SurreyDecides 2020 MANIFESTOS

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The University of Surrey Students' Union

What is

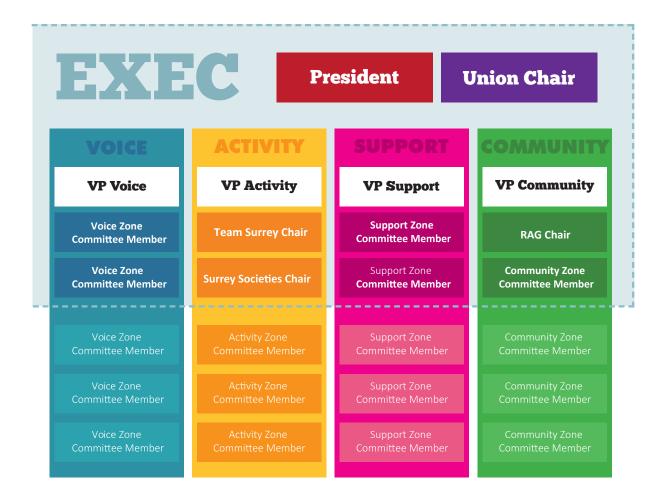
SurreyDecides

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





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 1st, Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd March

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

VOTE BETH [1] FOR SUPPORT ZONE



Mental Health Awareness

Mental Health Mates: walks followed by coffee, where people can safely talk about mental health issues or meet new people, aiming to promote mental health and physical wellbeing.

Support services (Big White Wall, Talking therapies, Nightline) advertised in lectures and leaflets in halls, to maximise awareness of available support systems

Combatting loneliness

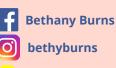
Encouraging a buddy system for freshers for departmental societies Introducing the Chatty Café scheme on campus, this has been successful in over 900 cafes nationwide and works to reduce social isolation and loneliness

About me:

Hi! I'm Beth, I'm a PTY Psychology student and President of PsychSoc. I'm British but grew up in Hong Kong and Singapore. For the past year I've worked to raise awareness about different mental health and wellbeing issues, and hosted events to support Psychology students. I would love the opportunity to do the same for the student community on a wider level as part of the support zone.

Disabilities & invisible illnesses support

Spotlight campaigns on different illnesses Discussion groups and online WhatsApp groups for people with a range of illnesses



bethyburns

SurreyDecides Voting opens March 3 after Question Time and closes March 7 at 6pm. #Dethforsupport

VOTE BETH [1] FOR SUPPORT ZONE SurreyDecides

MENTAL HEALTH

Using exercise to help improve the mental wellbeing of students. I will do this by promoting availability of classes and social sessions whilst working closely with activity zone to support this.

STUDENT SAFETY

Provide a safe way to help students who have been removed or refused entry into rubix, get home without incident.

AWARENESS

Increase the awareness of mental health by educating students on the areas surrounding it. Increasing awareness of mental health will hopefully decrease the stigmatism surrounding the topic, thus will hopefully break down any barriers people may face when wanting to seek help and advice.

ABOUT ME

Hi my name's Beth and I'm a second year Sport and Exercise Science student. I'm passionate about improving the mental health and wellbeing of students, the safety of students travelling home and around campus at night, and also increasing awareness of issues surrounding mental

Voting opens Tuesday 3rd March after question time until Saturday 7th



Bethany Stone

@__bethstone__

#beth4supportzone



VOTE ELLIE [1] FOR SUPPORT ZONE!

ABOUT ME: 2nd year

Studying Mathematics and Statistics President of AutiSoc (Autism Society) Disabled persons' officer of LGBT society Wellbeing Champion Freshers' angel 2019



OTHER PROPOSALS

Decrease waiting time at the centre for wellbeing – push for more staff
Campaign to reduce the stigma of mental health, disabilities and related issues

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INCLUSION MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES TRAI

I want to work closely with the university and with societies to ensure everyone feels welcome and supported, especially working closely with those with disabilities. I would also like to propose more

specialised training to provide more specialised and individual advice based on differing disabilities, sexualities, religions, etc There are several services available at university but how do you know which number to call? I

propose to have a board with all the services available at university to be installed in every dorm room, along with more visual awareness of these

services on campus

I want to ensure that staff and society signatories get appropriate training surrounding mental health, wellbeing, diversity and inclusion, to ensure they are equipped to accommodate and work with the students at university, and raise awareness

VOTE GABI [1] FOR SUPPORT ZONE

COHESIVENESS

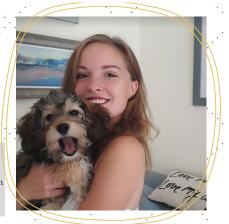
Reaching out to students living and studying on Manor Park & Hazel Farm by bringing support and well-being related events to the campus. To provide a voice in the union for those who may not always be heard, and to ensure all students are able to access support no matter where they are.

COMMUNICATION

Working with all of the support systems already in place at the university to help them better understand each other's roles in order to help them signpost effectively. Meeting the needs of each individual, and ensuring continued support by services such as Positive Minds after Centre for Well-being sessions

CHALLENGING STIGMA

Working with students and staff to raise awareness of the benefits of reaching out and seeking help. Encouraging staff to take an active role in their students wellbeing, and promoting and continuing the 'Let's Talk' message,



3rd year Vet Student Peer Supporter 2018-2020 Equestrian & Polo Club Wellbeing Champion 2019-2020 With a passion for mental health I would love to be given the opportunity to make real change for the benefit of every student at the univeristy.



ABOUT ME:

President and trained Wellbeing

and Inclusion Champion of the

• VP of the MatchMaking Society

Society

• Italian, German and Belgian

DeBeNeLux Society

2nd year Events Management

Student

studentSupported by:

VOTE HACHE [1] FOR SUPPORT ZONE

#ICouldntFindAHachetag

WELLBEING

- Workshops offered by guests speakers to learn how to cope with issues such as peer pressure, sexual harassement, insecurities and more
- Give students a safe place online to share their stories with each other anonymously

DISABILITY, NEURODIVERSITY AND CHRONIC ILLNESSES SUPPORT

- Raise awareness on visible and invisible illnesses through videos, interviews, articles, etc. where students can share their stories and struggles
- Improve accessibility on campus, encourage lecturers to use Panopto

INCLUSION

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- Keep working on inclusion of minorities by working with the Liberation Reps and the students they represent
- Further encourage clubs and societies to have a Wellbeing and Inclusion Champion

VOTE HUSSAIN [1] FOR SUPPORT

MENTAL HEALTH

- Add a feature on MySurrey app that can track your mood for the day and how you're feeling, to show you relevant activities that you can do around campus or town.
- Work with the activity zone to create more activities that people can do in groups to battle loneliness.
- Engaging with students on a weekly basis through social media and one-on-one, to talk about their concerns and advicing them on what is available.

SEXUAL HARASSMENT



- Add a feature on MySurrey where students can formally complain about sexual harassment.
- Making clear and concise regulations to tackle sexual harassment.
- Have workshops to raise awareness about sexual harassment.
- Work closely with the Welfare Watch to have the right resources if a sexual harassment case does arise on a night out.

ACADEMIC SUPPORT

- Panopto should be a must in every lecture regardless of what year and course. Students should be able to watch back a lecture and revise if they wish to do so.
- Academic misconduct panels to be held with a member of the student union present to help the student if they were to feel overwhelmed in such events.



Hello! My name is Hussain Al-Khawaja. I'm a second year student studying International Hospitality and Tourism Management. Arab British, an advocate on speaking your mind and being yourself.

#BeBoldBeHeard

IZZY [1] FOR SUPPORT ZONE

WELLBEING WEEK

- Run a dedicated wellbeing week in October to inform students of support services
- Include stands from different services, workshops and relaxation sessions

EDUCATION AND AWARENESS

- Re-brand 'Let's Talk' to effectively highlight diversity on campus and educate students on important issues
- Work with the Liberation Committee, students that want to share their experiences and support others and different professionals (e.g Disability Advisors) to create a series of educational videos
- Run a 'Reclaim the Night' campaign to raise awareness of harassment, sexual assault and discrimination

STUDENT SUPPORT

- Continue to work with the University on improving the personal tutor system
- Work to improve the implementation of Learning Support Agreements
- Have lecturers 'make a pledge' to Panopto and include this on optional module info

Medicinal Chemistry Placement Student I Support Zone Executive Member 2019/20 I ZenSoc VP 2018/19 Nightline Publicity Ambassador since 2018 I Mind Wellbeing Volunteer 16/17

Vote Julia [1] for Support Zone!



2nd Year Law and Criminology Student Half Russian and Half Polish Judo Vice President 2019/2020 Welfare and Inclusion Champion 2019/2020 Welfare Watch 2019/2020 Course Rep 2019/2020

Safety On Campus

To encourage club/society involvement within the Welfare Watch in order to ensure students feel safe on Rubix nights. The service contributes towards a club's STARS volunteering criteria while fortifying one's ability to look after vulnerable individuals. creating a safer community.

Students Helping Students

To promote the Big White Wall project, which allows students to express their thoughts and feelings anonymously online while getting support from their peers, and a team of trained counsellors who can be reached 24/7.

International Students

To provide international students from the EU with specialised support in the first weeks of their university experience. Helping them navigate the new country, with a possibility to be invited to the international student's information fair and an opportunity to arrive onto campus a couple days earlier in order to help facilitate life in the new environment.

VOTE LUCY ROBINSON [1] FOR SUPPORT ZONE

#YOUCANSITWITHUS



Being a part of the support zone will give me an opportunity to take action for what I believe in, supporting all students whether they are arriving or returning, opening a space for anyone to come and talk, no matter their worry.

- 3rd Year MMath Mathematics .
- Marketing for UoSMathsSoc Peer Adviser with International
- Engagement Office
- Volunteered as Sustainability Ambassador Member of the Staff-Student Research

- Partnership Member of TheatreSoc Spent 2nd year on Study Abroad in Los Angeles, California

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ACCESSIBILITY

Awareness for invisible disabilities is on the rise, but people still sometimes don't get the support they need. Accessibility around campus needs to become more clearly posted, and I want to work to upgrade and improve the AccessAble app so it is more up-to-date, user and campus friendly.

INCLUSION

I would like to host welcome back events with the placement and international departments, throughout the semester to ensure students are fitting back into Surrey life. Supporting students arriving back to Surrey from placement or study abroad is just as important as supporting and integrating new students.

CONVERSATION

Building on Tea, Toast & Talk for Feel Good Feb and the presence of Samaritans on campus, I wish to create a regular time for students to just come and chat, casually, whether it be just to de-stress, rant and get something off their mind, or just listen. For when you just need to talk, #youcansitwithus.

Voting opens Tuesday 3RD – 7TH MARCH via USSU.CO.UK

VP Support

VOTE AARON FOR VP SUPPORT [1]

About Me!

- 4th year Masters student in Chemical Engineering
- President of the Chemical Engineering Society (2018/19)
- Course Rep (2017/18)
- Founding member of 'Being Well' charity
- Mental Health Curator (2020)
- Welfare Watch Volunteer
- Pole Fitness Member

Endorsed by: Pole Fitness Chemical Engineering society

#Aaron'tYouGunnaVoteForMe



Let's talk 'Mental Health Experiences'

- Increase mental health support by providing content where SABBS, academics, alumni and students share their experiences
- Structuring more events built around sharing an experience

Your Department

Consultation with students about what they would like from personal tutors to ...

- Enhance the training available for personal tutors
- Improve accessibility of lecture content

Bereavement Support

Widening the support available to students suffering bereavement by ...

Providing support content on how to manage feelings
 Reducing/removing the requirement for evidence for EC's

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Zone

Student Training

- Promote 'Look After Your Mate' training to the student population, empowering students to feel equipped to support friends experiencing mental health issues.
- Continue to provide first aid training to students, especially those in clubs/societies.
- Improve students' employability through training.

Outreach

- Signpost services offered by the Centre for Wellbeing, whilst keeping average waiting time under 3 weeks.
- Raise awareness for alternative services currently on offer.

Housing Security

- Guarentee housing for students registered with Disability and Neurodiversity Service.
- Improve services to help all returning PTY students find housing.

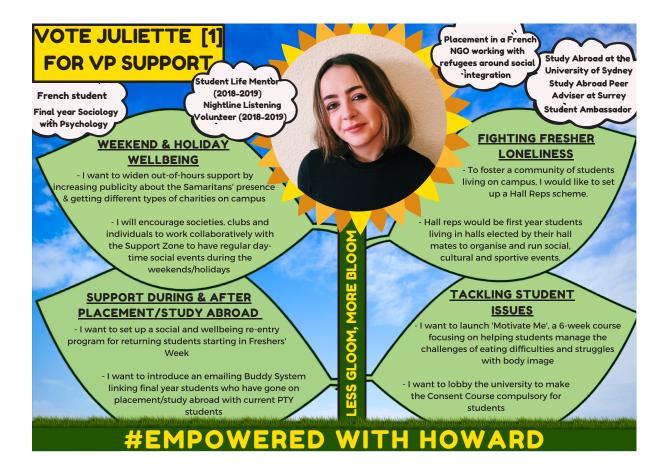
VOTE ALEX [1] 4 VP SUPPORT



- Mechanical Engineering Aiming to become a Support
- secondary teacher
- Welfare Watch supervisor
- Wellbeing & Inclusion
- Champion for Dodgeball

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VP Support



Vote Recine [1] for VP Support



About me

- Final Year Psychology Student
- Dodgeball RAG Officer 19/20
- Dodgeball RAG Officer 17/18
- Residential Child Care Worker
- Peer Counselling Volunteer 15/16

Mental Health

- Tackle stigma against male mental health Extending wellbeing support availability on all campuses outside term time Intraducing a panic attack and stress support to freshers and have them avail Weekly alternative mindfulness or therapeutic activities to combat waiting list em available at union and Hive

Inclusivity

- Focus on increasing support and inclusion for Postgraduate students Increase panopto access of lecturers for students with disabilities Work towards enabling students with disabilities to feel supported within sports and societies Increasing training for Sigs and wellbeing champs to be able to further engage with students with disabilities
- Improve inclusion and accessibility for students with disabilities Disability Awareness Weeks
- Increase Halal range outside of vegetarian options for Muslim Students and teachers Increasing non-alcoholic events availability

Sexual Violence and Wellbeing

- Working with GP and centre of wellbeing to improve 'care after sexual assault' Reach out to sexual assault campaign groups to empower victims while fighting the stigma behind
 - sexual violence Increase drop in sessions availability for people affected by sexual violence





VOTE SOPHIE #1 FOR **VP** SUPPORT

MENTAL HEALTH

- Mental health education in partnership with local organisations
- 'While You Wait' programme for those waiting to be seen by a mental health professional
 - 24/7 crisis support worker on campus
 - Increased visibility of preexisting mental health services

INCLUSIVITY

ABOUT ME

microbiologist and president

of Surrey's oldest society,

disability activist, charity

events promoter and crisis peer support worker. My

career in mental health, as

well as my own journey of

and passion to be the best

recovery has equipped

me with the knowledge

VP support I can bee!

No Wave. I am a local

I'm Sophie, a final year

 Improved accessibility for disabled students
 Compulsory lecture casting

- Work with community and
- liberation reps for an all-inclusive curriculum
- Student body outreach- mature, part time and post-grad students
 - Support for students with caring
 - responsibilities

Voting opens 6pm 7th March

SEXUAL HEALTH

- Sexual health nurse on campus
- Increased support for trans and non-binary students and compulsory training for staff
- Community wide approach to sexual assault in partnership with RASASC
- Sexual assault training for RUBIX! and welfare staff
 - Improvements to extenuating circumstances process for assault victims

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RAG Chair

VOTE ADESUWA [1] FOR RAG CHAIR



My name is Adesuwa and I am a placement student studying Business Management.

Course Rep 2017/18
 Business Society vice president 2018

 Community Rep 2018/19
 Business Society President 2018/19

Voting opens on Tuesday 3rd March 2020 after question time.

AWARENESS

- Promoting RAG social media channels through USSU social media accounts.
- Reviving RAG Twitter account & building on followers.
- Attending clubs and society standing at the beginning of the academic year to promote RAG, establish what it is and what support we can offer.

RAG REPRESENTATIVES

- Creating RAG reps in each club & society to help reach STAR fundraising requirements.
- Hold monthly meetings to discuss fundraising events & updates.

TRANSPARENCY

- Being transparent about how much money has been raised through RAG on the USSU website and social media channels.
- Having a clear goal for the academic year.
- Spotlight for clubs and societies who raise the most money each month.

Community Zone Committee

AMA [1] FOR COMMUNITY ZONE

Hey my name is Ama and I am running for a position on the Comminity Zone. I am a first year student studying Law with Criminology.

My Goals :

1.My main goal is to bring our community together. I believe if we are able to understand each others background and cultues it will make it easier to support each other. This can be achieved by introducing more events dealing with culture and diversity.

2. I will introduce the idea of bringing the food market to the University more than once a week. This should give us more food options.

3. Lastly, for all my Hazel Farm friends, I will raise attention to us. I will address the struggles of travelling to campus and back to Hazel Farm, so that future student won't experience these problems. I would also organise more events, allowing students to interact with each other and create more livelihood in the community.





Community Zone Committee

VOTE

JOHN ANDERSON FOR COMMUNITY ZONE MEMBER

About Me

I am a music producer, currently studying Economics, that has a real passion for music and entertainment. I am a huge fan of the UK and American music scene, which gives me the qualities to improve the entertainment provided by the student union.

Entertainment

- Students pick upcoming events through a voting system.
- Focus on more efficient service at Rubix.

Volunteering

• Greater emphasis on the volunteering opportunities, such as the certificate awarded detailing the hours volunteered.

YOUR VOTE MATTERS

VOTE NAT [1] FOR

DMMUNITY ZONE

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Hi, I'm Nathaniel (Nat) and I'm a Business Management with Marketing student - currently on a placement year. I aim to further connect and engage our community here at Surrey, for every student, throughout academic terms and holidays. With campaigns, RAG, more events and live entertainment; both on and off Stag Hill Campus. | <u>#NatforCommunityZone</u> |



- Course Rep x 3 yrs
- Ambassador x 3 yrs
- Validation Rep x 3 yrs
- Events Manager Business Society
- Contributor [Film] SUBCULTURED Magazine
- Founder & President Advertising, Marketing and Public Relations (AMP) Society | 18/19
- Treasurer Business Society | 18/19
- Super Angel | 18/19
- Liberation Rep [Black Students' Officer] | 17/18

MORE EVENTS & MORE ENTERTAINMENT:

+ Launch an Events Council to support societies planning and promoting events that feature external organisations.
 + Launch an online voting system for all students to choose Community Zone events and feedback on Rubix nights.
 + Organise monthly off-site social events for students commuting and on placement; recorded with a monthly blog.
 + Organise monthly social events both on and off Stag Hill Campus for students staying at University over holidays.

MORE RAISING AND GIVING & MORE SUSTAINABILITY:

+ Launch an annual initiative with Student Enterprise to promote social entrepreneurship here, and in local schools.
+ Launch an overarching #SustainableSurrey Zone campaign across Hazel Farm, Manor Park and Stag Hill Campus.
+ Work with Community Reps and volunteers to set weekly fundraisers at Surrey and in Guildford Town Centre also.

MORE WIDENING OUTREACH & MORE PARTICIPATION:

+ Establish an annual Culture Calendar of events that celebrate equality and diversity in both academia and sports.
+ Launch a weekly Community Zone-led radio show; inviting students to discuss everything Surrey Students' Union.

- @<u>NatforCommunityZone</u>
- Voting opens on Tuesday, March 3rd following Question Time.

Community Zone Committee

VOTE PHILIP [1] FOR COMMUNITY

Beer Garden on campus

I'd introduce an outdoor pub-style beer garden as a new social space for students to enjoy, with double pints and happy hour after lectures! It would be the perfect place for pres before Rubix or just a casual pint, enhancing our community feel.

Fresher's Angels

I'm keen to build on the support we currently offer by expanding the scheme for the entire Freshers' week, as well as increasing the budget for moving-in weekend, so all our new students feel part of the community right from the start.

Christmas Postcard giveaway

In December you might have been one of the lucky 400 to find an envelope on campus containing a Christmas gift. I would like to make the giveaway bigger this year, with prizes going to as many students as possible, as well as organising a Winter Festival for everyone to celebrate the holidays together.

#PhillTheGap

VOTE RACHEL {1} FOR COMMUNITY ZONE

COMMUNICATION

I plan to update the 'This Is Your Union' handbook for freshers, adding information about 'What to do if...', regarding academic studies, wellbeing, extenuating circumstances and detailing what the SU can help with.

RACHEL CHRISTENSON - SECOND YEAR ENGLISH WITH POLITICS STUDENT - SOCIAL SECRETARY FOR POLITICS SOCIETY 2019/2020 - COURSE REP 2018/2019/2020

#RA-CHILL

ACCOMODATION

I will create a guide to 2nd year housing, ncluding what to expect and detailing tenants rights. I want to work with the council to highlight & fix problem areas within student housing.

VOLUNTEERING REWARDS

Raising students awareness of volunteering opportunities both on and off campus. I want to introduce a token system for Circuit Laundry, allowing volunteers to be rewarded for the number of hours they volunteer each month with a token for Circuit Laundry.

Linh Bui is also a candidate for Community Zone Committee, however they did not submit a manifesto.

VP Community



VOTE IZZY [1] FOR VP COMMUNITY



VOTE TRISTAN [1] FOR VP COMMUNIT

Sustainability:

Create a sustainability chair position in the community zone to work with and challenge the university on reducing our environmental impact. I will work with societies, the university and other unions across the country to ensure that we are leading the way in improving sustainability at all levels.

Social and Inclusive Campus:

Allow Clubs and Societies to book court receptions and keep receptions open for longer. Expand the lifestyle accommodation choices to include kosher and halal, and to take campus location into account

when allocating quiet accommodation.

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Fix International Tuition Fees:

Work with the university to fix fees for international students accross the duraition of their course, so that what you pay in your first year is what you pay in your last. This allows international students to make an informed decision about the cost of their education.

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Experience and Endorsements:

2nd Year Physics Student Surrey Politics Society Treasurer 19/20 Surrey Liberal Society Treasurer 19/20 Dodgeball Social Sec 19/20 Defensive End for The Surrey Stingers Treasurer of Dodgeball 18/19

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#TRUSTINTRISTAN

Activity Zone Committee

VOTE AMY OBI FOR ACTIVITY ZONE [1]



- Increase diversity in societies and clubs by using Surrey Moves

- Societies X Club Sports Day unaffiliated with Varsity. - Employable Me: greater emphasis on promoting to minority groups.

AWARENESS

Sports and Societies planner and calendar in all student halls. - Greater awareness of Colours Ball awards including Best New Comer to encourage students to join Clubs and Societies.

Greater emphasis on STARS awards.Events planner for bedroom walls.

PUBLICIT

 Greater involvement in Club and Society Spotlight to celebrate achievements.
 More takeovers on social media pages to increase visibility.
 More collabs with clubs and societies leading to more publicity a engagement.

#WOKESurrey Vice President

Accounting and Finance Student Powerlifter Saxophonist

WHO AM I?

Women's Rugby Wellbeing and Inclusion

Champion

@amyobi_uk

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OBI-[1] KENOBI

#BRENDAN2020

•2ND YEAR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS BSC •AMERICAN FOOTBALL TREASURER •POLITICS SOCIETY

I BELIEVE SOCIETIES ARE ONE OF THE MAIN FACTORS IN HAVING A POSITIVE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE.

#Brendan2020

I WANT TO ENSURE EVERYONE AT SURREY HAS THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENRICH THEIR UNI LIFE WITH EXTRA-CURRICULAR OPPORTUNITIES.

[1] ACTIVITY ZONE

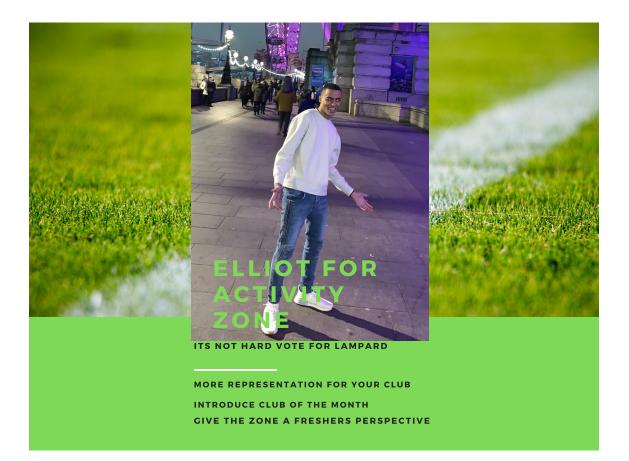
SUBSIDY FOR EXPENSIVE MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

MORE GUEST SPEAKERS FROM INDUSTRY AND SPORT

INCREASE DIVERSITY IN SOCIETIES, ESPECIALLY AT COMMITTEE LEVEL

@THATDUDEBH 🛛 🗗 BRENDAN HASSAN

Activity Zone Committee



Vote Michael Morton (1) For Activity Zone

Individual Development

Clubs and societies add something special to the University experience. They help students discover new things and grow as individuals. Last year when I was president of Ballroom and Latin Dance Club I saw this first hand, how some individuals grew from never dancing before to dancing at the Blackpool competition. That is why its so important to encourage them to deliver opportunities that aid personal growth. Initiatives such as providing committee opportunities to new members and a focus on beginner involvement in club and society activities should be encouraged.

#MichaelFor Activity



Promotion

Clubs and societies are a great way for students to meet new friends and take part in activities across campus. As a member of the Activity Zone I would like to push for the increased promotion of refreshers activities across clubs and societies and to promote club and society activities which cater towards intoducing new members and develop the skills and abilities of beginner level students. We need to make sure students don't feel like they cannot take part in an activity because they haven't done it before. we need to help make clubs and societies accessible to everyone of all levels.

Diversity

As a member of the Activity Zone I will be committed to improving Diversity among clubs and societies. I would like to work with the widening participation and outreach department to come up with initiatives to make sport for everyone and to help break the stigma that only certain individuals can do sport. Initiatives organised by individual clubs and societies which also bring awareness to diversity should also be encouraged and I would like to work with clubs and societies to help set up these initiatives.

WHO AM I?

- 3rd year Business Management student
 Team Officer Beginner for the Ballroom and Latin Dance Club in my first year
- President of Ballroom and Latin Dance Club in my second year where we achieved our goal in making individual classes free and increased our beginner participation.

Surrey Societies Chair



AMI {1} for SOCIETIES CHAIR HELP THEM HELP YOU



2ndyear biomedical engineer **President of MechSoc President of Archery Archery Competition Team** SuSnow ski racer







- committee skills training before summer
- monthly tracking of society activity

NEW SOCIAL MEDIA

- #ADayInTheLifeOf societies Instagram takeover
- Bi-weekly events calendar on social media

CHANCE TO SHINE

- work to improve attendance at Societies Showcase
- encourage event advertising at end of Standings



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Team Surrey Chair

TEAMSURREY

VOTE DIANA [1] Team Surrey Chair

We are TeamSurrey.

It is important for clubs to recognise the importance of development players as well as encourage non-club members to join the sports at Surrey by utilising active, relaxed activities (such as a charity Sports Day). Introducing a Chair Challenge would be mutually beneficial.

Inclusion in activity.

Work with the Liberation Committee to understand the barriers to sport and improve access to activity at Surrey. Work with TS/Union to design an emergency fund system.

Preparation.

Committee members spend hours getting trained. Training needs to be streamlined with easily available online resources. Include very basic first aid training in one training session.

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. As well as working with the VP activity to introduce rewards and incentives for clubs who are more diverse than the national average for their sport

JAMES FOR TEAM SURREY CHAIR



Hi, I'm James you may recognise me from such places as the surrey fess comments section and citrus.

I'm still a second-year economics and finance student, I just had so much fun last year I had to come and do it all again. So lets see if second times the charm!

I'm coming to the end of my second year as the sailing club's treasurer as well as being a keen dodgeball player on the side.

Budget distress

Every year each club must put in a budget request for the following year, and every year they receive less that what they ask for. Year on year team surrey is trying to limit its spending as much as it possibly can. however, this is done through arbitrarily cutting the budget request without any input from the clubs which will spend it. This often leads to the situation where clubs are misallocated funds and cannot spend the little money, they do get on what they really need to.

Therefore, if I am elected, I want to work with team surrey to allow clubs, if they deem necessary. To sit down with team surrey and look at their budget allocations to allow for small changes as to where each part of their budget gets what, without changing the overall amount they are given.

What can team surrey do for you

More and more it seems like team surrey is less about being the best it can be for students and more about being the best advertiser it can be to make surrey into a mini Loughborough. That's why when elected I will be that voice to stand with you to say that its not right or no this club shouldn't have their changing time changed and begin to get sports at the uni of surrey being about the students once again and not just the bottom line on its financial report

VP Activity

Promotion & Inclusion ALEKS [1] Postgraduate & exchange students involvement FOR VP ----Employability & Skills ACTIVITY Development Continuation of First Aid training programme Throughout my years at Surrey I have Gold STARS rewards for student involvement Support • Ultimate Frisbee (2015/16) ----Communication • BioSoc (2015/16) This Girl Can Ambassador involvement and • Canoe (2016/17) introduction of the buddy system. • Boat Club (2019) Honest and open finance plans for clubs & societiesEvent calendar including all timetables sessions regarding space booking, USSU website, and VOTE FROM 3rd OF MARCH ON THE USSU Increase outreach of smaller societies > • • • • • • • • • < ----.... AforActivity Aleks72 TEAMSURREY The University of Surrey Students' Union

Vote ALICE FOR VP ACTIVIT

Monthly Membership

- Doing sport at university shouldn't bankrupt you.
- By introducing monthly memberships at SSP, payments would be more manageable and accessible.
- Plus, the flexibility would better account for nursing and paramedic students, and their placement schedules.

Working Website

- Our website is not fit for purpose
- Right now, it is difficult to get information about all the things happening across the university and get involved.
- I want to bring the website up-to-date, and make it easy for students to find out about all that they can do whilst they are here.

Exercise For Everyone

- Only 9% of students with a disability at Surrey are involved in any sport or society.
- Inspired by the Female Takeover of SSP, I want to expand these to address other barriers to sport.
- I propose an afternoon of free, fully accessible sports for all students with disabilities and neurodiversity, adapted to make the sports on offer at SSP fully inclusive.

Acknowledge Our Alumni

- The system for alumni membership is convoluted and dysfunctional.
- Yet, alumni are often essential for the running of societies and sports.
 We need an overhaul of our alumni policy, introducing an alumni
- membership portal so that they can be recognised as members in their own right.

#ALICE4ACTIVITY

Jiu Jitsu President (17-18, 19-20) USMC Wellbeing & Inclusion Champion (19-20) Jiu Jitsu Wellbeing & Inclusion Champion (19-20) National Coordinator Jiu Jitsu BUCS (17-20) This Girl Can Rep (19-20) Freshers Angel (2017)

VP Activity

Vote Talia [1] for VP Activity



About me Final year International Politics student Women's Rugby Treasurer 19/20 Women's Rugby Social Sec 17/18 Freshers Angel 2017

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Active Community

Introduce a regularly updated activity page on Instagram showcasing societies' and clubs' wins and notable events. Additionally, institute a planner of all societies' and clubs' regular sessions and trainings. By doing so, activity will be accessable to all students.

Committee Breakfasts

Introduce informal breakfast gatherings for committees in order to reward their hard work, but importantly to encourage collaboration and knowledge share between societies/clubs. The breakfasts will also allow time for direct feedback between committees and the Activity Zone Execs.

The University

The University is not marketing activity to prospective students enough. Societies and clubs should have a more constructive presence at open days and Student Ambassadors and Student Life Mentors should be given the materials to signpost activity. Furthermore, the University does not set the expectation of participation from students. Barriers to joining activity need to be broken, all lectures after 5pm should be on Panopto and there should be no assessments after 12pm on Wednsdays.

#T for VP Activity

Vote Luke Triccas [1] for VP Activity

#Lukeingoutforyou

About me:

- 3rd year Politics and Economics student
- President of Concert Band 19/20
- Active committee member of Athletics and Cross
 Country 19/20 and Treasurer of Jazz Orchestra 18/19
- Passionate runner and musician



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Participation, Inclusion & Diversity

These are very important areas that I consider crucial in a successful society. To achieve this, I will expand the role of the Wellbeing and Inclusion Champion, encourage diversity within societies and break down barriers to participation.

Every Society Matters

As a member of both smaller and larger societies, I believe that each one should be equally valued by the union. As VP Activity, I will support all societies with equal measure, because they all matter, whether they have 100 members or 10.

No Issue Is Too Small

I want to develop a closer and more personal link with societies and clubs, take an interest in their issues and take an active stance in solving them. I know that societies are more than just a group of people with shared interests for many, so ensuring and protecting that is very important to me.

VP Activity

VOTE MASON STICKLAND [1] FOR VP ACTIVITY

Inclusion and celebrating diversity

#PickTheStick



EXPERIENCE

Final Year Theatre and Performance Student -Co-Directed Theatre Society Show 2018/19 - Dodgeball Social Sec 2018/19 - Dodgeball Social Sec 2019/20 - Course Rep 2018/19 - Surrey Ally Trained 2019/20 - Endorsed by Dodgeball Society



members. 3 SPOTLIGHT

role. I will do this by:

Inclusion Champions

2 TRAINING

I feel like the union needs to post more about the Clubs, Societies and Team Surrey to boost memberships. I will do this by

I feel that we need to celebrate the diversity of students we have on campus. I will do this by:

I feel that we need to offer committee members more training than just a presentation on the

- Have in-depth training on what the role entails and have more support for committee

- Encourage sports clubs and societies to take part in these through the use of stars.

- Offering mental health training to all committee members not just Wellbeing and

- Increasing the campaigns we run to be termly rather than one offs.

- Using Surrey spotlight to all activities surrey has to offer. I would also like to do Society/Club of the week where the union highlights a different society/club.

4 PARTICIPATION

According to the Union Futures Being Well, Doing Well poles, the majority of students don't actually attend any form of Club or Society of any kind. I want to boost this by
- Speaking to students who don't attend any Clubs/Societies and ask them what needs to be changed to encourage students to attend.



VOTE MAYA [1] FOR VP ACTIVITY

My name is Maya Altamimi and I am a Law and International Relations graduate, currently studying an MSc in Management. I am a Part-Time Officer sitting on the Activity Zone as Team Surrey Chair. During my time at University, I have been heavily involved in both Clubs & Societies, which have had huge positive impact on my personal development thus I would like to run for this position to encourage all students to take part in extra-curricular activities.





Raising Participation Levels

Remove barriers to involvement by providing an alternative to students having to pay a lump-sum of £305 for a Gold Membership. This will be done by creating a direct debit contractual agreement in which students can pay for their membership on a flexible basis (menthly or quarted)

(monthly or quarterly). Ensure that Wednesday afternoons stay free for students to compete in BUCS Wednesday. Lectures taking place on a Wednesday should be recorded on Panopto as some club members playing in away matches are unable to attend. Students should not be penalised for having to miss a lecture in order to represent the University, neither should they have to choose between missing a lecture or missing a match.

Student Welfare & Employability

- Help students enhance their employability through Clubs and Societies.
- Highlight volunteering opportunities students can get involved in through Surrey Volunteering platform & Employable Me. Tackle mental health within sport by running a number of campaigns and courses throughout the year to raise
- awareness and increase student engagement with physical activity, thereby promoting the positive benefits of sport. Addressing culture and stereotypes in sports clubs while raising awareness for Report and Support

Visibility

- Hold weekly drop in sessions on campus and at SSP in which students can approach me with any ideas or problems they have. Rather than exchanging emails, I want to meet face to face to have discussions about what they want, to help guide them, and to provide them with quick solutions and answers to any questions they might have.
- Ensure that off-campus areas such as the Vet Building, Manor Park and Hazel farm have boards that promote and showcase all events being held by Clubs and Societies.
- For Clubs, Varsity is one of the most exciting days of the year. I want the rest of the University to be included in the Team Surrey spirit, in particular I would like societies to get more involved.
- Societies can join in on Varsity in several ways such as FIFA competitions, dance-offs, playing non-Team Surrey club sports like rounders!

Voice Zone Committee

JOEL MILLER [1] FOR VOICE ZONE



VOICE PLATFORM

Encourage Every Student to contribute to shaping Surrey Create unified online platform

where anyone can share ideas on all university and SU areas

Make suggesting change as simple as fessing!

COURSE REPS BET

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BUSINESS SOCIETY PRESIDENT 19/20

CHRISTIAN UNION COMMITTEE 18/19

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COURSE REP 17/18

GOSPEL CHOIR PRESIDENT 18/19

Create a Course-Level Communication Channel to improve communication with Course Reps

STUDENT AMBASSADOR

Better Course Reps Support and Experience as many courses don't have volunteers

Better Education

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Better teaching and academic support for Large Cohorts

Panopto Recordings to support learning for all students

Better training and language support for Lecturers



VOTE LESTER [1] VOICE ZONE

Increased Student and Staff Communication Staff play a huge role in the University and a lot of the problems we raise can be aided with staff

the problems we raise can be aided with staff support and vice versa. If we want to invoke change at Surrey having a strong relationship with staff will be vital.

Student Engagement

As president of the Postgrad society I have helped the Community Zone set up Postgrad Breakfasts. I would look to set up similar events for different communities to create opportunities to listen and raise concerns.

SU Visibility

It is the job of the SU to listen to student but that comes from being proactive when engaging with students. SU officers both full-time and part-time from every zone should be going to a range of events that students put on and attend.



Background

I'm Lester. I'm a second year PhD student researching Quantum Biology and I'm running to represent you on the voice zone committee

> 6 years of study at 2 universities

- Lead LGBT+ and Postgrad Societies
 - > Sat on multiple committees within the SU and University
 - > Worked closely with sabbatical teams from 2 SUs
 - > Close relationship with lecturers and
 - academics
 - >~ Represented the Men's 1st squash team

For an EXPERIENCED voice, Vote Lester [1]

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Voice Zone Committee



- The NSS Report 2019 shows students are not as satisfied with Assessment & Feedback and Student Voice compared to other areas.
- I want to ensure that more students feel their voices are heard by speaking with them and negotiating with management on what would be more effective for assessments, feedback and use of course reps.

veryone

- Commuters need to feel like part of the Students Union. I want to have discussions on car permits and commuter friendly activities.
- I want to give a voice to isolated placement students, especially those who are on campus in Summer or not in Surrey for their placement.

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- People need to know who their course reps are, what they actually do and be able to pass on feedback more easily.
- This can be achieved by receiving more updates on course rep success and incorporating course reps on the new App.

ccomodation

 Students should be part of existing dialogue on the housing crisis, ensuring that those who cannot afford typical Guildford prices have options, not just isolating them in Hazel Farm or shared band A's.
 It is important that we have two prices fall, out to be a students with housing fall.

#MakeaMEGAnImpact



@meganimpactonsurrey 🔘

Michal Smejlis

VOTE SMEJLIS [1] FOR VOICE ZONE.

1. Friday Prayers in Rubix?

This shouldn't be an argument - <u>every religion needs to be respected</u>. I will drive the arrangement for a more appropriate venue for Friday Prayers.

2. SurreyFess 24/7

Revive and retain Surreyfess. An team behind Surreyfess would ensure the posts Fesses 24 hours a day, everyday.

3. No sugar coating shit.

This point, is to you. I'm not known for being politically correct nor sugarcoating my speech.

But sometimes, certain things need to be delivered in an impactful way. Whatever topic that you may feel this to be the case for - I'm sure to deliver it in a way whereby it gets heard, by everyone.



Voice Zone Committee



VOTE RUSSELL [1] FOR VOICE ZONE!



- Improve representation and engagement
 - The Liberation Committee should have greater power to represent its interests- it should have voting rights at exec.
 - One Asian rep is unable to represent the interests of every Asian community at Surrey. It should be split up on a regional basis with the input of the relevant cultural societies.
 - There were three major elections last year. The Union should do more to mobilize students to vote in the future, particularly next year's local election.

Ensure oversight of the University's electronics supply chain

- Universities are large-scale consumers of electronics. Yet Surrey is not affiliated to a monitoring system that involves workers and civil society organizations and protects human and workers' rights.
- Lobby the university to join Electronics Watch to ensure our supply chain is sustainable and ethical.

Reassess the use of Teams as a communication platform

- 2nd Year Politics Student
 VP of the Politics Society
- Social Sec of the Surrey Liberal Society
- I make food for the Surrey Filipino Society sometimes
- Candidate for Pirbright ward at the 2019 local election (I came a distant second)
- Microsoft Teams faces little engagement with societies as opposed to existing platforms like e-mails and social media.
- After almost a year we should rethink its usefulness and ability to connect with societies and the student body.

VP Voice



TE GBEMI [1] FOR VP VOICF **SurreyDecides**

About me:

3rd year Law with International Relations Future Legal Mind Winner 2018 #WOKEWeekly Veteran Coordinator Vice President of Nigerian Society (2018-2019) Law with IR Course Rep (2017-2018)

SOCIALS:

Twitter: @Gbemi4VPVoice Instagram: @Gbemi4VPVoice

TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Facilitate a question time whereby sabbs answer monthly question from students ensuring democracy is at the heart of the union

Work towards greater transparency and clarity on what students are entitled to and he relevant processes

#KnowYourRights

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COMMUNICATION

Launch 'Liberated and Celebrated' seeking to celebrate students all year round, capturing excellence rom a diverse pool

Demand a pledge for more affordable accomodation to tackle to the adverse effects expensive bands are having on well being

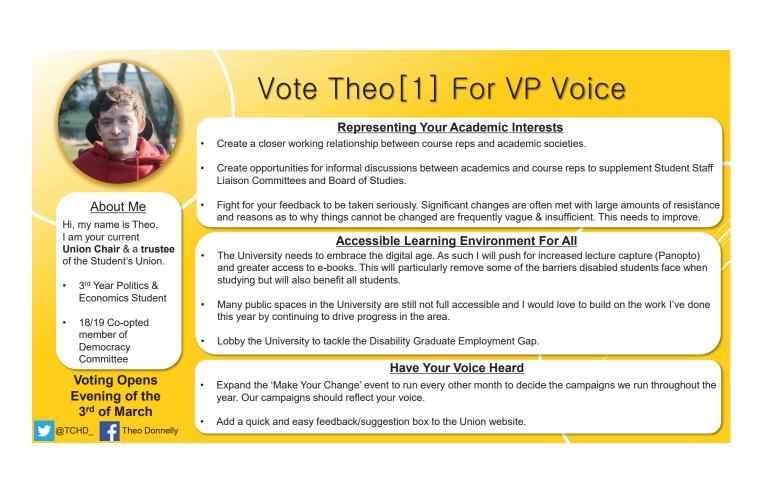
Start a project looking into the needs and struggles of international students

REPRESENTATION FOR ALL. ALL YEAR ROUND

Advance SU accessibility and engagement by leveraging new technologies; specifically Chosen Ladies Fellowship Leader (2018-2019) by introducing an SU channel into the My Surrey University App Ensure a more transparent feedback system in which University officials share action

plans and strategies to resolve issues with course reps

Representing the voices of those we cannot see



Union Chairperson

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Criminology and Sociology student

Union executive committee

Monthly exec wins - We have weekly wins for sabbs we need to incorporate the same method for the union chair

Historical wins - highlight previous motions that were approved in exec and how they are implemented within the union

Accountability

Student should be allowed to submit question into an accountability panel anonymously

There should be an accountability panel each semester for both sabbs and PTOs

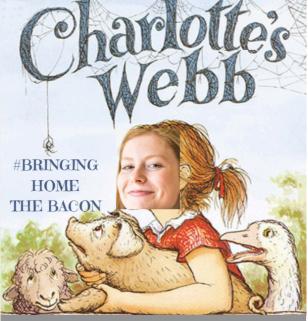
Make a change

Increase awareness of the impact that student can have in influencing the decisions made by the union

Currently VP Community in the student union

President of the African Carribean society 18/19





VOTE WEBB (1) FOR UNION CHAIR

<u>ABOUT ME:</u>

2nd Year Theatre & Performance student Voice Zone PTO

I) COMMUNICATION:



- Transparency is a real issue in the University. I would work to ensure students know and understand how Exec works and what the Sabbatical and Part Time Officers do.
- I would do this through monthly Exec reports and updates on Officer progress.

2) INCLUSION:

- Hold Exec in the different schools over campus to increase the number of students who are able to attend and participate in it.
- I would do this by scheduling meetings in advance and advertising meetings on University calendars and social media.

3) ACCOUNTABILITY:

- Continue the work of Olivia and Theo with the accountability panel. I would also work to help non-Exec Part Time Officers feel motivated to fulfil their manifesto.
- ⁻ I would do this by holding bi-monthly check-ins with Officers to make sure they're on track and provide any support they need.

Union President

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VOTE AJAY [1] FOR PRESIDENT

- Equality, diversity and Inclusion
 - Liberation committee create a student network for each representative group
 - Lobby the university to make attendance at unconscious bias training an appraisal requirement for staff
- Advocate for a specialist in "mental health and culture" in the centre of wellbeing

Academic Interests

- Revamp the function of personal tutors whilst ensuring senior tutors are trained in key categories
- Tackle the employment gap between disabled/non-disabled students whilst maintaining progress on closing the BAME Attainment gap
- Expand self-certified extenuating circumstances to include all students

Belonging

- Work towards Surrey being compliant with the University Mental Health
 Charter
- Create more social spaces for students and clubs/societies
- Work with community assistant to create alternative day/night events

VOTE LIZZIE [1] FOR YOUR PRESIDENT



Want your say? Vote A

Current Vice-President Voice at Surrey Student's Union

Executive member on Voice Zone 18/19

President of African and Caribbean Society 17/18

Student Life Mentor 17/18

Represented London on the Youth Board for the National

Citizen Service (NCS)

ABOUT ME: – VICE PRESIDENT ACTIVITY 19/20 – GRADUATED BSC (HONS) CHILD NURSING – ACTIVITY ZONEMEMBER 18/19 – BRITISH FEMALE DODGEBALLER OF THE YEAR 2019 – DODGEBALL RAG & TOURNAMENT CO–ORDINATOR 18/19 – DODGEBALL WOMEN'S CAPTAIN 17/18

IMPROVING YOUR ASSESSMENT & FEEDBACK

Prioritise Ligital Assessments across all degrees Incorporate a Surreylearn Late Feedback Flag System Introduce a consistent feedback template across the University Safeguard Student: Staff ratios to ensure equal opportunities for a

CELEBRATING YOUR CAMPUS & CULTURE

- Continue to push the council for increased street lighting & safety measures for student
- Celebrate the achievements of our individual students, amazing things happen at Surrey, we need to hear about them!
- Introduce a Cultural Yearly Calendar contributed to by students & staff alil

UPGRADING YOUR SUPPORT SERVICES

- Scrap Warden fines across all university residential areas
- Maximise and upskill Student Life Mentors and Wellbeing & Inclusion Champ
- #GETBUSYFORLIZZIE

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QUESTION TIME

SUNDAY 1ST, MONDAY 2ND AND TUESDAY 3RD MARCH



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