

SurreyDecides

2019

MANIFESTOS

**Support Zone | VP Support | RAG Chair
Community Zone | VP Community
Activity Zone | Surrey Societies Chair
Team Surrey Chair | VP Activity
Voice Zone | VP Voice
Union Chairperson
Union President**



What is

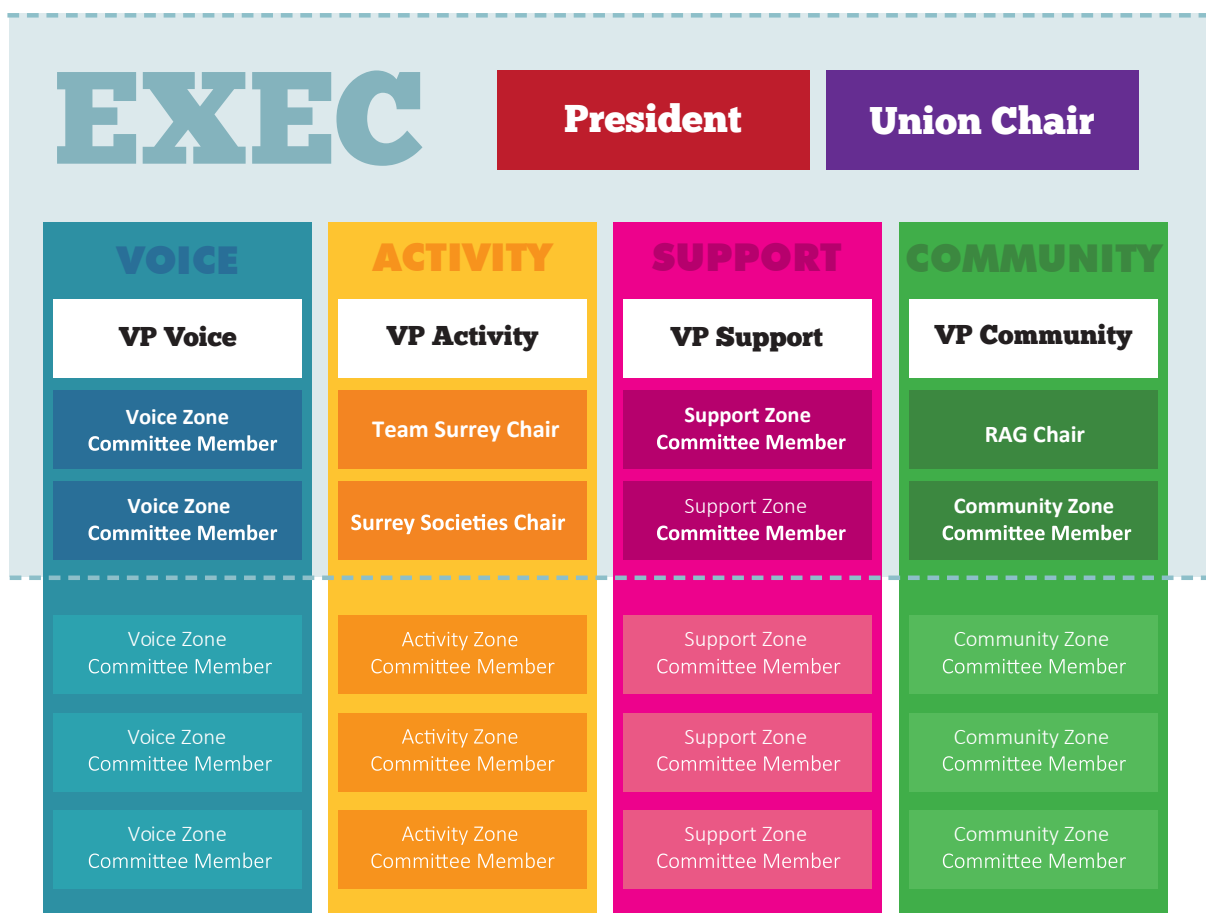
SurreyDecides

2019

Surrey Decides' is the Students' Union's annual election process

The Students' Union is led by a team of elected officers. Some officer roles are full time, paid positions; others are part time voluntary roles.

The Students' Union has five full-time officers known as 'Sabbaticals' – The President and four Vice Presidents. While the President leads the strategic direction of the Union, the four Vice Presidents each lead a 'Zone Committee' for the four key areas of the Union – Voice, Support, Community and Activity. There are five elected student volunteer roles on each of the Zone Committees. The Union also elects a standalone voluntary role of Union Chairperson.



How Do I Get Involved?

Become an Informed Voter

All the candidates' manifestos submitted by the deadline are listed in this document. It is important that you read them as they will lay out the candidates' objectives for the forthcoming year, should they be elected to office. Everyone has different priorities and objectives, so by reading the manifestos you can make sure that when you vote, you are voting for someone who shares your view

Participate in Question Time

Attending Question Time or watching online is one of the best ways to help you decide where to cast your vote. A candidate may present themselves well on paper, but how do they hold up to the scrutiny of a live audience? Will they secure their victory or struggle to make an impact. Join in using **#surreydecides** each night.

Question Time takes place on Sunday 24th, Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th February

Vote!

The most important task for students during Surrey Decides is to vote. Every vote matters and our voting system includes your second, third and other preferences. The people who lead the Students' Union are your representatives at Surrey, so use your vote wisely.

Voting takes place online via ussu.co.uk

Support Zone Committee

Bhavesh Bakrania

#SimplyVesh

[1] Support zone

Sexual assaults

- ❖ Create greater participation of sexual assault charities on campus
- ❖ Organise workshops on sexual assault
- ❖ Create a cross-society and university wide campaign to create greater awareness for sexual assault and to promote in-depth discussion on the issue

Additional learning support

- ❖ Support reducing the time taken to respond to enquiries
- ❖ Increase proactivity in contacting students with specific needs
- ❖ Support wavering of the £100 fee
- ❖ Make time limits more flexible regarding applications for examination extensions

Academic & Financial Help

- ❖ Roll out peer mentoring schemes across as many subjects as possible
- ❖ Create greater support for finding placement years
- ❖ Support the wavering of the university's participation in the Polar4 initiative

Mental health

- ❖ Increase awareness and encourage students to speak out about mental health
- ❖ Lobby for the increase in funding towards the student wellbeing centre
- ❖ Diversify approach to treatment by creating and promoting workshops such as meditation and relaxation


First year Politics BSc

Debate soc

Model UN soc

Latin and Ballroom soc



 Bhavesh Bakrania

 vesh97

VOTE ONLINE!
26 FEB-2ND MAR

VOTE DIANA (1) SUPPORT ZONE

Inclusive Engagement

Increase engagement and participation of students with physical disabilities or invisible illnesses by creating an activity pamphlet for welcome packs.

Provide a handbook in welcome packs for international students, detailing the various support systems available at the university and the various societies.

Let's Keep Surrey Talking


The "Let's Talk" Campaigns have been incredibly successful at Surrey. Due to the current culture of social media, body shaming and other phenomenon, a Let's Talk: Self Love is much needed.

Minority Group Support

Work towards creating an open environment to encourage minority interaction with the Union in order to support their integration into University life. For example, look into the use of ECs for students observing Ramadan during exams and empowerment schemes for women in STEM.



Voice Zone Officer 2017-2018 • Equestrian Club Signatory 2015-2019 •
Post Graduate Society Signatory 2018-2019 • Liberation Committee Arab POC 2017-2019 •
Arab Society Committee 2018-2019 • Lebanese-Zambian Heritage •

 DianaForSupport

 @DianaDakik

 SurreyDecides

VOTE BETHANY [1] FOR SUPPORT ZONE



2nd year Politics and Sociology Student
2018-19 Support Zone Member
Co-Founder of BVisible
Disability Rights Activist

Campus Safety

I will continue the Welfare Watch, a new volunteering opportunity set up by the current support zone, providing support and assistance for fellow students in potentially vulnerable states. I will also continue discussions with the Security team to tackle major on-campus issues such as Sexual Assaults to extend provisions for student protection.

Equal Campus

By working with the Liberation Reps, continuing to work on accessibility, furthering ALS provisions, supporting international students, and working to create an inclusive curriculum, I will make an equal campus, one that fits all students.

Awareness and Understanding

Many issues that students face on campus, from disability, to mental health issues, problems with gender identity and more, are poorly understood. Not only do I want to make informative videos on these topics, but also arrange and hold discussions and support groups to continue and widen these conversations.

#NICETOMEETYOU

Relationships and Trust

Student for students. Sharing your story can help someone else. Creating opportunities in an environment that encourages sharing.

2

Communication

Support 2.0
 Bringing technology to the Support Zone communication system by introducing a support chat.

Tell me about YOU

3
T
e
a
m
w
o
r
k
 We are all in this together. Joining forces with ACTIVITY, COMMUNITY and VOICE creating more complex campaigns and events on matters that affect all the zones.

I will tell you about ME

Why me?

- Approachable and caring PTY International Event Management Student
- Course Representative since 1st Year
- Ice Skating Society Founder
- President for 2 years
- Freshers' Angel

Questions?



Laura for Support



Laura for Support

LAURA for SUPPORT

Support Zone Committee

VOTE FAIZUL [1] FOR SUPPORT ZONE

ABOUT ME

Hi, My name is Faizul Islam and I am a 3rd year Biomedical Science student currently on a placement year abroad. I am passionate about issues surrounding mental health, student wellbeing, making student life and night outs safer, and improving support for postgraduates, mature and part time students.



Mental Health

The Centre for Wellbeing currently has a long waiting list and a lack of counsellors and this needs to be improved. Also, I want to help create a platform for students to find detailed information about the type of support available from the university and external services offered within Guildford.

Equal Representation

I want to address the lack of PG and part-time students' representation in the union and work with the VP Support to change this. I also want to make sure that the university provides better support for mature students, especially those with dependants and caring responsibilities.

Student Support Groups

Help create new student-led support groups (e.g. an eating disorder support group) where we can enable a focus on motivational strategies to support students on their journey towards recovery and also provide relaxation activities and workshops on supporting each other's mental health and reducing mental health stigma.

Puppy Room

The 'Pets as Therapy' event which is organised is a great way to combat exam stress, but the high demand is quickly sold out and more than half us miss out on the cuddles. Making this a daylong event with students getting short time slots will allow everyone a fair opportunity to release their endorphins!

Vote online at USSU.CO.UK 26th February - 2nd March

[#DontScrapeByVoteFI](https://twitter.com/SupportZoneFI)



Manifesto of Sean Linnane

. Increasing the Union and Universities connection with external health services: The university is not a hospital, and rather than attempt to make it one the union should strive to make it as easy as possible for students to access existing health services

. Ensure foreign students are educated on their rights with regards to health care access: Many foreign students will be unfamiliar with the rights that they have as students studying in this country, as such many will forgo trying to obtain help when it is required thinking they have no right to it. For a student to achieve in their studies and enjoy their experience they must have care provided for them when it is necessary.

. Votes for liberation representatives on exec: It is necessary that if we are going to provide adequate support that the voices of differing communities are given meaningful actualisation in the form of a vote

Lobbying the University to subsidise Medication and Extenuating Circumstance applications: Many poor students are forced to put their health and academic security second place. I will strive to ensure the university prevents this.

. Use the union as a tool to lobby for greater central government funding to health services generally: We are all citizens effected by the same government policies and as representatives of students we would be failing if we did not attempt to project the student voice beyond the parameters of campus to where it truly matters

. Make the university more accessible: In order to ensure that all students can efficiently move around campus, get to class and gain access to facilities it is imperative to ensure that there exists the necessary infrastructure for them to do so.

. Ensure that students are properly educated on the health effects of drug abuse: This policy is not about policing, rather it is about ensuring that all students have access to the correct information to make an informed decision.

[#SupportSean](https://twitter.com/SupportSean)

Support Zone Committee

Vote Elfreda Ogiri [1] for Support Zone

1) De-stigmatization.

- Working to eradicate the stigma around mental health and disabilities through events and campaigns run across the year.

2) Awareness.

- Creating more awareness for the services currently available to students; Center for Well-being, Oakleaf, Nightline.

3) Community.

- Pushing for more peer support schemes, as the Center for Wellbeing is currently overloaded, to ensure more students are reached and create a sense of community among students.
- Providing an opportunity for students to vent when needed through frequent relaxed sessions/events.



Who am I?

An advocate for others, I am passionate about change. My own experiences with mental health have fueled my desire to support others.

- Second Year Law Student
- Course Representative
- Welfare Officer, Nigerian Society
- Mentor within the Law Society

My mission: Ensuring that the well-being of students remains a priority for the SU.
#ElfredaforSupportZone

VOTE IZZY ROSS [1] FOR SUPPORT ZONE



ABOUT ME

I'm a second year Medicinal Chemistry Student who is passionate about improving support for Surrey students to ensure everyone has a great university experience.

I would love the opportunity to be a part of Support Zone due to my own experience with mental health as well as being an ALS student. This has given me the knowledge, understanding and compassion to be able to support others.



EXPERIENCE

- ZenSoc VP 18/19
- Nightline Publicity Ambassador 18/19
- Mind Wellbeing Volunteer 16/17

#izzy4supportzone

VOTING OPENS TUESDAY 26TH AFTER QUESTION TIME UNTIL SATURDAY 2ND



SUPPORT AND AWARENESS TRAINING FOR STAFF

We need up to date and top-up training for lecturers and personal tutors when it comes to disabilities, mental health and invisible illnesses. There needs to be more awareness of different issues and support services so all students feel supported.

IMPROVE STUDENT WELLBEING SUPPORT

Waiting lists for mental health services are long and students may need support during that waiting period and at other times throughout the year. I want to encourage more self-help initiatives and raise awareness of the Big White Wall and ALS workshops to help support students.

SUPPORT ON PLACEMENT

Going on placement can be scary and very stressful. It is easy for some people to become disengaged and have a bad experience. More support needs to be provided for those students who need it and should not be made to feel ashamed to ask for help.

Vote [1] Sara For Support Zone



I am Sara Selim, a second-year student studying Economics and Finance. My main focus goes beyond improving support services at Uni but to give students the power to support themselves by providing the right tools and guidance.

Study Buddy Portal

Creating a portal where students can find a course mate to study with. Students can find their study buddy depending on several criteria, such as studying method, grades, accommodation, etc. This will be a useful tool to help students support one another, facilitate the learning process and make new friends.

Weekly therapeutic sessions

Providing weekly workshops to teach simple techniques that help students deal with anxiety, stress and negative thinking. Organizing weekly sessions such as art therapy, music therapy and mindfulness-based therapy to help students deal with their struggles and express themselves in creative ways.

Healthier meals options

Increasing availability of healthy wholesome meals at affordable prices. Providing fluids and healthy snacks in the library during exam times.



Strength

Uplift

Power

Promote

Optimize

Rebuild

Team work

SurreyDecides
2019

VP Support

Vote Pete Ferguson for VP Support [1]

Financial Support

Currently Surrey offers the Full Surrey Award, which is available to low income students. HOWEVER, it is also dependant on POLAR4; a student's home postcode - Something completely out of their control. I want the university to scrap this requirement so that all students that need financial support can get it

Mental Health Support

I plan to negotiate more funding for the Centre of Wellbeing including the re introduction of the £10 subsidy for doctor's notes for EC applications. I will also act to create easier access to wider mental health services on and off campus with wider social prescribing initiatives from the Student Union so that the general mental health levels are improved to help the overloading of the Centre of Wellbeing

Sexual Assault and Wellbeing

The University of Surrey has the second highest reported rate of sexual violence out of all UK universities. I want to make sure 'Report + Support' is finally introduced to tackle the high rates of sexual abuse. I will also reach out to sexual assault campaign groups to try empower victims on campus and break the stigma behind sexual assault and seeking help

Physical Health Support

I will introduce drug education for society signatories to help students get the best help if they experience negative effects whether it be on bar crawls, social events or regular meetings. I will introduce a campus accessibility review into the accessibility levels on campus

Wholesome Student Support

I want to curate a better student community at Surrey to combat loneliness and improve the student experience. Through more student spaces on campus, better support services and a rethink of how the Student Union interacts with the student body, it is possible to change Surrey for the better



About me:

- 5 years experience youth and children's work
- Events Officer for Surrey Labour Students
- Politics Student

#VoteVPete

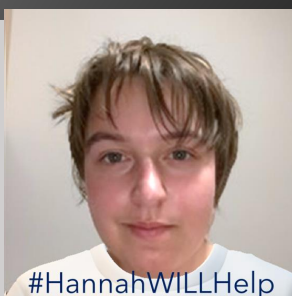
Hannah [1] for VP Support



Hannah 4 Support

#Hannah4Support

#HannahWILLHelp



#HannahWILLHelp

I'm a final year Literature & Film student who has worked in and with the Union since 2015; I chaired the VP Support debate in 2017 and from both this and general prolonged exposure I noticed that **Support at Surrey does not go far enough to really tackle some of the most vital issues.**

Course Rep 2015-present
Student Awards: Best Newcomer 2016
Community Rep 2016-17
Question Time Chair 2016 & 17
Validation Rep 2017-present

AWARE Campus Scheme:

This is a scheme I want to develop that will make the campus easier to navigate for everyone - I will be hard on the University to free up funds for accessibility, and hard on administrative bodies to allocate classrooms for autism-spectrum students that are in less sensory spaces.

Finances - loans: I will make achieving a South East loans weighting a priority, especially in the Southern Uni Network.

Experience: I will excel in this role because of my intersectionality that informs me of diverse support needs, as well as my past experiences within the Union.

Create Support availability: The Union is one of the first steps for students to come with any and all questions; I will dedicate an afternoon every week to be available for anyone to come see me for any purpose. I will particularly encourage those with struggles they think are not worth attention to visit. I want to reach students **#BeforeRockBottom.**

Investigate avenues for Support: I will enter discourse with the University and with the GP, with student-focused plans to make the GP more user-friendly and to make the best appropriate support services for students better signposted and more accessible. I will work with other zones to improve engagement to get info to students.

Voting opens online and via your Surrey email AFTER the Presidential debate at about 23:30 on **SurreyDecides** Tuesday February 26th, closing at 19:00 on Saturday March 2nd. **SurreyDecides**

2019

2019

Support Zone Committee

SARAH FOR VP SUPPORT (1)



#NEEDAHAND?

SEXUAL HEALTH

- Increasing awareness and having an easier access to sexual health supplies, such as a as sexual health nurse on campus as well as a free morning after pill.

STUDENT SAFETY AT NIGHT

- Lobby against the Council to turn the street lights back on during the night.
- Welfare Watch: volunteers helping drunk and distressed students during Rubix nights out to ensure a safe environment to sober up or have a breather.

APPROACHABLE UNION

- For 2h every week, I would encourage sabbatical and part time officers to have drop in sessions with students to gather feedback on support services and student concerns, for the support zone to be aware of on-going issues, react appropriately and constantly improving our service.

About me!

- 3rd Year Criminology Student
- Part-Time officer of the Support Zone 18/19
 - Nightline Publicity Ambassador 18/19
 - Course Rep 17/18
 - President of the Judo Club 17/18
- French but lived in Canada, America, Australia and Singapore

IZZY WATKINS [1] FOR VP SUPPORT

#MakingLifelzzyer

Hiya! I'm Izzy, a third year music student with a passion for supporting others. Being on the Support Zone in my second year was the most amazing experience and I believe I have the skills, determination and creativity to achieve

a lot as your next VP Support! Voting opens February 26th and you can vote via the USSU website. Together lets #MakeLifelzzyer for Surrey students!



WELLBEING

- Fighting the stigma of men's mental health
- Improving the Extenuating Circumstances policy
- Compulsory mental health training for personal tutors
- Making AccessAble more inclusive to all disabilities

ACTIVITY

- Greater club and society involvement in support campaigns
- Offering a 'Dry Freshers Week' with more non-alcoholic events
- Bringing back Welfare Warriors as volunteers to assist in campaigns
- More Centre for Wellbeing run activities as an alternative to counselling

HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

- Bringing sexual health testing to all campuses frequently
- Updating the University's misuse of drugs policy to focus more on support
- Encouraging students to practise 'safe sesh'

MY EXPERIENCE

- Support Zone Committee Member
- Course Representative for 3 years
- Super Angel
- Founder and President: PetSoc
- Founder and President: AutiSoc
- Marketing: Musical Theatre Society
- Events Coordinator: LGBT+ Society
- Recipient: Sam Bull Award for Outstanding Contribution to Wellbeing

Owain Harries [1] for Raising and Giving Chair

#VoteOH

Why I'm running... Hi, my name is Owain Harries and I'm running for RAG Chair this Surrey Decides. I've decided to run as I believe that as a University we can and will Raise and do more for charities in Guildford, the UK and internationally and I know that we can make the 2019/20 academic year the biggest year ever in terms of RAG, in the history of the University of Surrey.



owain_987

@OHarriesRAG

What I do and why I think I'd be good for RAG Chair... I am currently in my 1st year studying Mathematics. I fill most of my spare time working at the Sports Park and being an active member of the Christian Union. I believe that I'd be good for RAG Chair as I have always taken an interest in charity and I think as a university, we have the resources, ability and opportunity to help those in need. I have a real desire to encourage everyone here at our university to support some amazing charities over the next year.

A few things I want to do as Raising and Giving Chair...

Make sure charity is a key part of Union decision making and policy

With the RAG Chair on the Community Zone I really want to work with the other zones and narrow focus onto RAG for union decision making, emphasising the importance of all RAG work in our community.

Encourage partnerships with schools and other organisations for charity fundraising events

I think we should be working with local schools to help with their charity work. By working in partnership with these schools we can help them do even bigger and better things for the charities they want to support and we would do this alongside and with widening participation to ensure we can reach as many people as we possibly can.

Provide support and encouragement for all societies and clubs, especially smaller ones that might not have the number and/or resources to run an event of a larger scale.

For example, publicity, smaller societies with fewer people may find it more difficult to reach the over 16,000 students here. But with the support from the RAG Chair in this and other ways we can reach a much larger number and do even greater things! I would work with the Team Surrey and Societies Chair to ensure that all these clubs and societies are supported through the year, especially RAG week.

Vote Kieran Harrison [1] for RAG Chair

#RAGBoi

1. Strike Fund

I believe that the students union has a duty to empower all students while they are at university. Given the increasing number of students in precarious work (e.g. zero hour contracts, gig economies, delivero etc.), it is essential that we, as the students union, empower them to fight for their rights in the work place. As part of RAG we should create a strike fund to support students to better fight for their rights as students. As students in precarious work are not always able to financially stand up for themselves, we have a duty as a students union to stand up for the welfare of our students community.

2. Local Commitment

The inequality in Guildford is high. Guildford is the most liable town for inheritance tax whilst simultaneously having huge amounts of poverty and deprivation. 658 families pay £238,000 in tax, 40% of children in Westborough are in income deprivation and 6 Guildford wards are in the first decile for housing and services barriers. Homelessness is going up. 7% of Surrey homes are overcrowded and 18 areas of Surrey are over 30% in poverty.

We are part of the Guildford community and as such we should have a commitment to build bridges between the union and the local community. I believe that we should support local charities and encourages students to become involved in their local community by getting involved with local charities and movements.

3. Supporting Ethical Charities

I believe that the union should hold the charities it supports to the same ethical standards as the union holds itself. To ensure this I will push for the creation of an ethics board that contains all liberation officers alongside elected part time union officials, which will review any charities put forward to RAG.



Experience

- 1st Year Electronic engineering
- Event charity work with PLANETS Cancer Charity

Community Zone Committee

VOTE OMAR FOR COMMUNITY ZONE

- Second year law student
- President of STAR Society (Student Action for Refugees)

facebook.com/omaralmasri98
#OmarForCommunity

SurreyDecides



COMMUNITY SERVICE

- Support and increase the publicity of work that volunteering groups do within the community.
- Work with RAG Chair towards increasing budgets for charitable societies, and expanding fundraising activity on campus to a wider range of charities in our community and including more refugee networks.
- Introduce an award scheme to receive recognition when specific target hours are reached on SurreyVolunteering to better promote the platform.

ENGAGEMENT

- Continue to support and encourage students to integrate with the Guildford community on events, shows or cultural celebrations.
- Making use of unused spaces on campus to be offered to local residents to use outside teaching hours.
- Holding an event for February intake and exchange year students to bring students together.
- Promote joint campaigns with the local community on issues such as mental health.

HOUSING

- Aim to oppose plans for unaffordable student housing by the University, council or private developers.
- Assess the possibility of students living with elderly residents for cheaper to resolve the shortfall of student housing and loneliness amongst the elderly.
- Work with letting agencies to promote housing for students looking for off-campus accommodation, while continuing to inform students about their rights as tenants.

GOALS & AIMS;

1. FREE LAUNDRY- UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS DID IT, WHY CAN'T WE
2. PARKING SOLUTIONS FOR COMMUTERS- SOUTHWAY PARKING ISN'T IDEAL FOR STUDENT AND RESIDENTS
3. INCREASE MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Experience;

1. President of Ahlulbayt Society
2. Careers Ambassador
3. Student Ambassador
4. Member of Taekwondo and Futsal societies

Community Zone Committee

#VOTEFORYOURCOMMUNITY

My name is Samuel and I study Computer and Internet Engineering, I have been a member for the NCS Bromley Youth Board Council launching a mental health plan, and have also been Managing Director for the Young Enterprise Company 'Omni'.
I am running for Community Zone Member



VOTE SAM [1]

NEW ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE

Create a package to help with accommodation for first years and what to expect in 2nd year. This package will explain procedures, deposit, bills and tips for securing a house early and what options are available. The packs would also include advice in alliance with the Citizens Advice Bureau to safeguard students against rogue landlords.

TAKE SURREY GLOBAL

With community, we often think of the local community, but why not our Global Community!
I am proposing a full-on global engagement scheme where students are able to travel around the world in groups to volunteer with separate societies and countries. The University SU would arrange fun volunteering opportunities abroad. Students will be awarded with a Surrey Global Engagement Prize

IMPROVE STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

1. Introduce a charity week: This week would be a fun way of fundraising, involving a university-wide BBQ as well as charity sports events such as athletics, football etc. Finally, the week will end with a RUBIX sponsored Charity event.
2. Set a goal for each course to be partnered with a related charity where students are made aware of volunteering opportunities; for example, civil engineering could be partnered with The Construction Industry Charity

OTHER PLANS FOR SU: ENCOURAGE THE BUILDING OF AN ATM MACHINE IN MANOR PARK
+ ENCOURAGE CHEAPER PRICES OR CHEAPER ALTERNATIVES TO SIMPLY FRESH

VOTE LEON BOURNE 1ST FOR COMMUNITY ZONE!

#Bourne4Change

Support cutting the rent on Campus and campaign on housing issues in Guildford!

Support Trade Unions on Campus and encourage Students to join Trade Unions!

Reform the car parking system for Students with special consideration for FHMS Students!

Lobby for an improved laundry service for Students living in Halls!



QUALIFICATIONS

- Surrey Labour Students Disability Officer 2019
- Petsoc Fundraising Officer 2019
- Labour Candidate for Reigate Borough Council in the 2019 Local Elections


Community Zone Committee

VOTE ASINI FOR COMMUNITY ZONE

[1]

- 1** **More daytime events:** Introduce more daytime events so students have the opportunity to be entertained in between lectures as there are currently only a few options available. I will work with the zone to create these events and encourage societies to do the same so that all students can have a greater variety of options when recharging during breaks.
- 2** **Bring back power naps:** I understand the impact of power naps on productivity so I will work to introduce a silent sleeping room in the library with bean bags where students can take power naps during long days of studying during exam season without having to face the face of duffel covered dorms in the library.
- 3** **Guidance for society events:** There are many events created by societies however, they are not all attended by the same capacity of students as they could be and some of the organisers are organising an event for the first time. In order to help make these events better, I will expand on the society handbook so it includes guidance on how to plan, advertise and run a successful event.
- 4** **Sustainable accommodation:** Students living in university accommodation have a very high energy consumption. It is important to reduce this to become a more sustainable university. I will introduce the Student Energy Project in order to provide an incentive for students to reduce consumption, and will aid in the production of material to increase awareness for the high amounts of energy currently being used.

I'm a second year Biochemistry student and during my time at Surrey, I have been the Asian representative on the Liberation Committee, the Treasurer of the TedxSurreyUni society and the Social Secretary of BioSoc. I have also been part of the Surrey netball team and pole fitness society. My years at Surrey have been so good because of changes that previous students in the union have made and now I want to do my part to make sure it's the same for future Surrey students.



The girl with a smile will go the extra mile! #AsiniForCommunityZone

SurreyDecides
2019

VOTE PETE M (1) FOR COMMUNITY ZONE



ABOUT ME

- Second Year Politics student
- Social Sec of Politics society 2018/2019
- Member of the Surrey Liberal Committee 2018/2019
- Member of the USRFC



INCREASE AWARENESS ABOUT THE STUDENT UNION

The Student Union does a fantastic job and really enhances the student experience at Surrey.

Therefore, if elected I aim to increase awareness about the Student Union and make sure that students not only understand how the union works but also make sure that they know what the union can offer to support them.

HELP THOSE LOOKING FOR ACCOMMODATION

As a second-year student I am fully aware of how difficult looking for accommodation can be. Therefore, I intend to make sure that students are aware of the support that the union can offer them. Furthermore, I would build on previous work done by the union and assist in producing a more in-depth hand book, which would include more useful tips about living off campus and information about tenants right.

#PICKPETE

WORK TO CREATE A MORE UNITED STUDENT COMMUNITY

For me going to University is not just about getting a degree, it is about the experiences you have as well. Therefore, in my opinion one of the best things about Surrey is the wide range of societies and sports available, which offer a wide range of opportunities to students with differing interests. If elected I would work closely with the Activity Zone to promote the success of these clubs and societies, which would bring the student community closer together due to a shared pride in university success.

MAKE RUBIX SAFER

Another great thing about Surrey is Rubix! It offers a place where students can escape from the stress of studying and just enjoy spending time with their friends. Therefore, it is vital to ensure that Rubix is a safe environment, where people can feel more comfortable and relaxed.

If elected I will aim to reduce the number of glass bottles in Rubix, which would hopefully make Rubix even safer!

Community Zone Committee

VOTE SHRIYA SHETH

FOR COMMUNITY ZONE

I am a first year Biological Sciences student. I have been entrusted as a course representative and VP of BioSoc. I want to help the student union within the **community zone** to improve student life.



01

Affordable Student Accommodation

A huge issue most students face over their time at the University of Surrey is **housing**.

I am going to press for **fairer rent** pricing in student **accommodation**, both private and university managed, by working with local estate agents, MPs and landlords.

This would include pushing for shorter leasing contracts which would benefit many undergraduate students as they do not usually make use of the full 12 month contracts.

02

Student involvement in local area

I will work with the Activity and Support Zones to encourage more **involvement** of students/societies within local **charities** and the local **community**.

This activity can help **transform** the negative image that some members of the local community have about students and form a **better relationship** with local **residence**.

03

Improve existing university projects

The university currently has projects to aid every day student life, such as the bus service, shared bike service and various events held on campus.

Many of these projects work effectively, but there are things that can be done better.

It is my goal to **review** these university **projects** and support/develop those that are the most **beneficial** to students while finding ways to improve those that have not filled their **potential**.

VP Community

VOTE JACOB [1] FOR VP COMMUNITY



Experience

- Second year International Politics Student
- Community Zone Officer 2018-19
- Labour Party candidate for Onslow (2019 local elections)
- Surrey Labour Students Treasurer (2018-19), Trade Union Officer (2017-18)
- Chair of the Union Sustainability Group
- Community Rep

Fighting for housing!

- “**Know your renters rights**” campaign
- Support cutting rent on campus and lay foundations for a possible rent strike
- Support and continue to foster **good relations with Guildford Private Renters Association (GPRA)**
 - Continue to develop **radical cooperative housing** solutions

Fighting for sustainability!

- **Maintain and enhance** ‘environmental sustainability’ as a remit of the Community Zone
- Create and develop a **sustainability fund**
- Tell students how much energy and water they are using when living in halls

Fighting for fun!

- Make Rubix as **safe and accessible** as possible
- **Jazz nights** and open mic nights in Hari’s
 - Continue the **free soft drink scheme**

Improving living conditions!

- Reform and **empower Community Reps**
- Ensure all Union Staff are paid a **living wage**
- **Support on-campus trade unions** and encourage student worker organisation in trade unions

**For a pro-worker,
environmentally
sustainable and
empowering union!**
Voting open 26th Feb
- 2nd March via SU
website

VOTE AMINA [1] FOR VP COMMUNITY

SurreyDecides

■ Bringing everyone together

Strengthen the relationship between isolated groups of students and the main university population by incorporating more diverse events

■ Expand Thursday Market

Extend Thursday market to Manor park and Hazel farm to allow more students to have access to its resources

■ Get rid of circuit laundry

Circuit laundry is expensive and unreliable a new system that caters to the needs of students should be put in place

**MY NAME IS AMINA.
I AM A SECOND YEAR
CRIMINOLOGY AND SOCIOLOGY STUDENT.
- AFRICAN CARIBBEAN SOCIETY PRESIDENT
- AMBASSADOR/CAMPUS TOUR GUIDE**

voting opens at midnight on Tuesday 27th February to 2nd march via ussu.co.uk

#stAMINA

Vote Tristan [1] For VP Community!

The future is bright, the future is ORANGE!



Experience:

- I am the current Treasurer of the Dodgeball Society.
- For 2 years at college, I was a Student Rep for the Student Representative Committee as well as being a Tutor Rep for College departmental and faculty meetings.

Accommodation: 3 year Rent freeze, Expand Lifestyle Choice Rooms, Protect Cheaper Accommodation Bands, Push for a Court Based application process.

1. Accommodation on campus is becoming disproportionately more expensive compared to the average student budget. I propose a 3 Year rent freeze to reduce the burden this has on students and make University more affordable for all. Bands E and F will be released from the freeze after 1 year to allow the university to adjust to the financial climate.
2. I would like to expand the Lifestyle Choice flat options. Currently, only alcohol free, same sex, and quiet categories exist, I would like this to include Kosher and Halal options.
3. I will protect the current accommodation band ratio, so that all accommodation types are expanded together. This policy will ensure that worse off students aren't pushed into accommodation they cannot afford, or pushed out of university completely.
4. I will push the university to change the application process so that students can apply for accommodation for particular courts rather than for bands.

Rubix and Events: Allow Social Secs to Book court receptions, Ban all Glass Bottles in Rubix, Increase the variety of music nights in Rubix.

1. Allow Social Secs of clubs and societies to book court receptions for socials or pre-drinks, so that they always have places to function.
2. I will ban all glass bottles in rubix for the to prevent injury and ensure the safety of students.
3. Increase the variety of music themed nights to cater for more music tastes including Techno, Indie, Trance etc.

Campus and Community: Extend Fresher's Fair, Community Collaboration.

1. With the increasing number of students and societies, having a longer fair will allow more students the time and space to find the societies that are right for them.
2. Grow our collaboration with events like FreeFest to the ACM, Guildford College and other local groups.

Get In Touch! Search: TP for VP



Supported By:

- Physics Society
- Surrey Liberal
- Dodgeball



WHY I AM RUNNING FOR VP COMMUNITY

My name is Atchuthan, I am willing to provide a better experience at Surrey. I will help to provide a University which is safer and a place where you can have a safe learning and leisure environment. I will try to implement the following 3 topics and more.

Accommodation & Transportation

- As people go to year 2 and 3 they require to know they can get a place to stay in Guildford as long distance commuting will result in delays. Ensure that the university will offer more solutions for groups and individuals looking for cheap accommodation.
- Make sure that the bus company provides live update for bus information

Integration & Safety

- Ensure that there is equality between all the groups at the university and have these various societies to meet and share ideas to ensure there is more integration
- Have more self-defence classes for people to help them defend themselves and gain confidence
- Have more people working at the wellbeing centre to give better services to deal with any problems.

Smoking

- Ensure that there are more accessible smoking areas at the university
- Ensure that people use the current areas more effectively instead of in front of open door ways to major buildings
- Provide smoke-free areas

VOTE **YAN [1]** FOR VP COMMUNITY

#For A Colourful Student Life



RAG & Charity

- Promote RAG and introduce Union Charity to student event holders, sports clubs and societies. Motivated them to fundraising activities and donation
- Introduce and promote RAG to local through Community Reps

Community Relations

- Working closely with the public relations, hold events to break the barrier between student and local residents.
- Provide volunteering opportunities to the local community with local charity and organisations through SU's volunteering platform.




About me:

2nd year Event Management student
President of Chinese Society 2018/19
Member of Guildford Leos 2018/19

Bring students together

- Entertainment: Improve student engagement with day/night events.
- Diversity: Build a cultural diversity environment through One World Week and supporting cultural societies events.
- Volunteer: Provide more local and University volunteering opportunities

Activity Zone Committee



TEAMSURREY

VOTE FOR JAI BEDI[1] FOR ACTIVITY ZONE

#VOTEJAI

VOTING OPENS:
Tuesday, 26th of February

SNAPCHAT:
jai27bedi

Encourage


- Implement taster sessions for sports/societies, beyond those held in freshers week

Enhance

- Increase the amount of competitive sport by forming more "Intra Mural" leagues/tournaments
- Cheaper clothing for members of Team Surrey

Expand

- Create partnerships for sports with universities outside of the UK
- Use sports/societies as a method to raise money for charity (eg. charity tournaments)



WHO AM I?

My name is Jai Bedi and I am a first year Economics and Politics student. I am a member of Team Surrey Basketball and an advocate of building connections via sports and societies.

NO TIME TO WAIT, VOTE FOR CAIT [1]

INCLUSIVITY & INVOLVEMENT

My mission is to provide more opportunities for students to engage with societies throughout the semester.

Some societies still have a challenge around gender diversity, I want to continue to engage in events such as: This Girl Can and Feel Good Feb. I will support societies to run their own promotional sessions and socials throughout the year, seeking to inspire other students to join societies. My aim will be to facilitate smaller, more frequent, events opening societies up to students: providing societies with potential new members throughout the semester, not only during freshers and refreshers.



ABOUT ME

Second year Biochemistry student.
Active member of Dodgeball and Pole Fitness.
Current Dodgeball Female Captain & Tournament committee member.
Organised female only dodgeball, collaborations with other societies and charity tournaments.
Fresher's Angel 2018/19



PROMOTION & PARTICIPATION

My motto is: let us all get connected! Encouraging every society to increase their social media presence, helping students stay connected to the university where ever they are.

Without a Facebook page, updated website, and some social media presence then societies can be invisible to many students. Societies sharing online pictures and stories helps to encourage greater participation and encourages the feeling of community. In Surrey, we have a number of students away on placement and increased social media presence helps to keep them connected back to the University. Similarly, future and past students can use the online information to link in to current student activities.



COMMUNICATION & COLLABORATIONS

Collaboration between societies will be my ambition: increasing communication between societies of all sizes, promoting shared events. In encouraging different societies to come together, it will allow their members to try new things with their friends, promoting a less intimidating and relaxed environment. Helping smaller, newer societies to communicate more effectively and coordinate with each other will be key to driving increased collaboration. Showcasing different societies each week, using the union's social media presence, will be essential to supporting increased student engagement and awareness.

ACTIVITY ZONE

Activity Zone Committee



VOTE HANA [1] FOR ACTIVITY ZONE



Communication

- Students should know more about the activities happening around Campus and outside of campus areas.
- Some students don't get the opportunity to try out and join societies and clubs due to lack of knowledge about them. I hope to increase this factor.
- Better Marketing strategies will be enforced in order to let students know more about events, socials, and trips.

Support

- Both Societies and Clubs to take part in same events.
- Supporting more people to create new clubs and enforce their ideas to the Union.
- Motivate more people into going into sports as it's a better and worthwhile experience to get through the years spent in University.

Opportunities

- More opportunities for volunteering participating.
- More information provided to students on how sports affect health and why it is important.
- A better way to include new students, such as a better Freshers and refreshers fair and PlaySport sessions

○ Hi I'm Hana, I'm a first year and study Business Management and Marketing. I was the coach in my school's Football Team for two years and a member in several societies in the University. I believe that taking parts of societies is an important thing to do as it has great impact on the experience gained throughout the years.

#GetHanainTheZone
#Hana4Activity

SurreyDecides
2019

VOTING OPENS AT MIDNIGHT ON TUESDAY 27TH FEBRUARY - 2ND MARCH VIA ussu.co.uk

FUNDRAISING COLLABORATIONS

-Manage an annual fundraising sports day event through society and club participation

SOCIETY AND CLUB DEVELOPMENT

-Provide societies with a cheat sheet filled with tips and essential information to enhance performance

-Offer regular training sessions to target skill gaps within societies and clubs

BROADEN PARTICIPATION

-Increase day-time events throughout the year, specifically during freshers week for students uninterested in night outs

-Encourage sports clubs to manage their trainings and socials to ensure involvement of every student especially those who are incapable of joining for certain reasons

RAGHAD ELLAZKANI VOTE (1) ACTIVITY ZONE

SurreyDecides
2019



#LAZ_CHANCE_TO_VOTE



- Law with International Relations student
- VP Arab Society
- Member of Student Act for Refugees

Vote Annabel Fuller [1] for Activity Zone

To encourage sports and societies to have regular sessions on weekends for everyone including placement students and those with busy schedules. Surrey can be lively at the weekend! We just need help from the activity zone to support sports and societies, and advertise what is on.

ACTIVE WEEKENDS

Use the new MySurrey website for news updates and to promote special events run by sports and societies. Help get the word out to all students rather than just current society members. Publish a societies and sports planner so that students can easily see when activities are on, with accessible contact details for every society.

ACTIVITY PLANNER

Host more taster sessions throughout the year for possible new members so that students have the chance to try new activities in a non-competitive environment and make friends.

SESSIONS FOR EVERYONE

#DontBeShyGiveltATry



I am Annabel Fuller, a first year Business Economics student.

When I arrived in Surrey, I soon realised that I needed to get out and meet other people outside of my flat and course particularly at the weekends. So I got involved with Dodgeball. My aim is to help other students get out there and give something a go.

@annabel.fuller

af00555@surrey.ac.uk

Vote for a Fuller university experience



#ALL HANDS ON DEC

SUPPORT

The union must do more to help students on committees. It's great that students have a passion. But working with big budgets and managing a club or society is a lot of work. There needs to be a larger support network.

AWARENESS

With the rises in living costs the student budget is being stretched to its limits, putting people off activities due to membership fees. I propose an information leaflet focusing on what societies are **FREE** of charge / what sessions are free to participate in. If students have more awareness of activity it can only lead to higher engagement and student satisfaction.



PARTNERSHIP

There is a divide between Team Surrey and Societies. Both are rightly rewarded for certain collaborations. I believe this should be extended and rewards made for overall collaborations between societies and clubs. I would push for this to be included in the S.T.A.R.S programme as well as rewarding those that are particularly inclusive.

WHATS THIS GUY EVEN DONE THOUGH?

- Vice President of Athletics and Cross Country 2018/19.
- 1st Year Course Representative.
- Created and organise an 11 aside Sunday Intramural Football Team.
- Ran the London Marathon in 2:57:17 at the age of 18 raising almost £2,000 for charity.
- Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver, Gold.

PROMOTION

FROM BEGINNERS TO BUCS

BEGINNERS: Virtually all clubs and societies cater for beginners by offering casual participation. But many students struggle to believe their abilities are catered for. More must be done to promote casual sporting and societal opportunities at the university.

BUCS: Students love representing the Blue and Gold. From sporting cup runs to amazing societal pieces. More must be done from the union to promote and celebrate student achievement across the university.

Activity Zone Committee



Vote Jessi [1] for Activity Zone

About me

JessisMore!

Hi! I'm Jessi and I'm a second year Student Midwife. This year I have been **President of Disney Society**, **VP of Feminist Society** and an active member of Theatre Soc and LGBT+ Soc. I love going to societies and Union events - they are a major part of my University life! I want to be your Activity Zone representative so that you can experience the fun, skills and passion from the things it can offer you!

Everyone Join a Soc

I aim to increase student involvement in societies, including those - like me - who do placement. My course is 50% shift work which originally discouraged me from attending extracurricular activities. However, I have committed to several societies and now even manage two as well! For all students there are countless positive impacts to participating, which need to be promoted regularly as part of Uni life so that we can all make the most of our time at Surrey!

Surrey Students Unite

I want groups across Team Surrey and Surrey Socs to unite as students of Surrey rather than being disjointed. I think they should join together more in larger scale collaborative events like Varsity and Free Fest. As a member of Activity Zone, I would encourage pairing societies and clubs to suggest creating original collabs. This could increase support between them, especially helping smaller societies achieve big events!

Progress Check-Ins

I would like societies to have more opportunities to achieve the personal aims they set out for themselves at the start of the year, such as organising certain events and increasing membership. Some societies need more encouragement to go on to reach their potentials, which could be helped by having regular check ins with the zone. This would keep them on track with their goals and increase their recognition within the Union, leading to being more known across the University!

Feel free to contact me: jg0073@surrey.ac.uk

Voting runs from 26th Feb - 2nd March 7pm via the USSU website

VOTE AMAN KARIA [1] FOR ACTIVITY ZONE

- 2nd year Economics and Finance student
- Events manager of the Indian Students Association
- Treasurer of Bhangra Society

I aim to strongly encourage societies to have regular events to prevent lack of student engagement and participation. Furthermore, I would advise societies to employ a platform for efficient feedback from students, possibly anonymous, on their opinions of the events that have taken place and what they wish to see in the future.

Involvement

Emphasise events such as Freshers and Refreshers Fayre, more specifically aiming to make refreshers fayre as popular as Freshers Fayre for those who have missed out on opportunities to sign up earlier on in the year. This is due to the fact that refreshers fayre is not as heavily promoted. Societies should be more encouraging to join, for those whom have missed out on previous opportunities to get involved.

Promotion

There are several great societies that exist in Surrey but the maintenance of these societies can be challenging. Setting up initiatives to keep societies up and running, is also a key focus. This can be done by increased awareness and more consistent communication between societies and members through emails or other social media platforms.

Sustain



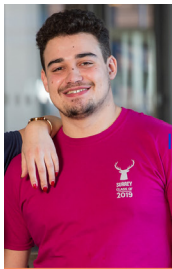
akaria377

#AmanforActivity **SurreyDecides**



2019

Activity Zone Committee



VOTE CALLAM FOR ACTIVITY ZONE [1]



Callam, a placement student studying Digital Media Arts. Sport has played a huge part of my time at university and I want to help others get as much out of their time in university as I have. Being part of Snowsports and its Media and Branding officer (2017/18) has given me great experiences and showed me a lot about how clubs and the union is run. Joining American Football this year has led to some amazing times and has increased my love of sports at university further which I hope to bring in the Activity Zone.

Inclusivity – I want to get more people involved in sports, proving that no matter your ability or experience anyone can play university sports. To accomplish this I want to create testimonial videos of fresher's talking about their experience of university sports, to show to future students and dismiss any nerves. I would push for more social sports sessions and sports clubs to run and publicise taster days later in the year for anyone that didn't join in freshers week.

Charity – Clubs and societies are great at raising money, and with the new position of RAG chair it would be great to work collaboratively with them to advertise any clubs charity events more widely through the university, not just through the clubs own channels.



Year long uptake - In my time at uni I have noticed that many students want to join clubs or societies, but feel put off after fresher's week. As well as taster sessions I want to push clubs to advertise themselves throughout the year and advertise those clubs through USSU social media, so freshers know that they can join and have fun all through the year.

Social and Intermural sport – While intermural and play sports are out there, I feel there could be more of a focus on advertising them for people, especially in campus accommodation where teams could be easily set up and provide an even closer relationship with the flat and keep people socialising as a team for their whole time at university.

Its Callam with an A, and the A is for Activities

#FilledwithJambition

Unifying with the University

By increasing the channels of communication between the Activity and Voice Zones and the University, I want University departments to encourage Surrey students to join clubs/societies. Having module tutors or course reps reiterate the benefits of joining a society, whether through Welcome Week talks or year group tutorials, will allow more students to feel comfortable in exploring what the Activity Zone has to offer. The awareness of a society/club as a way to explore your course field further or to escape its stress-inducing intensive hours must be provided! I hope to work alongside Student Life Mentors, and the Centre of Wellbeing to the same effect.

Celebration of Year Achievements

From One World Week to Varsity to society sessions, so many fantastic memories are created! Collating the best photos and accounts of dance competitions, game-winning goals and choral singing into one affordable hardback yearbook gives you something special to look back on. It would celebrate the achievements of individuals or groups of students that have dedicated their all to the Activity Zone. A condensed version may be specially made for events such as Freshers Fayre. This gives students a taste of how they can get involved.

Societies in the Community

I would like to increase the opportunities for societies to interact with the wider community, thereby bridging the gap between Guildford and the University. Establishing contact with local theatres to bulk purchase cheaper tickets with the Activity Zone ensures that Union led events are increasingly affordable. I want to open opportunities for societies to engage and perform collaboratively in Guildford. This can include: helping to find local venues for our drama and music socs, organising an Odeon takeover for film/fandom socs and more!

Feel free to contact me: jo00381@surrey.ac.uk
Voting runs from 26th Feb – 2nd March 7pm via the USSU website





My name is **Jamal Ollier** and I am currently a 2nd year Theatre & Performance student and the **President of Theatre Society**. I have also been a member of Musical Theatre Soc, Gospel Choir, MADSoc, Disney Soc & Fencing Club. I was a **Course Rep** for the academic year 2017/18. I hope to represent all societies and clubs to try and share the same exciting experiences that they have given me so far.

**Vote Jamal [1]
for Activity
Zone!**

Surrey Societies Chair

vote

Nadya [1] for Societies executive CHAIR

Reassertion of the role:

- Improving the communication processes within the Union.
- Being the first point of contact and a mediator.
- Helping, advising and guiding the society committees.

Empowering:



- Promoting girls' and women's involvement in physical activities.
- Broadening the scope of the 'This Girl Can' Campaign.
- Monitoring promoting gender equality.

A step forward:

- Improving Society Standings.
- Encouraging new societies to provide taster sessions.
- Updating societies and being accountable.

#FAIRCHAIR


26 feb
TO
02 march

• VOTING OPENS 26TH FEBRUARY (MY BIRTHDAY!)
• VOTING CLOSSES 2ND MARCH

LUKE NO FURTHER, VOTE

LUKE HARVEY [1] SOCIETIES CHAIR



- 2016/17 FUNDRAISING OFFICER BOAT CLUB
- 2018/19 ACTIVITY ZONE MEMBER
- 2018/19 LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEMBER

STUDENT MENTOR SOCIETY TRAINING & SOCIETY BOOKLET

IMPROVE TRAINING FOR STUDENT MENTORS TO ENABLE THEM TO TAKE AN INFORMED ROLE ENCOURAGING FRESHERS TO EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR JOINING SOCIETIES.


TO GO ALONG WITH THE TRAINING I WILL PUT TOGETHER A SOCIETY DESCRIPTION BOOKLET TO BE USED BY MENTORS AS WELL AS BEING FOUND IN WELCOME BOX. THE CURRENT LIST OF SOCIETIES ABBREVIATIONS CAN BE CONFUSING AND MISLEADING

SOCIETY SHOWCASE

EXPAND UPON SOCIETY SHOWCASE BY ENCOURAGING MORE SOCIETIES TO TAKE PART. I WILL UNDERTAKE MORE EFFECTIVE PROMOTION THROUGH

SOCIAL MEDIA, TV SCREENS, WELCOME PACKS AND POSTERAGE AROUND CAMPUS. EMPHASISING THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR A MORE PERSONAL EXPERIENCE THAN FRESHERS FAIR

HI I'M LUKE AND I'M A 3RD YEAR CIVIL ENGINEERING STUDENT GOING INTO MY MASTERS YEAR HERE AT SURREY. BEING PART OF SOCIETIES SUCH AS SURF CLUB HAS TRULY MADE MY UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE. I WANT TO USE MY PASSION FOR JUST GETTING INVOLVED TO BRING A GREATER STUDENT EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE!



HAVING FUN

A BIG PART OF UNIVERSITY IS JUST HAVING FUN AND I WILL BRING A BRIGHT, LIGHT HEARTED ATTITUDE TO THE ROLE OF SOCIETIES CHAIR

ORGANISATION


KEEPING ORGANISED WITH TRACKING SOCIETIES ACTIVITY COVERING ATTENDANCE TO SOCIETY STANDING, WEBSITE EXISTENCE AND MEMBERSHIP. OFFERING SUPPORT WITH ISSUES

INCLUSION

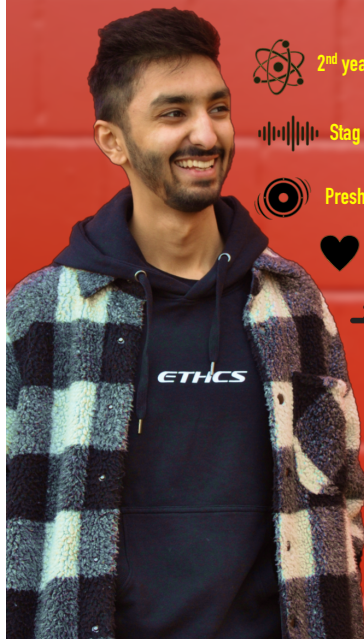
SOCIETIES ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO WHAT A UNIVERSITY IS ALL ABOUT. WORKING WITH THE LIBERATION COMMITTEE I WANT TO ENSURE THAT ALL STUDENTS FEEL THAT THEY ARE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN ANY OF THE SOCIETIES AVAILABLE

SOCIAL MEDIA

CONTINUING TO BUILD UPON MY WORK WITH @SURREYSOCS. HANDING OVER THE RUNNING OF THE PAGE TO THE NEW ZONE. WITH THE GOAL TO REACH 1000 FOLLOWERS!

 @luke4societieschair

RAHUL [1] SURREY SOCS CHAIR



2nd year Physicist



Stag Radio Marketing Manager



Presha Ambassador



Surrey Matchmakers



Freshers Angel



People & Planet



ZenSoc

1 INTER-SOCIETY COLLABORATION

Through the creation of SurreySocieties, the wide range of societies on campus have never felt more unified.

- Working with the SU, I want to create a group volunteering section on the Surrey Volunteering site - a forum on which societies can post initiatives and opportunities for society collaboration.
- From events to campaigns, let's unite the strengths and experience of the entire student body.

2 EMPLOYABILITY

EmployableMe and the Employability Award have highlighted the importance of transferrable skills to students.

- Expanding on these projects, I will work with societies individually to provide insights into how their societal aims and activities apply in the working world by developing relationships with niche businesses and innovators. I am a firm believer that if you pursue what you love, you will succeed.
- Let's empower students by making them aware of the range of opportunities available to them.

3 OUTREACH

The SU has access to a multitude of varying resources, areas and venues.

- I will create a clear and comprehensive events and marketing guide to allow societies to expand their horizons, show off their achievements and advertise to new members outside of freshers and refreshers fair.
- The more the merrier in every society!

#THE-KEY-IS-ALFIE

VOTING OPEN: 26.02.19

VOTE ALFIE [1] FOR SOCIETIES EXEC CHAIR

WHO AM I?

I'm Alfie - full name Alfira Ratnamalinda. I'm a Second Year Nutrition and Food Science student from Indonesia. I'm currently the president of Indonesian Society and a member of Nutrisoc.

WHY AM I THE KEY?

I love being part of a society at Surrey and feel it has really enriched my experience as a student here. As your next Society Exec Chair, I want to make sure that our Societies thrive and are given the support to accomplish as much as possible.

@ALFIRATNM

TEAM SOCIETY

- Like Team Surrey unites our Sports Societies, I want to work on encouraging Surrey Societies to collaborate on more events, uniting students and bringing attention to smaller Societies too.
- This will benefit our students: more collaborations means more events, trips and socials!

COMMITTEE WORKSHOPS

- Team building to ensure new Committees work well together and make the most of their year.
- More intensive President training to ensure all Society Presidents are well-equipped with the skills they will require to lead their committee and Society.

SOCIETY SPOTLIGHT

- Inspired by the @SurreySocs instagram, I want to promote smaller Societies by randomly selecting a Society each month to be the Student's Union Society Spotlight.
- The selected Society will be asked to submit either a short summary of what they do or the details of an upcoming event, and this will be displayed across TV Screens on campus for free!



Team Surrey Chair

Memberships & Playerlayer

- There have been many changes to the membership options, which some students, specially freshers may find confusing and overwhelming to understand. Thus, I would facilitate the understanding of the different segments of pricing with potential assistance from activity zone members.
- PlayerLayer is overpriced therefore I would work closely with our current regional account manager to help achieve discounted prices and deals.

Participation

- Introduce a new STARS criteria which encompasses a cross society and club collaboration to increase participation in sports.
- Highlight the diversity within clubs through means of marketing to create a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere.

Student Welfare

- Shift focus to all university students and not only those involved in Team Surrey during exam period by building on the current free sessions and possibly extending that to club's training sessions which generally drop in numbers during exam time.
- This additional taster session will help students cope better with exam stress and may encourage them to join a club and become a part of the Team Surrey family.

Background

Who?

I am a Final year Law and International Studies student and the current President of the University of Surrey Women's Football Club. I was previously the social secretary for the club which helped me gain the confidence I need to run for a bigger role.

What?

I am eager to work with Team Surrey and the Student's Union to increase participation in sports, from beginners who want to try something new to those who wish to play competitively at a high level. I believe that Team Surrey tailor well to both sides of the spectrum; however, it is important to make people aware of that, which is one of the main things I would like to focus on.



VOTE MAYA FOR TEAM SURREY CHAIR



SPORT AND YOU

When I first joined the university of surrey I struggled immensely with finding myself and came close to dropping out. That was until I joined badminton and sailing and found where I belonged within the university. Because of this if I am elected to team surrey chair I will endeavour to promote the benefits of joining one of the wide variety of sports clubs as part of improving student's mental health.

EVERY SPORT FOR EVERY STUDENT

During my time as treasurer for the university sailing club I've had many people tell me "I thought sailing was only for rich people". That simply isn't the case and speaking to members of other committees, they also have had people not join because of what they perceive to be sports for a certain group of people.

If I am elected I will aim to meet with the incoming committees of each club within team surrey to discuss any stereotypes they face and how to combat this so we can make next year the most inclusive and diverse year ever within team surrey.

JAMES FOR TEAM SURREY CHAIR



Hi I'm James you may have spotted me in citrus once or twice or I might have even served you a drink or two in popworld! I'm a second-year economics and finance student who has played sport for as long as I can remember. I am currently the treasurer for the university of surrey sailing club as well as social secretary and activator for the Badminton society. I've also just been voted in as sports representative for Onslow lodge, meaning I now have a monthly sport article reaching all across surrey!

HELPING THE COMMITTEES HELP YOU

Any society lives and dies by how much effort their committee is willing to put in yet with such an important role, the committees are only given generalised training immediately after their AGM's before they are left to fend for themselves.

To this end I would use my position as team surrey chair to support your committees with any issues they come across during the year, be that with issues with SSP or organising socials or networking within the sporting community. I will be there to help in any way I can to make the time you spend with sports clubs the best it can be.

Your voice at team surrey

My primary role is to be your voice at SSP and team surrey, I want to be as open and as available as possible to all students, even if you're not part of a sports society.

I'm there to voice your concerns and your issues not to say yes to everything they may want to change. At the end of the day there are our societies and I am there to do the best I possibly can for you

Team Surrey Chair

Malin {1} for Team Surrey Chair

Together 1N for the w1N

STARS

Every club is aiming for the gold STARS but some of the criteria might be easy to achieve for some clubs whilst being nearly impossible for other clubs.

I want to work together with the VP Activity to create STARS criteria that are equally challenging for all clubs.

Throughout the year I want to work together with club committees to help them achieve the STARS they're aiming for.



#Mal1N

Community

Student sports is a vital part of student life. Therefore, I want to promote more flexible sporting options for those with challenging timetables.

Also, to celebrate successes of athletes from both small and large clubs.

Support

Team Surrey operates an open-door policy, which in theory is great. However, finding the right person in their office can sometimes be not so easy. Some queries also might be of the kind that you don't want to discuss in the doorframe.

I want to implement monthly drop-in sessions that clubs can book with the members of the Team Surrey staff. These sessions would be similar to the progress meeting that clubs attend halfway through the year.




About me:

I'm an archer and horse rider, polo player and the rest of the time a 2nd year PhD student in Soft Matter Physics.

Member of University of Surrey Archery Club and Equestrian Club.

2018/2019 VP Archery
2017-2019 Course Rep



 @schulz.malin
 Malin Schulz

Voting opens after question time on 26th of February and is possible until 7.00 pm on 2nd of March

VOTE GEORGE [1] FOR GREEN VP ACTIVITY!




ABOUT ME

- StagTV President
- Creative Music Technology Student
- Completed the Devizes to Westminster Canoe race
- Madsoc member
- Chamber choir member

Get Active Online

We are living in a digital age and yet the one area we are lacking most in our Activity Zone is online. I intend to make it easier for students to learn about individual clubs and societies via our website. I will also focus on getting clubs and societies with similar interests to communicate and collaborate with each other online.

Get Active at Home

The Surrey sports park is a brilliant way of keeping healthy, But there is an attitude that it's the only route to a healthy lifestyle. I want to campaign alongside Surrey Moves to encourage and inform the majority of students who don't use the sports park every day that there are ways of getting fit without a gym.

Better committees!

Committees of both Clubs and Societies do not get enough support, training is minimal and the only way to get help is by getting in touch personally or using the badly designed Committee resources Webpage. I will make training and support easier to understand, more accessible and less of a chore for new committee members.

"Vote for the Green Giant"

[Instagram](#) [Facebook](#) [Twitter](#)

#Go4Green

26th FEB to 2nd MAR

VOTE RIDDHISH [1] FOR VP ACTIVITY

'My dream to run for your passion'

[f](#) /RiddhishforVP
#rids4urpassion

SurreyDecides
2019

SOC EXEC CHAIR

- Architect
- Final Year BMus. CMT
- Course Rep
- Validation Rep
- Student Ambassador
- President (Bollywood Soc)
- VP (Indian Soc) (2016 - 2017)

ENGAGEMENT FOR ALL

- Aptitude Quiz in freshers week & lectures
- Give it a go schedule provided in lectures
- Guide to website design to all societies & clubs
- Maintaining Wednesday afternoons as free for all

EMPLOYABILITY BY VOLUNTEERING

- Employability skills introduced for signatories & volunteers
- Transferable skills diary for all signatories and PTOs
- Collaborated engagement with SurreyVolunteering for HEAR

SUPPORT & DEVELOPMENT

- Introduction to social prescription from Centre for Well Being
- Student space for therapy during week with Samaritans
- Compulsory welfare rep in societies & sports clubs for support



VOTE LIZZIE FOR VP ACTIVITY

Supporting Committees

- Introduce 'This Girl Can Ambassadors'
- Encourage Committee First Aid Training
- Encourage Committee Welfare Officers
- Develop GOLD Stars to ensure maximum society potential
- Review the runnings of sports and society standings

Give Sport back to Students!

- Emphasise the importance of student priority at SSP
- Keep Saturdays free for bookable student and society activities and Sundays free for Social Sport
- Ensure the student space timetable is prioritised over the commercial space timetable
- Support students in bringing local clubs to support a variety of alternative activities

Free Swimming for Students

- Offer free swimming for USSU students
- Designated swimming sessions for Students
- Help break down the financial barriers of sport at Surrey
- Promote the positive effects of sport to mental wellbeing



Sports and Society Communication Platform

- Create an interactive platform used by sports and societies alike
- Encourage sports and societies to communicate more effectively
- Enable sports and societies to better co-ordinate collaborations
- Enable RUCs organisation to be smoother and more effective

My name is Lizzie Rodulson and I am a current final year Child Nursing Student. I currently sit as a Part Time Officer on the Activity Zone, as well as being an active committee member of the Dodgeball Club as their Charity, Volunteering and Tournament Co-ordinator. I would relish the opportunity to represent you, as sports, societies and individuals as your VP Activity.

- Final Year Nursing Student
- Activity Zone Member 2018/19
- Dodgeball Women's Captain 2017/18
- Dodgeball Charity, Volunteering & Tournament Co-ordinator 2018/19
- Freshers Angel 2017
- Freshers Super Angel 2018



Fully endorsed by the
University of Surrey
Dodgeball Club

GET BUSY FOR LIZZIE

Voice Zone Committee

VOTE AYA [1] FOR VOICE ZONE



Voting opens on the 26th of February, 2019

Contact Me:

✉ aa02162@surrey.ac.uk

📱 Aya Asali

WHO AM I?

I'm Aya and I'm an active, passionate and problem solving student ready to join your voice zone committee! My main aim is to help you get the most out of your degree.

- 🗣️ Debater and Presenter
- 📖 Final year Politics and Economics student
- 📅 Former member of Friends of Palestine committee
- 👤 Senior student ambassador

#ReachHigherVoteAya
SurreyDecides

INCREASE EMPLOYABILITY

Initiating a graduate job guidance program, aside from placement training, dedicated to preparing final years and international students for the workplace.

ENHANCE UNIVERSITY-WIDE COMMUNICATION

1. Encouraging course reps to engage with their course mates by offering recommendations from the union.
2. Improving communication with first years about vschemes the university offers.
3. Spreading awareness about the assistance that Student Services can provide.

FIGHT FOR FEEDBACK

Ensuring lecturers provide enough feedback for all types of assessments by adding the following segment to Surrey Self Service:

- Do you know why you received this mark? Yes/No
- Was the feedback adequate? Yes/No

SurreyDecides
2019

VOICE ZONE MEMBER VOTE OLA [1]

A Year 2 Aerospace Engineering student looking to make the best of this opportunity to help improve the Imagination of all students.



KNOWLEDGE IS POTENTIAL POWER

DEVELOPMENT OF IMAGINATION

- Ensure that students begin to use their **knowledge** in **practical ways** to develop their imagination within their course.
- Push lecturers to give students **Ideas** of how a specific courses may be used in real life giving students the opportunity to **apply** the knowledge themselves.

DIVERSIFY

- Work closely with the course reps to ensure **changes** wanted by students are pushed
- Involvement between other cohorts to help **diversify knowledge** and help course reps identify issues facing all cohorts

ENGAGEMENT

- Get students **engaged** more in their own subject to ensure they have a **distiguishing understanding** in their profession
- Blogs **specific** to each cohort to be sent out to students to help them remain **aware** of changes occuring in their specialisation

✉ Ob00190@surrey.ac.uk

#KNOWLEDGEISPOTENTIALPOWER

- 1st Year MechENG Course REP

VOTING PERIOD
FEBRUARY 26th – MARCH 2nd
STUDENTS' UNION ONLINE

Vote George Buskell [1] for Voice Zone



Experience

- Second Year International Politics Student
- Co-Chair Surrey, Cut the Rent
- Trade Union Officer, Surrey Labour Students 2018
- Editorial team on Incite

Outward Looking

- Help steer the SU into being less inward looking, and get involved with national and international issues

Democratic

- Improve SU democracy by promoting a more pro-active approach to participation and involvement from the student body.

Liberating

- Put Liberation Reps on Exec to formalise their powers to represent and advocate for marginalised groups on campus.

Activist

- Encourage the SU to get involved with local and national activism and direct action, providing support and solidarity to activist groups in the community.
- Stand up to University Management, power does not concede without a demand!

Empowering Students

- Continue and EXPAND the Workers' Charter policy
- Actively encourage and aid students in joining their relevant Trade Unions and Tenants' Unions.

Political

- The Student's Union is an inherently political body, it should be actively encouraged to take stances on issues that effect everyone.



[1]

Vote Dave D for the Voice zone #votetheD

[Introduction]

Hi, I am David Dobrotvorskij! I am Russian, who grew up in Germany and England. I study IR in 1st year and am a Course Rep! I love Surrey Uni, but we all know that some things could and should be better. I want to represent you before the uni and push for changes to improve your experience beyond just my manifesto promises. The Voice Zone is where student activism starts I promise if you elect me I will be approachable and open to your ideas!

[Better feedback]

Add a feedback tab on SurreyLearn to streamline the process of students giving feedback and Course Reps to collect said feedback to pressure the Uni into improving on the issues close to the heart of students. Use this tab also to increase transparency of surveys like MEQs and NSS to better hold departments accountable to change.

[Surrey Uni App]

Working together with any Student volunteers and the Uni to create an App by the students for the students, focused on SurreyLearn, and other extra features.

[Better Housing]

Continue the ongoing campaigns for lower rents off and on campus, at the same time provide students with more and better initiatives to protect themselves from greedy landlords.

#votetheD

www.facebook.com/DaveDforVoice/

DIANA [1] *for*



Hazel Farm: We need to talk about the buses

- * The lack of a reliable and punctual bus service has been a chronic issue affecting Hazel Farm residents for years. It's not unusual to wait 30 minutes for a bus to campus in the morning and the evening service from campus is even more chaotic.

Honest, but tough conversations need to be had with the service providers, to initiate changes for the benefit of the students. I am fully willing and able to take part in such discussions.

Accountability of University management:

- * Surrey very sharply fallen in both the University and NSS rankings. This year we were 68th in the NSS and 21st in the Guardian league table, in 2016 were 20th and 4th respectively.

Such a substantial decline is a clear indicator of a reduction in student satisfaction throughout the university. Yet, the response from the university management, I believe, has been very weak. More needs to be done to acknowledge this and set up a clear and well defined plan

WIFI availability across campus:

- * The poor availability of WIFI across the entire university campus is simply unacceptable; with many lecturers now integrating digital tools into their teaching it is vital that we have consistent and adequate access to WIFI at all time whilst on campus.

My aim is to engage with the relevant people, with the help of the student union, in order to improve the WIFI access on campus.

Vote Russell [1] for Voice Zone Committee

Defending the voice of international students

International students – particularly from outside the EU – find themselves much more financially and legally restrained than domestic students. The most affected group of students are the least able to act. That's why I support greater powers for international reps in the Union and giving international students a proper forum to express their opinions.

Fighting against unfair visa conditions

Most international, non-EU students are on a Tier 4 student visa, which the Home Office can revoke for a variety of reasons. Student visas are also dependent on a place at the University – losing that place means losing a visa, disincentivising international students who want their voices heard. I will support campaigns to stop deportations and mandatory registration for lectures.

Protecting the free speech of activists and academics

The government's 'Prevent' counter-terrorism strategy is deliberately slanted against ethnic minorities – particularly British Muslims – and vocally left-wing students and academics. In the interests of academic freedom and social equality, I will lobby against further infringements on our free speech.

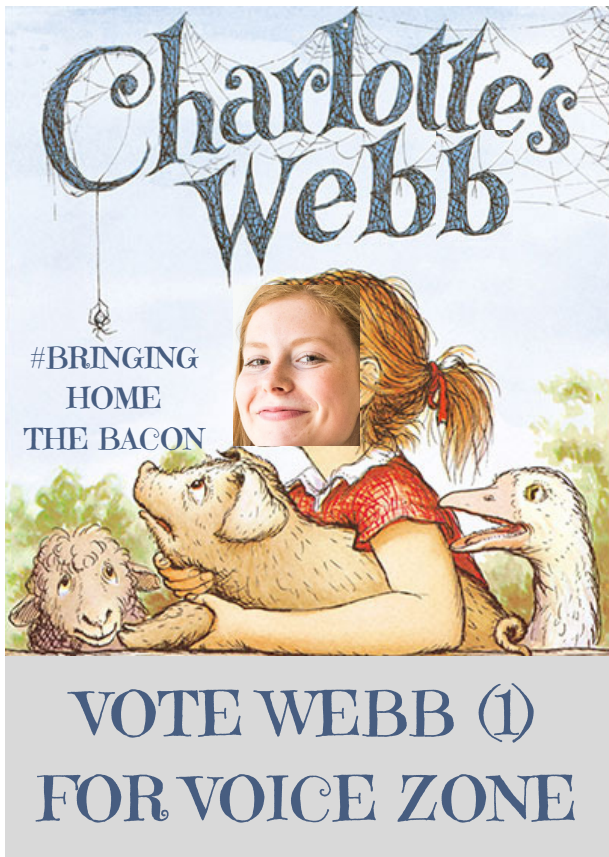


About me

Hi! I'm Russell, a first year Politics student and an active member of the Surrey Liberal Society and of mixed British-Filipino heritage. I believe my intimate understanding of both cultures gives me a unique perspective on the interests and concerns of both domestic and international students.

#NoFussWithRuss

Voice Zone Committee



ABOUT ME:

- Charlotte Webb, 1st Year Theatre & Performance

EXPERIENCE:

- Course Rep
- Jack Petchey award for public speaking



1) AFFORDABLE LIVING:

- Student life is expensive and the university should do more to help keep costs as low as possible so that students from all financial backgrounds can have a university education
- I want to ensure that there are more affordable places to eat and drink on campus and work to find alternatives to Simply Fresh and Circuit Laundry, as well as reducing bus fares and parking fees

2) EMPOWERMENT:

- The union should provide means for students to campaign for issues which matter to them and facilitate peaceful protests
- I want to ensure that students are aware of ways in which they can participate in campaigns and make their views known, both within the university and on a wider scale

3) REPRESENTATION:

- Every student matters and should be listened to
- I want to ensure that all members of the university are heard, with a particular focus on GSA and Vets to encourage them to share their views & provide more ways for them to be part of the student body

Vote Joel (1) for Voice Zone!

@joelvoicezone



About Me:

- Second Year English Lit with Creative Writing student
- Social Media Manager for Literature Society (LitSoc)
- Organised a collaborative event with ACS to educate on Black icons in literature
- Chosen by the SU to be a Guest Curator for Black History Month & diversified the library's collection
- Contributed to Stag Radio and The Stag



Push for more of the University's services to be utilized through SurreyLearn:

- Expand the SU's visibility to SurreyLearn's homepage; advertise when Exec meetings are happening to increase student engagement with the SU
- Promote SPLASH further to increase awareness of their helpful services
- Inform students of the online information and video-based content that we have access to that can be used for our own study

Increased representation on campus:

- Implement events (i.e. panels and inviting guest speakers) across the year that reflect the identities of Liberation Committee members
- Propose to work alongside Stag Medias to encourage coverage on seasonal events that the SU celebrates (i.e. One World Week, Black/LGBT History Month)

Branching outside our SU:


- Liaise with organisations such as The Southern Universities Network to combat issues that affect us as students

#JoelForVoiceZone

Voting opens February 26th after Question Time

SurreyDecides 2018

Vote AJAY (1) for VP VOICE



**Want your say?
Vote Ajay!**

- Executive member of the Voice Zone
- Student Life Mentor 2017/18
- President of African and Caribbean Society 2017/18
- Represented London on the National Youth Board for the National Citizen Service (NCS)

Course Reps & Education

- Work towards standardising the election of course reps, ensuring democracy and transparency.
- "Everybuddy needs somebuddy" - Implementing course rep handovers and socials.
- Advocate to adopt proactive measures to improve the quality of education and close the attainment gap.

Empowerment

- Facilitate skill building workshops; encouraging activism.
- Creating a campaign platform for students, enabling them to propose and run campaigns with access to Voice Zone funding.

Diversity and Inclusion

- Work closely with the liberation committee, providing resources to facilitate campaigns that generate social change.
- Develop and expand my "Liberated Library" project working alongside the VP Support.

FOR A DEMOCRATIC SU

1) Support the creation of democratically elected student trustees to the SU's Board of Trustees

2) Democratise the Board of Trustees meeting

Make students feel welcome: provide readily accessible digital and print minutes, agenda, motions and other relevant materials for student attendees

3) Introduce a part-time Postgraduate Officer in the Voice Zone

To empower post-graduate students and ensure their needs are reflected within the student community.

FOR AN ACTIVIST SU

1) Facilitate and organise student-led campaigns and activist workshops

- Expand on my 'Democratise Surrey' workshop series idea from this year and focus on local and national student politics.
- Practical activism skills!

2) Support the trade unions on campus

- Commit to the Workers' Charter policy
- Run radical campaigns on protecting workers' rights (both students and non-students!)

VOTE AK [1] FOR VP VOICE!

[f @AkForVPVoice](#)

FOR A LIBERATED SU

1) Exec seats for Liberation reps with full voting powers

Liberation should play a part in shaping the policies at our students' union.

2) Run a year-long campaign on fighting for issues directly affecting international students

- The issues: international fee rises, discriminatory surveillance against international students

- This expands on the SU's commitment to freedom of movement. This was due to an Exec motion I successfully wrote and passed.

- This will reach out to, liberate and empower the non-UK student population (nearly 40%) in our community.



EXPERIENCE

- Current Voice Zone Part Time Officer (PTO)

- Liberation Committee Member, Voice Zone rep

- Co-chair of Surrey Labour Students

- Member of Surrey People and Planet

- President of Politics Society 2016-17

- Former intern at UK Parliament (2017)

- Student journalist on campus!

• Fashion Editor of The Stag (2016-17)

• Writer for Incite (2016-17)

• Writer for Subcultured (2016-17)

VOTE MICHAEL [1] FOR VP VOICE YOUR UNION, YOUR VOICE

WHO AM I?:

I am a second-year English Literature student who has spent my 2 years at Surrey being heavily involved in a variety of societies and clubs (The Stag, Stag Radio, StagTV, Rugby, Dodgeball, Athletics & XC). Campaigning for more dialogue regarding Mental Health has been a huge part of my second year at University. I ran a campaign called #havenotlost and raised £643 for Movember, the most of any student at the University. Further I have been on committee for:

- The Stag (President and Sports Editor)
- Athletics and Cross Country (Treasurer)

EFFECTIVE CHANGE:

■ Continue change campaigns I have fought for this year such as raising awareness and dialogue on Mental Health, fighting the University over the rapidly increasing student numbers, and lobbying the University to re-examine the executive boards ridiculously high pay.

- Be more flexible in supporting student campaigns that emerge on campus.

ACCESSIBILITY:

■ The accessibility at our Uni is a joke. Change needs to happen, ramps around campus and especially in Rubix would massively improve the student experience of people with disabilities.

REPRESENTATION:

■ Make sure that all voices are heard and acted upon in the Students Union and increase the powers of the Liberation Committee. Move their elections to become part of Surrey Decides, and work towards giving them a seat at exec.

■ Revamp Course Rep elections so that your Course Reps are truly representative of your course. Standardise elections, have the Union take back control of the process, and then hold these elections online. Introduce whole school reps who can run dialogue sessions with course reps.



Ethan Smith [1] VP VOICE

**“Take A Deep Breath,
Vote For Ethan Smith”**

“Ethan is passionate about standing up for students as one united force, fighting for a stronger voice in Surrey. He sees the importance of students having a positive influence on decision making at university, fighting for strong communication between staff/students.”



Manifesto

surreyDecides
2019

- 1) A Strong Voice To Build Strong Students** – by setting up meetings with University executives, to verbally and rightfully get our message across to decision makers.
- 2) An Advocate For Disabled And Disadvantaged Students** – by expressing that Care Leavers, Additional Learners, SEN, and more, have the best support available to give every one of us the same opportunities through university and later life.
- 3) To Facilitate Student Union Protests Around Campus** – in order to demonstrate the importance of democracy and politics in action here at Surrey. These will be social, fun, and aimed at relevant issues, such as motions put to exec and more.



Union Chairperson



VOTE EDELINE [1] FOR UNION CHAIR

SurreyDecides
2019

Accountability and Transparency

You vote for your officers based on what they promise you. If elected, I will focus on publicising the tracked actions of responsible part-time and Sabbatical officers at accountability panels. I will also introduce regular progress-tracking meetings for larger-scale endeavours.

ACTION at EXEC

Exec is the forum that guides the Union's day-to-day running and stance on important matters. As a student, I know it feels like there is a disconnect between you and the University. Exec is one of the most powerful tools you have to being heard. I will push to ensure that the value of Exec is strong in the student consciousness, and for decisions made at Exec to be publicised on social media to keep you aware and engaged in these decisions.

Be present and accessible

Although a part-time position, my full-time postgraduate study guarantees I will be available for any student, part-time or Sabbatical officer, when and where they need me (including outside term time). I will have a dedicated slot per week solely for drop in sessions at the Sabb office for informal chats or discussion for proposal of motions.

Surrey BSc Biomedical Science (2014 - 2018, Hons) and PhD Quantum Biology (ongoing) | BioSoc Vice - president (2015/16) | Team Surrey Archery (competitive) | UoS Dodgeball | Student ambassador | International Student | International Placement



Voting takes place between 26th February and 2nd March

@EdelineForChair

Interested in changing : Education, Academia, Misinformation, Equality



Vote Theo [1] For Union Chair #UnionWheelChair

About Me

Hi my name is Theo and I am a 2nd year Politics & Economics Student.

- Co-opted member of Democracy Committee
- Incite news editor
- Endorsed by the current Union Chair

Voting Opens
Evening of the
26th of Feb

@TCHD_ Theo Donnelly

Participation - Outreach - Engagement

Getting students to engage with Union affairs is always challenging. From the outside the Union can be seen as a bit of a 'club', this can be intimidating for much of the student body and is compounded by the poor levels of communication. This has been shown with the incredibly low number of 1st years who turn up to Exec and if this trend continues when the current cohort of active students leave we will have a huge issue. I plan to tackle this by:

- Improving communication and clarity across all platforms
- Encouraging greater cooperation between student media and the Union
- Greater publicity of meeting times
- Redesign the website from the ground up
- Summaries to be written for Exec motions, to make it more accessible to those new to the process.

Student's Union Structural Review

I believe the Union currently has a number of structural issues that need reviewing and addressing:

- The Zones overlap and can be confusing to some
- Non-Exec PTOs often feel disheartened due to not being able to fulfil their manifesto because of a lack of support
- The way the Liberation Committee interacts with Exec needs to be improved
- The Board of Trustees – How the new Student Trustees will be chosen.

Other Business

- I'd continue with the accountability panel we had last year, expanding it with greater focus & depth on the Sabbs.
- Throughout my time at university I have pushed for greater accessibility on campus and I would continue to support issues faced by the disabled community from my position as Chair.

Union Chairperson

MANIFESTO

🏠 Voting venue: Online voting
📅 Dates: 29th February – 2nd March
🕒 Question Time: 25th February, 7pm in Rubix

AKSHAYA (AKA) MOHAN

for the position of UNION CHAIR

Hey guys!

I am Akshaya, a first-year student, studying Law with International Relations. I have been keen on representing students (all people, generally), for as long as I can remember, and have experience doing the same, for the last 5 years, being a sabbatical officer for my school (ever since 7th grade, all the way through my A Levels).

Moreover, the role of Union Chair requires one to be acquainted with the bye-laws of the Student Union (SU) and to work diplomatically with the other officers (International Relations), and one can argue that this is exactly what my course feeds in to, so I can assure you that I will be absolutely dedicated to discharging my role and not let my other social and educational commitments take priority over this role.

That being said, I recognise the exemplary role that the current Union Chair is doing, and intend to follow in her footsteps, while also trying to streamline the process for students to understand, due to which I have laid my agendas for the upcoming year, as the following:

AGENDAS

- To ensure that all students are aware of pertinent decisions taken by the Board, and the Union Executive Committee (Exec), in a monthly report such that:
 - Students are aware of the developments in the Union, but do not receive a huge load of mails from time to time. This would entail that students need to dedicate only an hour a month towards the progress of the University but still benefit from being able to present their views.
 - The reports would be succinct to ensure that students need not delve into the nuances of the meeting (which is what elected officers are here for), but they are still updated on what the union has negotiated on their behalf and the progress of action towards it.
- To ensure that meetings of the Exec are advertised through a specific and separate link on various media (SU website and SU social media pages) such that these messages do not clash with the general information and advertisements of the Union, but at the same time, those willing to participate in these meetings, would get all the relevant information in one place.
- The Annual Members' Meeting occurs every-year for all students to participate in policy making activities of the University. I would strive to spread awareness of the venue and dates of the meeting, as much in advance as possible, to ensure that commuters and out-stations students, are able to attend the same/submit motions without any conflict in scheduling.
- The Union Chair is supposed to hold all other Officers of the SU to account, but I'd rather work in tandem with them and provide assistance wherever required such as to ensure that they wouldn't act contradictory to the bye-laws in anyway.

I hope this gives you a picture of what I aspire to accomplish as your Union Chair. If there are still any clarifications, please feel free to come and engage in a conversation with me during the question time on 25th February, and any time through the course of the next few weeks!

I look forward to meeting you all!

Yours truly,
Aka Mohan

Vote James Steel [1] for UNION CHAIR

Experience

- President Surrey Liberal Society
- Vice-President Politics Society
- Treasurer THE Society
- Support Zone Executive Officer 2017/18
- Guildford Borough Council Candidate 2019 (Westborough)



SurreyDecides
2019

#STELSTHEDEAL

1. Reform of the Union Structure

- Introduce more portfolio officers (officers with a given remit e.g campaigns officer, environmental officer) into the current structure.
- Have Democratically elected student trustees on the Board of Trustees.

2. Reform Executive meeting

- Introduce standardized hand signals to the Executive committee meetings and encourage zones to follow suit in the way they conduct their meetings.
- Add real time screens displaying current motions for discussion and amendments to Executive committee.
- Have all motions include an executive summary section at the beginning of motions.

3. Political Education and increased Sabbatical Officer scrutiny

- Hold political environment education training sessions for all elected officers of the Students Union.
- Introduce Sabbatical specific accountability panels to go alongside the all officer accountability panels

Union President

VOTE NJABBY (1) FOR PRESIDENT

Empowering Students

- Encourage discourse, and welcome students to engage in discussions concerning student wellbeing and satisfaction.
- Increase representation by enabling bilateral communication between course representatives and the Union.

Committing To The Liberation Committee

- Democratising the liberation committee to legitimise it for minority groups.
- Increase collaboration between zones and liberation committee as both aim to promote diversity and equality.

One Roof Over Our Head

- To campaign nationally, through the Southern Union Network to re-evaluate and expand the London weighting system to make housing cost affordable and appropriate for Guildford.



About me

- South African and Swiss
- 2nd Year Liberal Arts and Science Student
- President of Jiu Jitsu
- First lieutenant in the Swiss Army (16/18)



I'm Gemma and as your current VP Community I have achieved:

- Lifestyle choice flats across campus accommodation
 - Successfully brought RAG back into campus life
 - Organised the largest One World Week Fair and Gala to date
 - Worked with the University to revise the student parking system
 - Introduced free soft drinks in Rubix
- I would like to build on the relationships and insights I have developed to become your next Union President

How to vote

- 1 Go to ussu.co.uk and log in to vote
- 2 Click on the president option
- 3 Rank each person based on your preference of choice (1 next to first choice, hopefully this will be me!)
- 4 You can do this for as many or as few people and/or positions as you would like.

VOTE GEMMA [1] FOR PRESIDENT #NoPaineNoGain



Accommodation

The University's plan for rapid growth of accommodation needs to take into account affordable accommodation. I plan to use my position to ensure affordability and accessibility are a priority on the accommodation agenda and plans going forward.



Education

Since 2014/15 the University has dropped from 5th to 71st in student satisfaction, yet the senior leadership team pay has continue to rise. Let's make the senior leadership accountable for the quality of our education and degree's.



Communication

It is time for a revamp of our Students' Union's communications, both to students and in and around the local area, in order to ensure effectiveness.

Voting opens after Question Time on the 26th February

Union President

VOTE NICK WERREN [1] FOR PRESIDENT



Hi! I'm Nick Werren, I'm doing a PhD in Quantum Physics. I'm also president of the Post-Graduate Society, Vice-President of People & Planet Society, and Treasurer of Surrey, Cut The Rent. I'm running for president because I want the Union to become the effective, positive, and progressive institution that I know it can be. I will do everything I can to make the Union a place that stands up for students, staff, workers, and the Planet.

SAVE THE PLANET AND MONEY

Climate change is the issue of modern times. Green policies will save us money in the short term, and save the Planet in the long term.

Policies:

- Create a University-Union Sustainability Fund to invest in green projects.
- Work with academics to make the Union greener and more ethical.
- Create a not-for-profit food cooperative for students.

STUDENT-LED REVIEW OF STUDENT SPACE

The University is expanding. But we need the facilities to handle the numbers. Let's give students control over their campus, and its future.

Policies:

- Create an Investigation Committee to collect information on students' problems with the campus.
- Present the results of the Committee to the University, and lobby action.
- A student referendum on the future of the Union's facilities.

FIGHT DISCRIMINATION AND INEQUALITY

In light of sexual assaults, racially motivated attacks, the BAME attainment gap, and an increase in hate crime, it's clear Surrey must do more to deal with inequality & discrimination.

Policies:

- Work with the Liberation Committee to create educational materials.
- Give the Liberation Committee voting power on policies brought to the Executive Committee.
- A University-wide review to find the sources of these problems on campus.

CHALLENGE THE UNIVERSITY

Following the Office for Students' report on pay, we know what management at the University are paying themselves more than ever despite students being told to tighten their belts.

Policies:

- Demand a review of executive pay, after which any pay cuts should be spent on aiding students who are suffering hardships (and other relevant ethical causes).

FIGHT FOR DISCO

"The Beastie Boys fought and possibly died for my right to party."
- Mark Corrigan
Local music venues are under attack from property developers. Fight for disco!

Policies:

- Support live music, and live music venues, in and around Guildford.
- More funk, more soul, and more disco on campus.

SurreyDecides

2019

QUESTION TIME

SUNDAY 24TH, MONDAY 25TH
AND
TUESDAY 26TH FEBRUARY



The University of Surrey
Students' Union