

# Full-Time Officer Manifestos 2019-20

## VICE PRESIDENT ACTIVITIES **Ben Evans**

I'm Ben Evans, but everyone calls me Bevens, and I'm running to be your next VP Activities. I'm currently studying Management and HR, a Sports rep for County College, a player for the Men's Rugby Union team, and a student staff member for the Activities department in the Students' Union.

I am heavily involved with a variety of sporting and societal pathways at University and this is what drives me to want to be YOUR next VP Activities. I will ensure that I use my experience to enable as many students as possible have the best involvement in sports and societies whilst here at Lancaster - something I see as being the most important aspect of the university journey.

Here is a shortened version of my manifesto, to read the full version here's the [link](#).

### Support for Mental Health:

- Work to provide a more useful framework for encouraging positive mental wellbeing on a local level within all of our student groups.
- Ensure that all clubs and societies have suitable welfare provision within their exec which will be tailored to the size and nature of the club.
- Ensure our clubs and societies are aware of the training available to them and expand on this so that members of these groups have peer support networks.
- Support grassroots campaigns and events run by our student groups to promote these wider for higher impact work that benefit more students.

### Getting involved, tackling barriers and engagement:

- Implement a buddy system where clubs and societies have dedicated members who help new students join and integrate them into the group.
- Work with clubs and societies to have more open sessions throughout the year to encourage continued engagement.
- Reach out to student groups and see if I can attend their sessions. The reasons behind this are:

1. Trying out a new club may encourage those who are nervous to do the same.

2. I will speak to members of these groups and find out the issues they face, allowing my work to truly represent the students in our groups and be the voice for students.

- Work with iLancaster to introduce an online centralised activities calendar so students can see what is going on and when, and add this to their personal calendar. This would include other commitments such as lectures, library pod bookings and counselling appointments. This will allow students to manage their work-life balance better, as well as allowing student groups to promote their activities.

### **Timetabling and Space:**

- **Hold the University to account on their “Wednesday’s Free” promise, and ensure that students aren’t punished for their involvement in activities. I would also like to campaign for this policy to become applicable for postgraduate students, as they currently do not fall under the same bracket.**
- **Fight to ensure that students are priority users of space on campus in the Sports Centre, as well as other spaces on campus.**

### **Financial Barriers:**

- **Work to make being a member of a sports club, society and our college teams as affordable as possible and ensure bursaries are well advertised so that students who are struggling financially can still be involved in activities.**
- **Make the Carter Shield an event that people want to attend and ensure it remains free so that there are options for all students.**

### **Community:**

- **Work with JCRs to ensure that the Carter Shield is well organised with real collaboration with the officers who will be helping to deliver the activities. I want the Carter Shield to be an event students get excited to attend as it’s currently under utilised yet is an amazing opportunity to engage students who could be otherwise inactive.**
- **Introduce a university-wide collegiate event that takes the form of a school-sports day which would aim to engage further than just students involved in sports teams**

### **Development and Roses:**

- **Ensure a vibrant and successful home Roses event is well-delivered, with ideas to improve and expand the home Roses village and having a dedicated space to watch all of the weekend’s fixtures.**
- **Work with sports teams and the Students’ Union to ensure the ongoing development of our sporting offer and standard to match our increasing academic standing.**

**Thank you for taking your time to read my manifesto. If you like my ideas and would like to see them implemented, please vote Ben Evans #1 for VP Activities. If you have any questions then please feel free to get in touch through my social media pages.**

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