketing Ambassador

## 1. IT'S TIME TO LISTEN

I would like to use union feedback channels to **encourage students to voice their ideas and solutions about specific COVID-19 related issues** we have faced this year so that we can ensure the resources and support are allocated to the most heavily impacted areas.

## 2. REPRESENTATION FOR ALL

Every student should feel as though their voice is represented, heard and celebrated. I want to work with the Voice Zone to help **build engagement, interest and society involvement in the Liberation Network** for underrepresented groups such as BAME, LGBTQ+, disabled and neurodivergent students. I'd also like to **amplify the voices of smaller communities**, including postgraduate, placement, commuting and mature students.

## 3. COURSE REPS

I would like to continue **building the rep toolkit and create a community** group where reps can **share their experiences and progress, inspiring and helping each other to collectively improve**. Course reps should be seen as 'partners' to academic staff, collaborating and working together. Reps need to be given more support to gain the experience they need to successfully do so.



# SOPHIE ALDOUS [1]

## FOR VOICE ZONE

### WHERE SHOULD I LIVE NEXT YEAR?

i will push for the creation of a space for people to share their experience with housing in Guildford with a clear guide of what to check when house hunting. I want to ensure students know how much is too much with rent and provide them with the information they need so noone is taken advantage of.

### I NEED HELP, WHO CAN I TALK TO?

I want to make it easier for people to ask for help - I personally find the system very clinical and want to make it easier and more anonymous to ask for extra resources and assistance, whether academic or non-academic. We all need help sometimes, but the majority of us never end up asking for it, and I want to fix that!

### SO YOU'VE GOT A COMPLAINT, WHO DO YOU TALK TO?

There are so many people you can talk to at the University of Surrey that sometimes you might end up feeling a bit lost, which is why I want to make the signposting clearer for who to talk to to get the best advice. If you have a specific query about anything, there should be effectively a tree map of people you can search down until you find who to contact.

#### EXPERIENCE:

- 2021/22 President of MechSoc
- 2019/20 Wellbeing Champion
- Current Course Rep
- Student Engagement Researcher



Contact me if you have any questions!  
[sa02491@surrey.ac.uk](mailto:sa02491@surrey.ac.uk)



# **ACTIVITY ZONE**

**VP Activity**



❖ Communication ❖ Engagement ❖  
❖ Employability ❖ Performance ❖

A portrait of a young man with short dark hair, smiling broadly. He is wearing a blue jacket. The background is a blurred outdoor setting with a Ferris wheel and other structures.

VOTE

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ALEX



@alex4activity

## FOR VP ACTIVITY

### ❖ Enhance Union/Club/Society Relationships ❖

Establishing a personal rapport with Clubs and Societies. Streamlining information. Consult Clubs and Societies to ensure Union can provide the best student experience.

### ❖ Reduce Barriers to Clubs/Societies ❖

Implement a 'Bring a Buddy' scheme to increase participation and engagement across Clubs and Societies.

### ❖ Employability Skills ❖

Providing a platform to help students demonstrate their transferable skills gained from Club/Society experience and facilitate their use during interviews and future careers.

About me: Boat Club Vice-President 20/21, Boat Club Captain 19/20, Triathlon Club Member 20/21, Freshers Angel 19/20, 300+ hours Surrey Volunteering, Undergraduate in Criminology.





**in** AMY OBI

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**@AMYFORACTIVITY**

ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE STUDENT

ACTIVITY ZONE PART-TIME OFFICER – 20/21

AFRICAN AND CARIBBEAN SOCIETY MEMBER

LEVEL 1 MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS

WOMEN'S RUGBY MEMBER

#WOKESURREY MEMBER

POWERLIFTER

SAXOPHONIST



## AMY OBI [1] FOR VP ACTIVITY

### DIVERSITY

- Increase people of colour in sport
- Introduce sports managers in societies
- Employable Me - greater emphasis on promoting to minority groups

### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Entrepreneur panel - Surrey Student Enterprise
- Add personal development books to BibliU - Book of the semester/month
- Employable Me - Personal Development Campaign
- Tackling mental health in physical activity

### PARTICIPATION

- Sports Day - Open to all students
- Crossovers between Clubs and Societies
- Campaigns - This Girl Can and Locker Room Talk
- Promotion of Get Involved Week and taster sessions

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# VOTE BEN FOR VP ACTIVITY



## EXPERIENCE

- Surrey Taekwondo Vice President
- Former Surrey Taekwondo ITF Captain
- Team Surrey sports scholar

## MY PHILOSOPHY

Over my 4 years at university, I have realised the value of being active and how it positively impacts mental health and productivity. Therefore, my goal is to ensure that all students have the best opportunity to participate in sports to enhance their wellbeing and university experience.

## RETURN TO ACTIVITY

I want to make sure that those who may be feeling anxious or unmotivated regarding returning to sport due to the pandemic will be welcomed back with open arms. I also want to expand the intramural sport so that there will always be enough space for everyone to get involved.

## INTER-HALLS SPORT

I want to introduce regular sports matches between different accommodations (e.g. Battersea Court vs Surrey Court). I think this would be a great idea as not only would it get more people involved and excited about activity, it would also give students more of a sense of belonging to their accommodation.

## STREAMLINING CLUB MANAGEMENT

From personal experience, I have found that running a club can be time-consuming and tedious at times, especially with all the online meetings and files in all sorts of different places. I aim to streamline this process so that members of club committees can spend more time organising events and socials, which will benefit not just the members of the committee but all the members of the club.



@brw\_tkd

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# [1] BARLOW FOR VP ACTIVITY!



Hey, I'm **James Barlow!**  
I'm a 4th year BSc Accounting & Finance student, Surrey Business School Content Creator, dodgeballer, and ex-USSU Community Assistant. I'd love to be your next **VP Activity** so I can use my passion and enthusiasm to give back to the Activity Zone, and encourage the development of students, clubs & societies!



@BARLOW4VPACTIVITY  
@JAMESBARLOW07

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## PARTICIPATION:

TEAM SURREY



- 1) Address and improve BAME participation in sport
- 2) Day off-timetable for all students to experience Varsity
- 3) Host a 2nd "Girls Who Can" Session in Semester 2
- 4) Improve "Get Involved" week for societies & clubs

## WELLBEING:

- 5) De-stigmatise mental health in clubs & societies
- 6) Establish a post-session group walk scheme



## DEVELOPMENT:

Employable me 

- 7) Increase @UniOfSurrey marketing of clubs & societies
- 8) Enhanced skills sessions for committees

# #RAISETHEBAR!

VOTE [1] BARLOW, FROM MIDNIGHT 11TH MAY  
VIA USSU.CO.UK, OR YOUR STUDENT EMAIL!



# LEA FOR VP ACTIVITY!

A bubbly, bright, and free-spirited final year law student with a passion to help people find a way to love and express themselves unconditionally. I graduate this year, so I'll have every minute to dedicate to making your university experience the best it can be. Participating in clubs prior to university and during my time in university allowed me to flourish. I hope to shine a light on the importance of societies and activities because I believe that every one promotes self improvement and empowerment in its own way.



## LIBERATE

I believe everybody should be themselves unapologetically. I want to improve participation in societies by providing a safe place for them to make mistakes and get better, rather than being expected to be perfect from the start.

## ENTHUSIASM

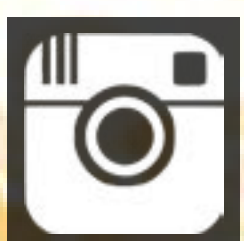
I'm easy to talk to and very approachable! In the end, I want to organize events that you'll remember years and years after you've graduated.

## I ALSO PLAN TO...

- better organize spaces for events hosted by societies to reduce disruptions.
- provide financial accessibility of societies especially with regards to sports.
- organize more workshops for people hoping to work on honing particular skills.

## ACCESSIBILITY

I hope to make clubs and societies more inclusive and accessible to all students.



@yeahyeahyeahparty







# Zac Minns

## [1] for VP Activity

I'm Zac. I studied a BSc in Mathematics and I'm currently studying an MSc in Management. In my 5 years at Surrey I have been involved in:

- Chairman of Men's Football
- Intramural Football Activator
- Men's and Women's Football Coach
- Maths Soc
- Chess Soc

### Participation

- Hold Active Freshers sessions throughout the year periodically
- Societies' collaborations with clubs; 1-1 meetings for society signatories with clubs
- Signatory-specific advice/ training for running trials and encouraging greater participation

### Communication & Outreach

- Detailed online template & guidance on communication at the start of the year for signatories
- Categorise Microsoft Teams channels by information to avoid clogging up Teams channels
- Improved coverage of sporting and societies' successes at all levels, intramural sport included
- Greater outreach to off-campus areas

### Support

- Develop and enhance wellbeing champions roles- wellbeing events, make wellbeing champions more well-known and accessible to members (E.g. offer mental health awareness training)
- Enhance and address club cultures
- Work closely with the vp support to promote wellbeing - particularly mental health and the benefit of societies and clubs to address issues such as loneliness

#ZACtivity  
@zac\_4\_vpactivity



# **ACTIVITY ZONE**

**Team Surrey  
Chair**



• **Zambian National Showjumping Team** • **Equestrian A Team 2014–21** • **Team Surrey Chair 2020/21** • **Support Zone 2019/20** • **Voice Zone 2017/18** • **Equestrian & Polo Signatory 2015–20** • **Postgraduate Society Signatory 2018–21** • **Arab Society Signatory 2018–21** • **Liberation Committee Representative 2017–19** •



# *Vote Diana [1]* TEAM SURREY CHAIR



## 1. Participation

- Produce an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion report. This would show clear discrepancies when it comes to participation.
- Networking event with Club & Society Signatories to share ideas and overcome perceptions.
- Encourage incorporation of EDI goals to club development plans.
- 'Girls Who Can' – bring back ambassadors and utilise them to their full potential. Also host one GWC event per semester. Use Surrey Moves to create momentum for the event

## 2. We are Team Surrey

- Bring more organised sport to campus by hosting intramural sport events monthly using mobile equipment (e.g. volleyball & tennis nets).
- Encourage clubs to engage with members through Surrey Moves – set up Teams/Clubs on the app. Non club students will also be encouraged to join groups, e.g. a walking group on the app.

## 3. Workshops

- Employable Me: how to describe your participation in your CV.
- Social Secretary Networking: invite all club social secs to a networking event to facilitate collaboration.
- Mental Health First Aid training to Wellbeing Champions and Signatories.



@dianadakik



@VoteDianaForTeamSurreyChair



# VOTE MAXWELL FOR TEAM SURREY CHAIR



Hi, I'm Maxwell Phillips.

I am a Placement Student, preparing to return to Surrey for the 3rd year of my Psychology Degree.

I have been an active member in Team Surrey, competing for the University in both Athletics and Rugby. I have also been a Course Rep and a Super Angel.

I'm running for Team Surrey Chair because I want to help people have the same enjoyment I have had from Team Surrey both inside and outside my playing time.

## INVOLVEMENT AND DIVERSITY

- Look to encourage more students to partake in Team Surrey activity.
  - Increase awareness and amount of social sessions for clubs.
  - Provide greater support for joining clubs at any time in the year.
- Campaign to widen awareness of the benefit of participation in sport and transfer in employability, as shown with the Employable Me Campaign.
- Create first diversity report since 2018 with VP activity, highlighting BAME representation in Team Surrey and increase participation of minority backgrounds.

## FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

- Encourage transparency in financial decisions taken in relation to Team Surrey Funding.
- Help improve clarity of funding from the University towards clubs in regard to initial budgets and seeking funding from Team Surrey.
- Work with SSP to help simplify membership prices for Team Surrey clubs.
- Work alongside committees to help make breakdown of membership prices more accessible and explainable to all new/potential joiners of the club as well as existing members.

## COMPETITIVE NATURE

- Seek to drive a culture of success and good competition at all levels of Team Surrey representation.
  - Look to help more clubs with easier transition into Team Surrey and therefore BUCS competition.
  - Aim to highlight Individual and team successes in BUCS throughout the season.
  - Work with SSP and VP Activity to help foster relationships between SSP affiliated clubs and Team Surrey to provide a pathway to elite sport.
- Aim to promote a competitive edge to Team Surrey, and provide a platform for all students to succeed in sport.

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# **ACTIVITY ZONE**

**Societies Exec  
Chair**



# Vote Pulkit Juneja [1] for Societies Chair

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@pulkit.juneja

Hi! I'm Pulkit Juneja. You might have spotted me wearing Above & Beyond's Hoodie at Hive or I might have served you some delicious food and fancy drinks at the Marquee. I am a Business Analytics Masters student who is passionate about improving clubs and societies for Surrey students. I have been a part of several societies and believe that it really is, an important thing to do as it brings a great impact on a student's university experience.

I love getting involved and engaged with clubs & societies and I wanted to use this passion of mine to bring a greater student experience for everyone.

Some of the things I've done in Past includes:

- Organised walking tours, food walks and events, engaging over 200+ students back in my school.
- 6 years of work experience in organising various types of events, providing excellent engagement.

## AWARENESS

There's a lack of awareness about the Societies amongst the students which I would want to focus on. If elected, I will make sure to get a compulsory introductory session on societies for new starters as well as people who aren't a part of any societies yet. I will also be promoting special societies events through a calendar which anyone can access, along with promoting societies through the TV Screens, social media and posters around the campus which would make the students aware of the things happening around along with the benefits of being in a society.

## ENGAGEMENT

Getting students to engage with Surrey Societies is quite challenging during the Covid times. I plan to tackle this by:

- Improving communication across all social platforms
- Proposing to offer paid societies subscription as a free trial along with restarting all the inactive societies and work on them.
- Proposing to organise various activities like walking tours, food walks or local trips every single month as and when it's possible.

## INVOLVEMENT

Providing more opportunities for students to get involved in societies throughout the year. I plan to do so by:

- Proposing to announce various perks like incentivising students to join any societies and engage in it, similar to what we have for SurreyMoves+
- Launching an anonymous feedback form for students who are a part of societies so we could improve if we are going wrong anywhere. Feedback always helps!



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# **ACTIVITY ZONE**

**Zone Committee**





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**COURSE REPS**



## **ADRIAN DIAKIDIS**

### **ACTIVITY ZONE COMMITTEE**

**ADRIAN HERE! I AM 21, A FIRST YEAR LAW AND POLITICS STUDENT, AND HAD THE HONOUR OF BEING COURSE REP.**

## **LETS GET BACK ON TRACK!**

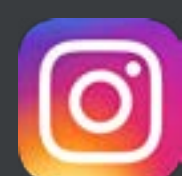
**LETS REVAMP THE WELLBEING CAMPAIGN TO FOCUS BOTH ON MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH, WITH THE ADDITION OF A NEW EFFORT TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT STUDENTS UNSURE OF HOW TO GET STARTED!**

**LETS WORK WITH SOCIETIES TO SET UP A NEW PROGRAMME WITH THE PURPOSE OF TRAINING THEIR MEMBERS FOR EMPLOYABILITY IN THE RELEVANT SECTORS!**

**LETS CREATE A NEW WEB OF CONNECTIONS BETWEEN SOCIETIES WITH NEW MASS COLABORATION EVENTS WHILE HELPING STUDENTS DISCOVER NEWFOUND INTERESTS!**

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**@\_DIAKIDIS**



# AMY FOR ACTIVITY ZONE

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Hi everyone! My name's Amy, I'm a second year Maths student and I'm currently the Treasurer of Netball for the second year running! I would love to be a part of your Activity Zone next year and if you have any questions about my manifesto, feel free to ask me :)



## FINANCING

- The expectation to be able to pay large sums of money, especially for sport, within the first couple weeks of semester is often unreasonable
- I'd like to implement a 'Payment Plan' scheme - those with financial issues can opt to pay their memberships in instalments instead.

## IMPORTANCE OF MENTAL HEALTH

- Encourage more clubs/societies to partake in mental health courses to gain a better understanding of the issues some students may face.
- I'd love to work with the Support Zone to host events allowing those affected by mental health to be able to speak out and recognise that they're not alone.

## VIRTUAL EVENTS

- As part of the Netball committee, we ran many 'Isolation Challenges' whereby students could get out and be active without the commitment to a whole training session.
- I plan to work with clubs/societies to run similar events alongside their normal activities to keep their members active but engaged, also benefiting those who may struggle in social situations.

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# VOTE ANNABEL FOR ACTIVITY ZONE



COURSE REPS



"To be is to do" - Socrates  
 "To do is to be" - Jean-Paul Sartre  
 "Do be do be do" - Frank Sinatra



Who am I?

A first-year Music student  
 DMM Course representative  
 Gospel and SSO Wellbeing Officer  
 Surrey String Orchestra Treasurer  
 A hobby enthusiast!



My aims

#AnnabelforActivity



1. To increase **awareness** of and participation in smaller societies - follow @surreysocs for more society info!



2. To create **social events** specifically for club presidents to facilitate them to collaborate and share ideas about what could be better improved

3. To advocate for more **physical activity** by encouraging attendance in the least one sports society - being active helps me to be more motivated to do my work :)

Exercise has been proven to improve mental (and physical) health, so I encourage everyone to join at least one sports society.

- I enjoy the tennis, dance, and gymnastics societies



Contact me:  
 as03408@surrey.ac.uk  
 via Facebook:  
 Annabel Sheridan



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Question Time evenings: 9th - 11th May  
 Voting on [ussu.co.uk](http://ussu.co.uk): 11th May - 15th May 19:00



# VOTE FOR THAT TALL, CURLY BOY (1) FOR ACTIVITY ZONE



Hi, I'm Eimantas Budrys! You can call me Eima or simply remember me as that tall, curly boy. ̄\\_(\ツ)\\_/̄

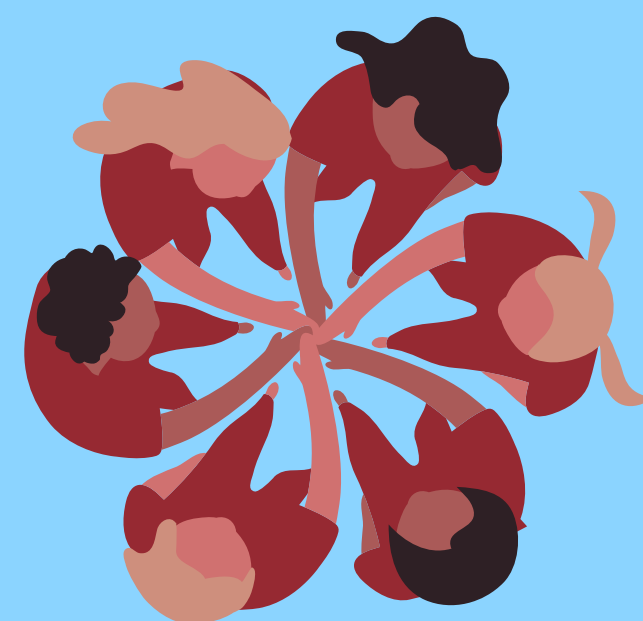
I am an active fresher here at Surrey:

- Course Rep
- Rowing for USBC
- Working with school staff
- THE Society Vice President

I think that our first year was nothing we expected coming to university. And there's nothing we can do to change it apart from making the next year better!

## EMPLOYABILITY

Hands-on opportunities, volunteering, talks - already involved with creating more opportunities for FASS students and that's just the start.

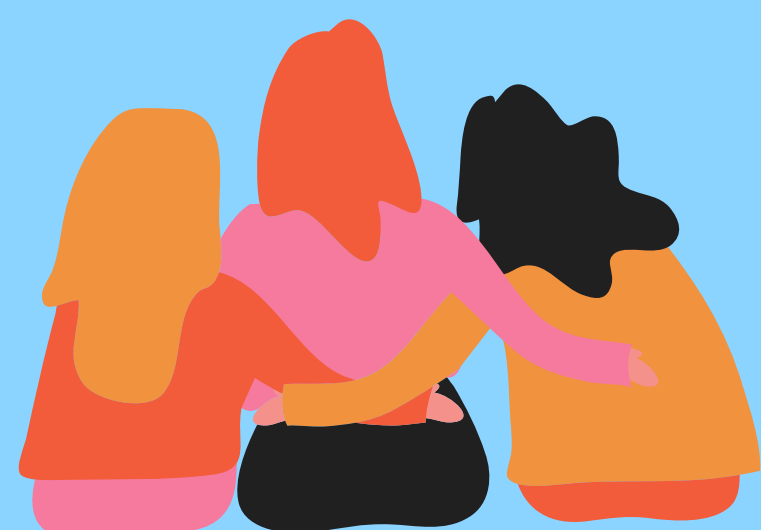


## FRESHERS

We didn't have much face-to-face going on for us this year - let's reconnect next year with socials, networking and sports events.

## MEMBERSHIPS

USBC set a great standard of treasurers offering to pay for memberships in a couple of instalments, I want to make this an optional training for conscious clubs.



## SMALLER AGMS

COVID showed that we can do with smaller AGMs, so let's keep those small, niche communities from going dormant or insure external communication training.

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# Rhys for Activity Zone Committee



## #1 Encourage people to join societies

Noone should feel like they are missing out at uni and societies is the best way to meet new friends :)

## #2 Socials at Rubix

Link with relevant societies to host rubix nights themed to their society, Disney Society and Poker Society



## #3 Putting activities to meet people outside your flat (assuming covid is not as significant)

- Bbq's
- Football
- Cards  
ect...
- For Manor Park and Hazel Farm, Rugby Pitch
- For Stag Hill on field by the lake

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# **SUPPORT ZONE**

**VP Support**



# Here to Listen



## VOTE CAT [1] FOR VP SUPPORT

We've had Let's Talk, now  
**Let's Listen** to students.

### Expand Peer Support

- Expand **Positive Minds** to include **Eating Disorder** support
- **Wellbeing Champions** to be given more guidance and support in their roles
- **Faculty Peer Support Groups** to aid peers when feeling stressed
- Support and expand **Nightline** and **Welfare Watch**.

### Underrepresented Students

- **Training** for uni **support services** on underrepresented student issues such as **LGBTQIA+, BAME students, Student Carers, those living with Disabilities**.
- Expand **How To Be An Ally** to include more student led topics



### Online Connectivity

- With **online learning** expected to continue, I will make sure that students on and **off campus** can feel **connected**
- **Online platform** for socialising and meeting others
- Increased **signposting** for support online for those away from campus
  - Placement Students
  - Commuters

### My Experience

- **Nightline** Committee 2017-2021
- **Lacrosse** Committee 2018/19
- Placement at **Great Ormond Street Hospital** 2019/2020
- Coordinator of **Nightline** 2020/21
- **Wellbeing Champion** 2020/21
- **PsychSoc** Committee 2020/21

Final year **Psychology** Student with extensive experience of working in **Mental Health**.

#CATCANLISTEN



@cat4vpsupport

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# Laura Mai Gainer (1)

## FOR VP SUPPORT @LGFORVP



Hello. 你好. أهلاً. नमस्ते. नमस्कार. Sannu.

I want to reduce student sexual harassment, mental health, and communication within the university, while keeping in mind COVID has left the SU with less funding than usual. I plan to implement ideas using the SU budget, events, and partnerships with charities/ companies, and increasing marketing efforts, so students are more aware of events.

For translations in other languages, and a visual dyslexia-friendly colour scheme

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**(SHE/ HER)**

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### WHAT THE REVIEWS SAY



"I THINK YOU'D BE SO GOOD FOR THAT HONEY... I LOVE YOU, I'M SO PROUD OF YOU"

- MY MOM



## REDUCE SEXUAL HARASSMENT

RUBIX BAR STAFF TRAINING FROM GOOD NIGHT OUT, STUDENT CAB FUND, CONTINUE ACTIVE BYSTANDER & CONSENT COURSES

## IMPROVE MENTAL HEALTH

GROUP THERAPY SESSIONS, SUPPORT GROUP AWARENESS, FUN EVENTS THAT RAISE AWARENESS FOR KEY ISSUES

## INCREASE COMMUNICATION

SURREY EMAILS AND WEBSITES IN KEY LANGUAGES, INTERNATIONAL STUDENT BUDDY SCHEME, DISABILITY REPRESENTATION ON SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS

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# VOTE LERI [1] FOR VP SUPPORT



- 4th year CrimSoc student
- Student Life Mentor 18/19
- Hive Mentor 18/19 and 20/21
- Peer Supporter 20/21
- Course Rep 20/21
- Exchange Buddy 20/21

## Making ECs Easier:

- Regular EC drop-in sessions.
- Clearer signposting on the process of ECs, e.g. how they work and what counts as evidence.

## SUPPORT RELATED EVENTS ON CAMPUS:

- More support related events on campus, e.g. dog therapy & mindfulness throughout the year.
- Creation of the "WellFair" in which all university support services are available for drop-in sessions, making themselves accessible to students. This will occur twice a year.



## International Student Support:

- Create an International Buddy Scheme to bridge the gap between international and home students.
- Introducing an International Student Survey with the aim of identifying how the university can support international students.

## SEXUAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING:

- Free STI kits, sanitary products, condoms and pregnancy tests available on all campuses in discrete and accessible locations.
- Bring back sexual health nurses on campus, with frequent appointment dates.



@leri4VPsupport



Leri for VP Support

**#WATCHINGTHEPEOPLEGETLERI**



# VOTE LUCY ROBINSON

## [1]

# FOR VP SUPPORT



@lucyforvpsupport

@lucyforvpsupport /  
Lucy Robinson for VP Support

@lucy4vpsupport

### WHO AM I?



- 4th year Masters student in Mathematics
- Support Zone Part-Time Officer (2020/21)
- President of USSU Theatre Society (2020/21)
- Sustainability Ambassador (2020)
- Member of Maths Society (2017 - 2021)
- A part of Staff-Student Research Partnership (2020)
- Studied abroad for a year in Los Angeles (2018/19)

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### COMMUNITY

Utilising the growth of MS Teams to create cohort teams for different degree disciplines. As well as designated groups for post-grads, placement, study abroad, commuting, and international students. A lot of these student groups already have 'unofficial' WhatsApp or Facebook groups; having teams set up will ensure all qualifying students are involved.

### ACCESSIBILITY

Building on the work done this year, I will move towards making the center of campus more accessible, starting with a ramp into the Starbucks/Rubix area. I will also formally create and maintain an Accessibility Committee, who would be consulted on all projects and potential access issues.

### INFORMATION

To make information with relation to the support provided by Disability and Neurodiversity, and who can access it, more readily available. I will create infographics and flyers that can be distributed to students through personal tutors and directly to freshers, including information on how to get support and who/what qualifies for EC's.

**VOTE NOW**

VOTING OPENS TUESDAY 11TH - 15TH MAY via [USSU.CO.UK](http://USSU.CO.UK)



#ICAN'TFINDAHACHETAG

# HACHE [1] FOR VP SUPPORT



HACHE FOR  
VP SUPPORT



@HACHE4SUPPORT

3rd year **International Events Management Executive Support** Zone **PTO** (20-21)  
**Signatory** DeBeNeLux Society (18-21)  
**Wellbeing Champ.** DeBeNeLux & T.H.E (20-21)  
**Self-Isolation Buddy** (20-21)  
Part of the **Liberation Network** (20-21)  
**Welfare Watch** Volunteer (20-21)  
Lived in **4 countries** & speak **5 languages**



## SAFER CAMPUS

- **More security cameras** on campus
- **Lights on** on streets **between campuses**
- **Consent** course in Accommodation **Induction**
- More **diverse training** for campus **security**

## LIBERATION & EQUALITY

- **Permanent** service: **Free Sanitary Products**
- **Dyslexia-friendly fonts** in teaching & comms
- Easier **transition to UK-uni- life** for all **international students**

## WELLBEING & SUPPORT

- More **diversity** in **student-led support** services
- Start "**Make a Friend**" scheme
- Advertise **Self-help** tools when **waiting for** support services **appointments**



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# ORESHIA THOMAS VP SUPPORT



I'm a final year Law with International Relations student. As a Course Rep for Law and Politics, it ignited a passion within me to ensure students receive the support they deserve and are not ill-treated by an institution...

## SAFETY: 'PICK ME, CHOOSE ME, LOVE ME'

Ensuring that campus is a safe and grounded home for students of all race, gender and sexuality.  
[Improving street lights on and off campus]

Safety is not only exclusive to those on campus, ensuring our off campus students living around the area is kept safe as well [Extended patrol by security in predominantly student areas]

## EDUCATION'S REALLY GOOD

Ignorance is no longer a valid argument. Ensuring our students are prepared, educated and well-informed about peer issues, current affairs and societal changes is a University's duty.

[Mandatory consent course, opinion boxes around campus & fortnight check-ins via social media]

## DIVERSITY JUST WANTS TO BE... APPRECIATED

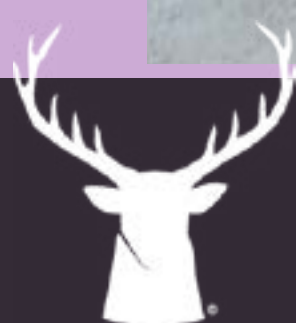
Structural oppression is real and minority fears are valid. I hear you and the university will too.

[More diverse forms of scholarships for ethnic minorities/international students, further accessibility to Hardship Fund]



**#NOVOICEGOES  
UNHEARD**

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# **SUPPORT ZONE**

**Zone Committee**



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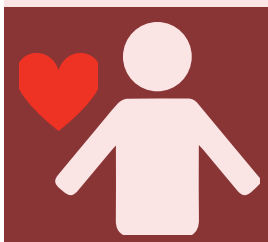
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# AMI {1} for SUPPORT ZONE



## LIFE BEYOND COVID

- Let's talk about sex! - regular SHAG day
- Tackle homesickness & loneliness + awareness
- "What about" - student life video-series



## SAFETY ALL AROUND

- Free self-defense classes
- By-stander training available for everyone
- Push for Ask For Angela in Rubix



## HELP THEM HELP YOU

- International Student Support Conversation
- Push for they/them pronouns
- Rubix Entry app Security feature

3<sup>rd</sup> year biomedical engineer

FEPS prize for Promoting Social Responsibility

MechSoc president & social media 19/21

Archery wellbeing champ 20/21

SuSnow wellbeing champ 20/21

Positive Minds Facilitator 20/21

Movember Ambassador 20/21

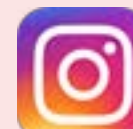
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# #AIM FOR AMI



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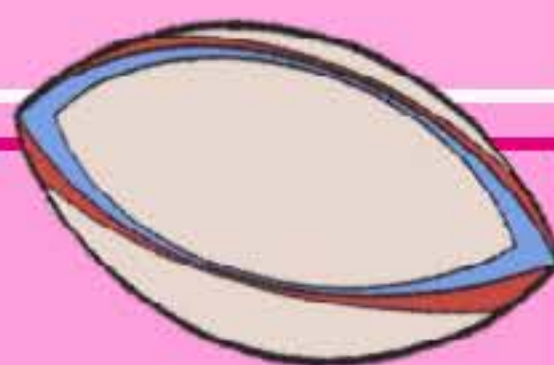
# KATIE CRUMP [1] FOR SUPPORT ZONE

2<sup>nd</sup> Year Technical Theatre & Stage Management

Member of Surrey Women's Rugby Team • Member of WOKE • Member of Film Soc



 **CRUMPYXO**



## REGAIN HOBBIES

- Supporting societies
- Helping anxieties around joining new sports teams
- Weekly signatory drop-ins

## DEVELOPMENT OF WELLBEING

- Nightline texting service
- Group and individual support meetings
- Wellbeing 'check ups'



## MARQUEE REVAMP

- Game nights
- Themed evenings
- Quiet times for people with sensory issues



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# VOTE LIAM [1]

## FOR SUPPORT ZONE



2<sup>nd</sup> Year Psychology Student



Service Coordinator  
for Surrey Nightline



Member of Ballroom and  
Latin Dance Club



Rubix team member

## SUPPORT FOR ALL

### Consent

- Increase awareness about harassment and sexual assault through social media campaigns and events
- Encourage committee members and Rubix staff to complete the consent course

### Conversation

- Provide content that gives a platform for students, staff, and Sabbs to talk about their wellbeing experiences
- Run workshops to promote listening skills, teaching people how they can support others in times of need
- Publicise services that provide students safe spaces to talk about their feelings such as Nightline and Student Minds

### Clarity

- Maximise awareness about support services through posters on campus, social media posts, and university emails
- Redesign how support services are advertised, clearly explaining their roles and the ways they can support you
- Run publicity campaigns about how to provide feedback for these services so they can be improved

### Get in touch!



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Liam White



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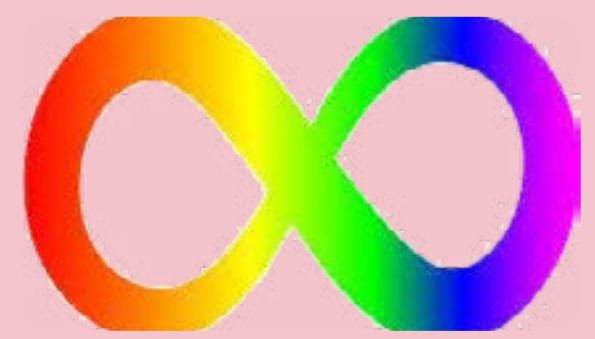


# VOTE LYDIA FOR SUPPORT ZONE

I'm just finishing the second year of my BSc physics course and heading on placement next year. I was diagnosed with autism just over a year before joining University. This totally changed my understanding of autism and helped me to realise the many challenges faced by people with hidden disabilities. I am passionate about spreading awareness of hidden disabilities, especially autism, as I feel there are many misconceptions. Making the university more inclusive will be a benefit to all.



## RAISE AWARENESS AND UNDERSTANDING OF HIDDEN DISABILITIES



Before my diagnosis, I did not understand autism. It has taken time to understand the diversity of Autism and the wide impact it can have on people's lives. I am really passionate to raise awareness and understanding of autism. Working with individuals with hidden disabilities is key to creating an inclusive environment. With this in mind, I would love to work with a range of students with hidden disabilities raising awareness of these disabilities and how we as a university community can support these individuals.



## MENTAL HEALTH

I am aware that many of us have found the last year particularly challenging. I am aware that this has had a huge impact on mental health.

I want to speak up for positive student mental health as we find a way to adapt and continue our university life.



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Hi! I'm Margherita and I'm a second year International Relations student. My main aims are to reach more students with resources, improve students awareness of their rights when renting and increase accessibility for social events.



## VOTE MARGHERITA

For support zone committee



### OUTREACH

- ENSURE THAT MORE STUDENTS ARE REACHED BY THE UNION THROUGH BETTER ADVERTISEMENT AND PHYSICAL CAMPAIGNS
- INTRODUCE VIDEOS ON CONSENT DURING FRESHER'S WEEK
- CREATE EASIER TO USE RESOURCES WHERE STUDENTS CAN FIND SUPPORT

### HOUSING

- CREATE A WEBSITE BACKED BY THE UNIVERSITY WHERE STUDENTS CAN RATE THEIR RENTING EXPERIENCE
- ORGANISE RESOURCES AND EVENTS TO RAISE STUDENTS AWARENESS OF THEIR RIGHTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

### ACCESSIBILITY

- HOST FRESHER'S WEEK EVENTS AT VENUES SUCH AS THE LAKE AND MARQUEE
- ORGANISE SOCIAL EVENTS DURING THE AFTERNOON TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE ON STUDENTS WHO DON'T WANT TO DRINK
- CREATE AWARENESS OVER INVISIBLE DISABILITIES





## NUMA FOR SUPPORT ZONE



**#NUMANUMAYAY**  
**#NUMA4SUPPORT**

- Brought ArtSoc back in my first year and became president for 20/21
- Course Representative for 20/21

“  
I'm a 2nd year in Biochemistry. I love to get involved with student life and am always advocating for others. Vote for me and know I won't be afraid to do what it takes for you to be supported whilst at uni.  
”

## STUDENT LONELINESS

Introduce Support Reps, similar to the concept of course reps but for wellbeing and supporting peers. Having a student that you can go talk to or sit with in your classes could be what eases and encourages students to get involved with wider aspects of uni life, make friends and not feel alone.

It can be daunting getting help or signing up to services. Introducing more middle tier low-commitment schemes would increase the breadth of support available and ease of engagement for a wider range of students. Examples of initiatives:

- Cultural specific mental health talks in societies
- Art therapy, meditation and comfort initiatives
- Relationship with food awareness activities

## MENTAL HEALTH

## DIVERSITY AND AWARENESS

The Let's Talk scheme is amazing for providing a platform for students to discuss issues. I want to see more engagement and wider topics discussed. We can push this scheme through encouragement from societies getting involved. Having open mic nights can open up discussions and allows diverse experiences to be expressed. I want to see more culture and understanding on campus.

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# **COMMUNITY ZONE**

**VP Community**



# VOTE NAT [1] FOR VP COMMUNITY



Hi, I'm Nathaniel (Nat); I'm a fourth year Business Management with Marketing student and current Community Zone Officer. I aim to further increase live entertainment, showcase events and accessible support for every student at Surrey. I aim to further promote sustainability and safety at Surrey as well.

@NatforVPCommunity



- Community Zone Exec Officer | Course Rep x 4 yrs | Validation Rep x 4 yrs
- Welfare Watch Volunteer | Events Director and C-19 Officer - Business Society
- Operations Manager and C-19 Officer - TEDx | Events Manager - Business Society 19/20
- Contributor - SUBCULTURED Magazine 19/20 | Placement Course Rep of the Year 19/20
- Super Angel 18/19 | Student Ambassador x 3 yrs | Treasurer - Business Society 18/19
- Founder and President - Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations (AMP) Society 18/19
- Liberation Rep [Black Students' Officer] 17/18 | Student Rep - Zero Carbon Guildford

## MORE ENTERTAINMENT & SHOWCASE EVENTS:

- + Create an end-of-term Winter Showcase run synchronously across different campus venues
- + Launch Surrey Film Festival with other Southern Unions to showcase student talent at Surrey
- + Launch a weekly 'Business of' series with the Activity Zone featuring our alumni communities
- + Produce a semesterly events calendar via the Events Network with more socials for students

## MORE SUSTAINABILITY & SOCIAL ENTERPRISE:

- + Continue to expand #SustainableSurrey and further integrate postgraduate student research
- + Launch a *Ballot Bin by Every Bench* sub-campaign across Surrey to reduce cigarette butt litter
- + Promote sustainable start-ups launched by students in collaboration with Student Enterprise
- + Work with local organisations and schools on sustainability projects, such as cloud kitchens

## WIDER PUBLICITY & COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

- + Launch a virtual weekend Global Café including watch parties and Community Zone updates
- + Launch an annual Wellbeing & Diversity Festival in collaboration with local charities in Surrey
- + Launch overnight rooms for students feeling unsafe or commuting from Rubix / late events
- + Promote Surrey's community online with episodic content from students on Union channels

Endorsed by:





# Vote Pete Ferguson



*#HitItFergie*



## *"Anyone Can Cook"*

- **Campus Cookout**, Community days with free meals
- Collaboration and expansion of **Surrey Food Co-op**
- Student led **food education programmes**

## *Improved Accommodation*

- 1 to 1 ratio on new low to high band accommodation
- Ensuring **affordable rent** for student accommodation
- Diversify university budget away from rent reliance

## *Reclaiming Campus*

- **Live performances** and events around campus
- Working to **improve night safety** at the university
- **Reclaiming campus** for student activities

## *Ethics and Sustainability*

- **Ensure sustainability** in university supply chains
- **Increased transparency** in investments and funding
- Ethical partnerships with businesses and careers

## *About Me*

- Final year International Politics student
- President of Surrey People and Planet (2020/21)
- Deputy editor and Vice President of The Stag (2020/21)
- Volunteer with Surrey Food Co-op
- "A lovely boy" - Cath Ferguson

   @Pete4USSU



# [1] VP Community



@sam4vpcommunity

# #GETJAMMIEWITH SAMMY



**culture**

campus charity & swap shop // permanent food  
co-op // revamp starbucks lounge // campus  
murals // late-night coffee shop openings

**cohesiveness**

Hazel park: more benches & common room  
revamp // PG lecture series // postcode parties for  
second/third years // clan wars

**publicity**

centralise SU & university calendar //  
instagram initiative #notjustthehighstreet



# **COMMUNITY ZONE**

**RAG Chair**



# Vote Dan [1] For RAG Chair



## About Me

- 2ND YEAR VET STUDENT
- MOVEMBER STUDENT AMBASSADOR 2017, 2018
- MOVEMBER COMMITTEE MEMBER 2020
- AUTISOC TREASURER 2018

## RAG Culture

- CONTINUE BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE WORK DONE BY PREVIOUS RAG CHAIRS
- WORK WITH RAG REPRESENTATIVES TO GET MORE PEOPLE INVOLVED AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT RAG
- INCREASE SOCIAL MEDIA PROFILE, PARTICULARLY THE INSTAGRAM AND FACEBOOK PAGES



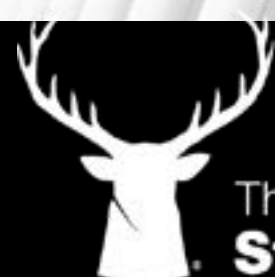
## Transparency

- HAVE A FUNDRAISING TOTAL FOR RAG UPDATED MONTHLY
- FUNDRAISING TARGET FOR THE YEAR OF £50K, WITH AT LEAST £10K GOING TO OUR TWO UNION CHARITIES
- CELEBRATE FUNDRAISING ACHIEVEMENTS FROM CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND INDIVIDUALS- 'FUNDRAISER OF THE MONTH'



## Events

- RUN 2 EVENTS IN THE BASEMENT EACH SEMESTER TO RAISE MONEY FOR RAG CHARITIES
- ENCOURAGE CLUBS AND SOCIETIES TO COLLABORATE TO MAKE EVENTS LARGER AND MORE SUCCESSFUL
- ORGANISE A SUCCESSFUL AND ENTERTAINING RAG WEEK



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# **COMMUNITY ZONE**

**Zone Committee**



# **VOTE DANI FOR COMMUNITY ZONE**



**IF YOU WANT A  
SAFER SURREY  
AND MORE  
EVENTS!**



**Hi! I'm Dani - a Biochemistry student currently on placement at the Union!**

**I aim to re-build and recover our Surrey community post-COVID through new events and will bring in the option for students to vote for upcoming events!**

**I am dedicated towards a safer Surrey for all and want to implement more safety measures around campus to ensure each and every student feels confident and safe around campus at any time of day!**



# VOTE ELINA FOR

## COMMUNITY ZONE

I AIM TO IMPROVE STUDENT EXPERIENCE

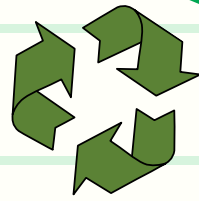


### VOLUNTEERING

- Monthly **NEWSLETTER**
- **ONLINE** opportunities
- Extra-Curricular Projects  
**AMBASSADORS**
- Duke of Edinburgh  
**AWARD**

### SUSTAINABILITY

- Continuing the **#SustainableSurrey** campaign with more events and opportunities to get involved



### EMPLOYABILITY

- **WORKSHOPS** on showcasing skills gained through extra-curricular activities
- EmployableMe + Student Enterprise **OPPORTUNITIES**



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# VOTE KJ [1] FOR COMMUNITY ZONE—VOTE KJ [1] FOR COMMUNITY ZONE

## ABOUT ME

Hey Everyone! My name is KJ! I'm a second year English Literature student who is not afraid to advocate for change and improvement when it comes to our local student community. I am currently a student ambassador, course and community representative which has given me a first-hand insight into our student community. As a queer visual artist, I understand what it takes to create and maintain a close community and this is exactly what I intend to do through my pledges.

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## #LightUpTheWayWithKJ



Endorsed by LitSoc

### #LightUpTheLake

The Lake is one of our most beautiful features. However, when the sun sets, the area becomes so dark, and possibly dangerous? Having a lighting system in this area will ease anxiety within students and establish a safer community on campus. We could definitely set up a cute, moderately lit path to brighten up our dark winter days! Talks have already occurred between the current President and University faculty regarding campus lighting, therefore, I pledge to join the effort and promote action.

### #BringUpThe-

The Basement is a fantastic venue found at the heart of campus, often times overlooked in favour of its big cousin, Rubix. I plan to create more events to take place in the basement, featuring student DJ's who could eventually move their way up to Rubix. This would not only give our talented student DJ's the opportunity to showcase their skills, but it would also provide a social place for students who don't necessarily vibe with the hectic and crowded nature of Rubix.

### #WorkshopWithKJ

Coming to university is a daunting experience for all students, but LGBTQ+ students face an even bigger hurdle in the form of prejudice, discrimination and alienation. I wholeheartedly pledge to implement an LGBTQ+ Workshop in fresher's week. Every student would be welcome and the session would focus on connecting likeminded individuals as well as ensuring that our LGBTQ+ community, especially the BAME and trans individuals, feel safe, accepted and heard.



@KJ4CommunitySurrey



Karim Acolina

STUDENT AMBASSADOR | COURSE REPRESENTATIVE | COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE | R.A.G OFFICER LITSOC 20/21



# VOTE MATT [1] FOR COMMUNITY ZONE



2nd Year at Surrey  
Politics and Economics Student  
Course Rep  
Treasurer for Running and Athletics  
Freshers Angel 2020

Endorsed by:



Athletics



Dodgeball



MADSoc



Politics

## INCLUSIVE FOOD OPTIONS

I will campaign for all restaurants and pubs across the university and union to provide more extensive gluten-free, dairy-free, and halal options. Currently, these are very limited for students who require these options, no student should feel excluded while their friends are dining out on campus.

## EVENT SUSTAINABILITY

Protecting the environment is a problem we all need to work to solve. I will ensure all events run by the union are as sustainable as possible, by using environmentally friendly suppliers, decreasing energy use, and reducing waste. We all need to think green and the union can set an example here.

## WIDER CHOICE OF EVENTS

I will introduce new events during freshers and throughout the year for those students who want to lay off the alcohol or do not drink. Building on the success of The Lake this year, you will see plenty more movies, quizzes, and excitement coming to the Student Union.



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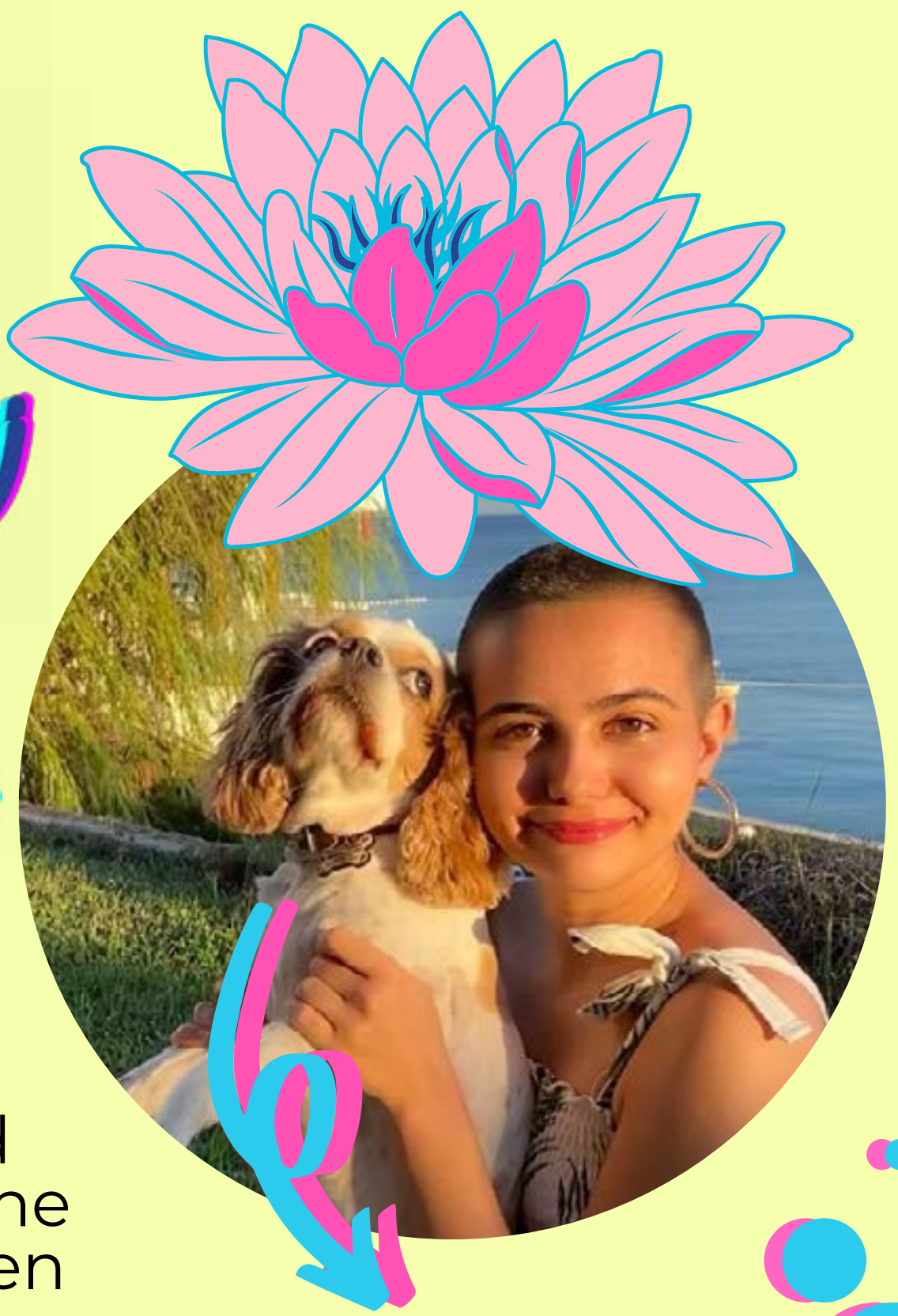
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# VOTE mine

**[1] for community zone**

Hi, I'm Mine (pronounced Mee-neh). I aim to make our campus more sustainable and improve the social life of everyone by making it more inclusive (even for shy ones like me) and make Rubix a safer place for us all



Her name is Köpük (Bubble)



## **Sustainability**

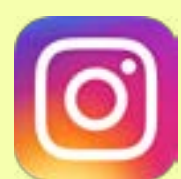
- ▶ Re-design our campus to be rainwater harvesting
- ▶ Recycling bins in university accommodation/halls

## **Social Life and Events**

- ▶ Day-time events like picnics, hiking or an event of your choice with smaller groups for introverts
- ▶ Revamp orientation programme for international students to be more engaging and useful with fun games, tips for living in Guildford, tech-guides to public transport and food shopping

## **A safer Rubix**

- ▶ A safer Rubix for all - by training the security better to reduce the risks of sexual harassment in the club as well as gentler handling of intoxicated students by security



**@mineforcommunityzone**

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# VOTE THEODORA [1] FOR COMMUNITY ZONE



**HEY IT'S THEODORA!**

- COURSE REP FOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS
- SOCIAL SEC FOR MEDICAL SOCIETY
- 2021/2022 WELLBEING REP FOR POL SOC

## OPERATION SUSTAINABLE SURREY

Expand Reduce food waste campaign with community shelves and fridges on each campus and use of Olio app.



More water fountains and bins  
Platform to resell unwanted tickets on

## BACK TO NORMAL

- Detailed welcome room pack with more information on Guildford town and what to do as many students will not have experienced normal uni life
- increase maintenance on laundrette machines and give all students in accomodation a laundrette card in their room box with £5 credit
- More events during the day and during holidays to reach a wider range of students
- Reward and team- worked based activities such as quizzes, challenges and competitions



**THE04COMMUNITY**

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