

Edwin Baines

Executive Officer Manifesto



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Hi, my name is Eddie Baines a third year Criminology Student, I have been an executive officer in the past and enjoyed it greatly. It was and still is an opportunity to better the journey students take whilst studying here at Abertay, whether by improving conditions for students or helping societies to be a place of inclusivity and fun, However, there are a few issues I feel could be improved and for that reason my manifesto will focus on these key campaigns for the coming year.

1, Student Welfare,

*Over the last year, I have been surprised to see and meet students whom have been affected by Universal Credit, and next year we will more than likely see harsher times for those of us on campus who are mature or independent students even student parents. we see the popularity of the **Abertasty** scheme, which is great but shows a need for support for a large section of the campus, Hardship funds and foodbanks are not what I envisaged as a modern university experience, however its reality I want to help with current campaigns across Scotland starting up to improve student support for those who need it and help to further promote and improve on the fantastic work the staff have started with **Abertasty**.*

2, Student / SA Space

*I would like to work on student space, with this I envision a new **social space**, somewhere SA exec and students can just hang out relax, chat and just be sociable, it could be used to hold regular surgeries to gain student views and just be on hand to chat to students. I am aware the student centre is available, but with the Student Centre going through changes we are unsure as to what the space will look like in the future however it makes sense to utilise this space as much as possible where we can, and to see a*

whole floor sitting empty is a real shame surely between the **SA and Sports** we could utilise that space occupying a redundant space.

3, Student Engagement

*I was stunned to see an officer run on a campaign of basically not doing anything and actively opposing things just for fun last year and be voted in, this was very sad. However, highlighting a disengagement of sorts, as no one challenged it at all. Working with other officer's and staff we need to improve the general student experience, I really want to see the exec change and represent liberations on campus, why don't we have BME, LGBT+, Women's, Disability, Post Graduate officers on campus, we should after all I hear many students say I don't feel represented on the SA. I wish to look more into where the SA is going right and wrong, we need student feedback and engagement to make the SA work the best for students after all it is **YOUR SA**.*

as always I'm around to help my fellow officers in their campaigns to represent the Abertay Students.