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President

Owen Coppack

Hi! I'm Owen, the previous president of Furness College, and I am running to be the next LUSU president.

As president I would:

Champion colleges and JCR executives

- Organise meetings with sugarhouse, college bar management, and LUSU events to give college presidents exciting new event opportunities.
- Help college execs early on with the planning of welcome week.
- Establish a better working relationship with college execs and the LUSU finance department.

Continue cost of living support

- Lobby the university to reinstate the money for the Where the Food events that gave students access to a free hot meal.
- Continue to run LUSU supper club every Thursday.
- Continue to challenge the unsustainable rent structure that exists on campus.
- Regular meetings with the local MP to ensure your hardship is heard nationally.

Voter Turnout

- Run a campaign on social media in the buildup to the general election to ensure that students vote.
- Encourage colleges to develop creative 'question time' events for JCR and PG board elections.

Change student experience with LUSU

- Engage with student voice through story takeovers, talking to you at events, and proactively fight for you in everything I do.
- Regular updates of what I am doing to champion your interests.
- Weekly president office hour.

Please vote for me, and as someone who has been let down by LUSU for my three years, I will fight in solidarity with you to push for the organisation to be better.

Owen.

President**Cerys Evans**

Hi, I'm Cerys (she/her), I'm your **current Students' Union President**, and I would love to keep representing you for another year as your **#WheelyGoodPres!**

If elected I will focus on:

1. Putting on the best **Welcome Week** in the North West in collaboration with our amazing college execs
2. Better **Reward and Recognition** for student leaders and volunteers
3. Improved **Digital Systems** to make student life easier

I have loved being your President this year, I've successfully fought and won **thousands of pounds** of funding for **free food for students** and a **rent freeze** for some of the most vulnerable students on campus. I've passionately represented students to the **University** and on the **national stage**. I've also redesigned the way that the Union works to **better represent you** and I want to make sure that these changes work by seeing them through their debut year.

I have **excellent relationships** with SU staff, I know the **incredibly complex** University systems, and I'm **already working** with this year's JCRs and PG Board - students **benefit from consistency** because it takes about 4 months to truly get to grips with the job. By **re-electing** someone who has already proven that they are a good President you'll get 12 full months with an **experienced officer**.

If you have any thoughts, questions, or feedback then I'd love to hear from you! You can find more information and stay up to date here: <https://linktr.ee/WheelyGoodPres>

Vote Cerys #1 to re-elect your #WheelyGoodPres



President**Shlok Sagar**

#Shloky4Change

In my bid for SU president, my primary focus is on enhancing the student experience by addressing key concerns that directly impact us all. Firstly, I am committed to making campus life more affordable by advocating for reduced prices on essential items, especially food within university establishments. I believe that students should have access to affordable and nutritious meals, fostering a healthier and more inclusive environment.

Transportation is another pivotal aspect of student life. As SU president, I will actively engage in reformation meetings with Stagecoach, the bus company serving our campus. My goal is to ensure not only more cost-effective transportation options but also safer and more reliable services for our student community.

Furthermore, I aim to strengthen the connection between the SU and individual colleges and societies. Recognizing the diverse interests and talents across our university, I propose increased collaboration and support for these entities. This involves regular dialogue, resource-sharing, and facilitating events that celebrate the unique contributions of each college and society. Through collaboration meetings and Prescomm, I do believe that this is possible.

In summary, my manifesto revolves around affordability, safety, and unity. By tackling food costs, advocating for improved transportation, and fostering stronger ties with colleges and societies.

As the president of Grizedale I have a lot of passion for making the Students union and university a better, more accommodating place. I am dedicated to do what it takes to see and carry out on my promises.

Vote Shlok for SU President!

President**Nathan Mooney**

Hi, I'm Nathan (He/Him) and I'm running to be your next Lancaster University Students' Union President.

I am from Lonsdale college and I'm a third-year law student. Ever since my first year I have been heavily involved with LUSU by holding numerous internal roles. My most recent ones include Lonsdale JCR President and being a Trustee on the board of the Students Union, meaning I know how LUSU works. I have also worked closely with University staff through sitting on both disciplinary and complaints panels, representing the student voice in a room of university officials.

If elected, my main areas of focus will be centred around three key aspects:

1. Cheaper and more accessible.
 - Rent freeze.
 - Working with local MP's to increase maintenance loans.
 - Better and more affordable transport options.
 - Ensuring Sugar is a venue with students at the forefront.
2. A Union that is proactive, not reactive.
 - A University strike plan.
 - Wellbeing centred drug and sexual health induction.
 - Career/internship positions within LUSU.
 - Student led climate committee.
3. A Union that gives back.
 - Empowering student leaders.
 - Improved accessibility for access and opportunity funds.
 - Sugar reward scheme.
 - Dedicated Union social space(s).
 - JCR & LCO review.

I believe that everyone deserves a Union that actually serves students and meets their needs, and I believe I can deliver that. If you think I can too, **VOTE**

NATHAN#1

Contact me on instagram @nathanmooney2 with any questions or for more info.

President**Matthew Lamb**

I'm Matthew Lamb, a second-year computer science student, Union Assembly delegate, and current VP Media of Pendle College. I'm running to be LUSU president to bring a common sense approach, challenging the prevailing progressive ideology. Last year's strikes disrupted our education. This means students lost out on a service they still fully paid for. I'll oppose strikes and push for tuition rebates for affected classes.

Our colleges are vital, yet LUSU's interference undermines the collegiate system. I propose empowering JCRs with control over intercollegiate sports and end of year extravs, marking a new era of independence for colleges.

The NUS, with its undemocratic nature and unnecessary expenses, is a system we should leave, saving £22,000 a year yet retaining charitable benefits. Financially, LUSU faces bankruptcy unless we implement austerity measures, cutting unnecessary spending to balance the budget and save our union.

Promoting free speech, common sense and patriotic values, including the right to protest in Alexandra Square is essential. I oppose the harm reduction drug policy, advocating for a drug-free campus. I will do everything in my power to start the war on drugs. My presidency will ensure LUSU embraces all viewpoints, challenging the current progressive consensus that has become regressive.

Choose change for efficiency, common sense, and liberty. Remember, "afuera, afuera, afuera, viva la libertad!"

To find out more please follow my instagram page [@lamb4lusu](#) and check out my website <https://lamb4lusu.glitch.me/>

Education Officer

Tom Cross

Hi! I'm **Tom Cross** (they/them), I'm a 3rd year history and politics student from Lonsdale and I'm running to be your next **Education Officer**!

Education is at the centre of student life; the university has been failing and it's the SU's job to hold them to account! Over my 3 years at Lancaster, I've been doing that in many areas. As an academic rep, student trustee & LGBTQ+ Officer for the SU I've been advocating for students consistently.

In these roles I've provided healthy food for LGBTQ+ students during the cost-of-living crisis, organised a protest to promote trans rights, ensured my department subsidises travel for academic trips and consistently pushed for more accessible teaching.

If elected my 6 priorities would be:

- **Cost-of-living support:** continue supper club, push the university for more student support funding & improve Lancaster buses.
- **Bring back Wednesday Afternoons:** Free up Wednesday afternoons so students can choose to do activities.
- **Improve the academic rep system:** Introduce international student reps, better training, rep awards & better support for faculty forums.
- **Campaign against discrimination:** Run campaigns against transphobia & discrimination in higher education.
- **Accessibility:** Push the university to record lectures, make study hours fairer, make extensions easier & reform ILSPs.
- **Campaign for post-graduate students:** PG students are not valued by universities; I would join national campaigns to improve their funding and treatment.

For my full manifesto: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1-5fvkS34h9eAporOIUaJOCrjAmZgef3egWTR8zQAMc/edit?usp=sharing>

Or follow my Instagram: @tomcr0ss

Thank you for reading and don't forget to:

Cross my box

Vote Tom Cross for education

Education Officer

Joshua Chooyin

Hi, I'm **Josh Chooyin** (He/him), a third-year Chemical engineer running for Education Officer. I have been every kind of voluntary Academic Rep I can, including Faculty Rep during the MAB last year and currently Engineering Department Rep. This is only possible because the students I stand for, keep electing me for one reason - **I make change**. From working with Reps to fix Chem Eng dissertation projects, to chairing department meetings, I try to be **active** and **helpful**, I'm no magician but a little **confidence** goes a long way.

For more information [@jlchooyin](#) on Instagram

I believe in transparency

I believe in Fairness

I believe in empowering students

Transparency

The university and LUSU are complicated beasts, full of hardworking people who want to make things better, but poor publicity and complex systems slow that work down. You are meant to be studying at university, not studying the university.

Fairness

Student poverty is real, I can work on stopping it getting in the way of studying. But poverty is just the start, I will support all our LCOs in making a safer, fairer system.

I want to end significant hidden costs of studying seen on some courses at Lancaster. #UmbrellaOfInclusivity

Work-Life balance matters. Mental health matters. From Wednesday afternoons to food banks, your degree shouldn't ruin your life.

Empowered Students

Every student should know their rights, know who their Academic Rep is and feel in control of their future. Every student should have an Academic Rep. Reps should be better supported by LUSU.

Education Officer

Huseyn Guliyev

Hello everyone!

My name is Huseyn, and I'm a second-year Business Management student from Azerbaijan. I am the Faculty Representative of Management School, and I work with the Students Union to represent the student voice within the University Administration.

TL;DR: My campaign is mainly about **Generative AI** and **Coursework Extensions**.

Generative AI has had a massive impact on our education. Over the past four months, I have been talking with students and professors to learn more about issues related to AI. Some AI tools like ChatGPT Plus are hidden behind paywalls. Students who can afford to pay get access to powerful features that significantly help them, and those who cannot are left behind. My campaign prioritises solving this issue.

I am also campaigning to change the current policy on Academic Extensions. Currently, there is a strong push in the University to adopt a new policy allowing students to get a limited number of evidence-free assignment extensions. The goal is to allow students extensions when they find it challenging to provide evidence, such as during an illness. I fully support this initiative and will work to ensure it is implemented if I get elected as the Education Officer.

Specifically, I am campaigning for two causes:

- **Open university access to GPT-4** and other advanced Generative AI tools;
- Up to **three no-questions-asked extensions** for students throughout the year.

By voting for me, you are voting for a more equitable and accessible education at Lancaster University.

I am counting on your vote!

Education Officer

Harrison Stewart

Vote Harrison Stewart #1 for Education Officer

For more information on everything here, head over to [@harrison4education](#) !

The Big Three -

- **Free Wednesday Afternoons for BUCS Sport**
- **Cut the Timetabled Day to 9-5**
- **Climate & Sustainability Education Embedded into Curriculum**

Other priorities-

- Fight for more **Impactful and Long-Term Cost of Living Support** from the University
- Attractive **Sponsorship Packages from The Sugarhouse** for Clubs and Societies
- Effective **Training and Development Plan** for Academic Reps
- Assist and guide Academic Reps to build bridges with their departments that have been broken previously, helping to build **Established Academic Communities**

I am [currently a Full-Time Officer of LUSU](#) - your Vice President Union Development. Before that, I had been Acting President of LUSU; President of Cartmel College; a Student Trustee; and an Academic Rep.

As a current Full-Time Officer, I have or will have already:

- Completely overhauled LUSU's **Long-Term Strategy**
- Ensured LUSU goes **Carbon Neutral** by 2030
- Reformed and revitalised LUSU's highest democratic decision-making body – **Union Assembly**
- Rebuilt the **Postgraduate Board**
- Made the **SugarBus** free and *so much more.*

I have already built amazing connections in the Union and the University through my work, and know how best to achieve as a Full-Time Officer - that's the hard part done then!

Vote for someone who knows how to thrive in this role and has a clear track record on delivering on the things they promise.

Vote for ***Results, Again.***

Wellbeing Officer

Ella Smith

Vote Ella Smith #1 for Wellbeing Officer 2024!

#FeelingWellWithEll

Hi, my name is Ella Smith (she/her) and I'm running to be your Wellbeing Officer. As a Lonnie Lioness, I have worked on JCR, SCAN exec and with several LCOs, though you might know me best from hanging out in Furness bar. Please come to me with any questions or issues!

Here are my contact details and more information about my campaign: https://linktr.ee/ella_for_wellbeing

#FeelingWellWithEll means:

- Safety for Students
- Supporting Communities
- Student Financial Assistance

Safety for Students

- Reforming the Counselling and Wellbeing system which is currently difficult to navigate, to clarify the services available to students
- Building on the Late Night, Do It Right campaign by providing more resources for students in venues across town
- Developing positive relationships with venue managers to ensure you get the most out of your night out!
- Running housing awareness campaigns to help everyone understand on their renting rights

Supporting Communities

- Coordinating with JCR Wellbeing officers to support cross-college campaigns
- Providing the tools to amplify campaigns run by Liberation Forums
- Giving spotlight to Sports and Societies execs to boost support and signposting
- Matching the demand for exec-role training across Colleges, Sports, Societies and Liberation Groups

Student Financial Assistance

- Revising funding bids for the new academic year, ensuring that free food, access to sport, and emergency funding are available
- Expanding funding to encompass menstrual, sexual health, and general sanitary products

Helping you through hard times - Vote Ella Smith #1 for Wellbeing Officer 2024!

#FeelingWellWithEll

Wellbeing Officer

Will Oliver

Who I am:

Hi, I'm Will! I'm currently the Men's+ Welfare Officer for Lonsdale. Being a third year, I've been through the university's wellbeing services and have learned to navigate them. I'm part of the first exec of Burlesque and Cabaret Society and am also the president of Comedy Society!

My Manifesto:

1. Cost of Living Support

I want to continue Josh's great work towards cost of living support, encouraging the continuation of Supper Club and the LUSU pantry, signposting hardship funds, and **continuing to push for affordable and functional accommodation.**

2. Vastly Improving Mental Health Services

A lot of us have received insufficient mental health support over the last few years. I want to thoroughly review the uni's mental health services and **signpost them more effectively and inclusively.** I also want to broaden training and better equip staff and students with ways of helping themselves and others.

3. Responses to Discrimination

Even with the efforts made to ensure our campus and The Sugarhouse are safe places to be, people are still suffering discrimination. A better system for navigating this should be implemented and people should be encouraged to report incidents, **even those viewed as less severe or urgent.**

4. Wellbeing Infrastructure Within Societies

I've found that a lot of people's stress can stem from society activities, and that navigating these situations has an even greater impact on those in welfare roles. I want to work with the new VP Activities to support society welfare, with **better signposting and training.**

Wellbeing Officer

Joe Innes

Hi, I'm Joe and I am running to be the Wellbeing Officer for LUSU.

My **main** policy points are:

- **Providing** mental health training for society & JCR execs
- **Increasing** collaboration between the SU and JCRs, Liberation and Campaign Officers and Forums
- Ensure the SU is committed to **extensive** cost of living support

The provision of mental health training for society and JCR execs will make it easier for members to receive help and support. Individuals will be signposted to resources by trained members of the society therefore filling a gap in mental health provisions.

I will look to increase collaboration between the JCRs, LCOs and Forums by having more regular contact with these groups on a fortnightly basis rather than bi-termly. This would help by providing JCRs, LCOs and Forums with a more regular platform to raise their concerns and bring campaigns to the SU's attention.

I will also ensure the SU and University provide more cost of living support to students by:

- Campaigning for the further **expansion** of the LUSU Pantry and Supper Club so they are accessible to more students
- Represent students' concerns over accommodation prices and standards alongside the LUSU President
- I will also ensure that **free** period products and contraceptives **remain** available throughout campus and SU accommodation
- I will also **ensure** other campaigns such as the 'late night do it right' and 'She Should Run' campaigns continue alongside keeping Sugarbus **free** next year

For more information on my manifesto check @joe_innes_17 on Instagram. **#GoForJoe**

Activities Officer

Jack Watson

I'm **Jack** (he/him), your current Vice-President Sport, and I'm running for **re-election** as the new **Activities Officer**.

I've loved every second of my year so far and want to continue and expand the work I'm doing for a greater impact. Since being elected in 2023, I've **delivered a full manifesto**. Here's **what I've done so far**, and **will do**, before this officer year is up:

- Delivered the **Sport Review** implementation, with an end date of September.
- Re-created a more impactful **Sport Committee**.
- Introduced the **Student Sport Access Fund**.
- Delivered **in-person exec training**.
- Provided club **handover support** for all execs.
- Worked to find a new **sportswear provider** for 24/25.
- Facilitated the **Women's+ Sport Forum**.
- Supported the transition to **in-house student group finances**.
- Helped the first round of new **society affiliations**.
- The all-important delivery of **Roses 2024** 🌹

I want to provide better systems of support and recognition for all student groups, using the work I've done in Sport so far this year. My priorities upon re-election will be:

1. Develop a **Student Volunteer Recognition Programme** to tangibly reward the phenomenal work done each year by our executive committees.
2. Continue to develop **Societies Committee** and leagues to ensure they too are fit for purpose.
3. Expand the **Student Leader training** offer.

I also plan on running for **BUCS National Student Officer** to represent Lancaster and the student voice on the national stage.

For a full deep dive into what I'd like to do as Activities Officer, go to @watson4activities on Instagram.

Activities Officer

Sky

Manifesto

Hi I'm Sky (they/them), and I'm running to be your activities officer. Having been involved with hockey, archery, music, poetry, hiking, living history, theatre, and bar sports; It's safe to say I know my way around different activities! This includes being on committees for LUAC, ULMS, and the LGBTQ+ forum. I have also helped out Bailrigg FM at various events.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- I want to implement a centralized complaints procedure providing a neutral voice for society issues. This will also include holding the university accountable for things like double-booking buses. This will be a process that takes action; when a complaint gets made, you'll be heard, and fully involved with any decisions taken with your case, ensuring accountability for everyone.

ROSES

- Making an official program detailing exact events and sports, but also key information like bus reservations and timetables.
- Ensuring sufficient transport and needs such as catering. Streamlining the welfare of all involved in Roses including athletes, spectators, officials, and media teams.

SOCIETIES

- Continuing Santi's work with the Societies Access fund; ensuring funding for competitive non-BUCS sports.
- Work towards getting a designated societies minibus, ensuring inclusivity of non sports societies.
- Ensuring visibility of the different societies; working with the SU to reform its website to make it more user-friendly and accessible.

Vote for Sky! #SkyYourGuy

Activities Officer

George Collins

I'm **George**, a 4th-year Politics student. We all know that what makes Lancaster special isn't our degrees, but our amazing activities, societies, and sports!

Experience of serving on execs (President & Secretary) positions me well to identify shortfalls in the SU. Furthermore, working for the LUSU Events Crew provides me with **pre-existing working relationships within LUSU that can help deliver student events.**

It would be a privilege to serve as your Activities Officer, keeping our activities amazing. To achieve this, I want to **LOWER THE BAR, RAISE THE BAR, GO TO THE BAR.**

LOWER THE BAR:

- Secure the **SOCIETY ACCESS FUND** for next year, making activities more **FINANCIALLY ACCESSIBLE** to all.
- Facilitate training, ensuring activities are **ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL**, particularly neurodivergent students where student leaders would benefit from additional help.
- **WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS FREE** for activities (UG & PG).

RAISE THE BAR:

- Collaborate with sports and societies on implementing the **SPORTS REVIEW**.
- Improve **STAFF ACCESSIBILITY** - be available at key times so that I can help (e.g. on Wednesdays for sports).
- Fight for student voices to be considered in the **UNIVERSITY'S SPACE REVIEW** on how spaces are used.
- **MEDIA SUMMIT** - encouraging engagement with our media groups. Work alongside them to ensure their unique needs are met with a separate framework to other societies.

GO TO THE BAR:

- Explore the standardisation of **COLLEGE SPACE/BAR BOOKINGS** making them easier to book.
- Work with JCRs to create a regular and **THRIVING BAR SCENE ON CAMPUS**, collaborating with societies to provide entertainment.

Activities Officer**Kyle Bailey**

Hi, I'm Kyle (he/him), a third-year Sport & Exercise Science student. I'm thrilled to announce my candidacy for Activities Officer in the student union, driven by my passion for sports and societies.

During my time at Lancaster, I've been deeply involved in clubs and societies, holding multiple executive roles within both college and university settings. As the Rugby League Vice-Captain and Fylde College Pool Captain, I've showcased my leadership skills by creating enjoyable environments and recruiting remarkable numbers of freshers for both teams.

If elected, I'll build upon the work of previous officers, advocating for all sports and societies. I'll ensure these groups have a prominent voice within the student union, making decisions that benefit everyone, whilst improving communication with sports and societies through it being easy and effective. Additionally, I'll organize more inter-collegiate sports events to foster healthy competition among students. I believe in inclusivity, striving to make sports and societies accessible to all students, regardless of their background. I'll strengthen partnerships with college JCRs and Sport Lancaster to ensure the success of events like RIVALS, and make it easier to book pitches and courts. As your Activities Officer, I'll be approachable and committed to listening to everyone, with a smile. I'm dedicated to making our sports and societies the best they can be.

I kindly ask for your vote in the upcoming elections. Together, let's elevate our student experience!

Kyle Bailey

Activities Officer**Thomas Porter****Vote Tom for Activities Officer!**

Hi, my name is Thomas Porter (He/Him), and I'm running to be your next Activities Officer.

Before I get started, let me share with you my key areas of focus:

1. **Provide in person neurodiversity & inclusion, mental health awareness, and wellbeing training sessions for exec members of ALL societies & sports teams.**
2. **Streamline and simplify the society affiliation process.**
3. **Provide a prominent alumni donations fund platform for all societies on the LUSU Website.**
4. **Keep the campus lively and animated all year round by increasing LUSU supported society taster sessions & fun events made for you.**

Read more details about these points & all of my plans on my Insta @tom.p04

Some background info about me:

I am a Second year Criminology student and a martial arts enthusiast with a passion for creative media. I am currently one of the Media & Comms officers for County JCR, and a core member of a student band, both roles of which have propelled my strive to get more involved in the SU and student activities at the Uni.

What I would like to do as part of the FTO team:

- Fight for lower costs across campus
- Encourage more students to speak up about what they want from our SU
- Increase inclusivity and accessibility in sports
- Increase your employability through society skills workshops
- Keep you updated with SU activities and promote your society events

Vote Tom for Activities Officer!