

# Full-Time Officer Manifestos 2019-20

## VICE PRESIDENT UNION DEVELOPMENT **Hannah Prydderch**

Hello, I'm Hannah, a third year Law student from Cartmel and I'm running to be your Vice President: Union Development. I am running as I believe I am the best candidate to help develop the Students' Union into a union that truly represents and fights for its students.

I have lots of experience working with the Students' Union and colleges which I believe allow me to understand properly the variety of issues with the current system and improvements that need to be made urgently. As the previous JCR President of Cartmel College, I saw how the JCRs & PG Board need better support and training to be able to perform their jobs to the best of their ability and to encourage them to be proud of the important roles they undertake. In this role I developed leadership skills and the confidence to successfully oversee meetings as well as having experience with JCR finances, both short-term and long-term through working with the SU Finance Team, this experience has given me the insight into how SU finances operate and I am confident I can expand my skills further. I am also a two-time NUS Delegate which has given me the experience of representing students from across the University and campaigning on issues that are the most important to them and I've certainly not been afraid to stand up for those issues to ensure that groups are not being neglected.

If you were to elect me, I would first want to improve the Commercial side of the SU:

- Look into expanding the use of Sugarhouse with more diverse events and the possibility of societies using the space.
- Improve student safety at the Sugarhouse, especially working with VP Welfare to tackle incidents of spiking.
- Review offers on the Purple Card to ensure it is fit for purpose.
- Work with the staff at Central to reduce food costs to help with the cost of living.

In terms of democracy I would like to:

- Review the current election schedule to see if there are better times to hold the elections.
- Look at livestreaming/recording all JCR/PG Board Hustings to make sure that the elections are more accessible and reach as many students as possible.
- Develop election training and plans for all Democracy and Finance Officers so they are kept up to date, have the knowledge to facilitate their elections and co-ordinate efforts to improve participation and turnout.
- Work with our City Councillors and Political Societies to encourage engagement in elections and to ensure that students are well-informed.
- Work with societies and PTOs to encourage students from a greater variety of backgrounds to run for election.
- Look into incentives and rewards for voting in elections.
- Better support societies and sports clubs with their democratic structures and providing examples of good practice, with optional training for exec members on topics such as bystander intervention training or Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity training to ensure our student groups are inclusive environments.

Finally, I want to improve the experience for JCRs/PG Board through:

- More meaningful communication between myself, SU Staff, College JCRs and Students to ensure that problems are solved as early as possible and that students are aware of all the hard-work JCR and PG officers put in.

- Reviewing the funding for JCR/PG Board to ensure that they have the funds to put on events.
- Working with JCRs/PG Board to make the transition to the new teams as smooth as possible.
- Improving JCR/PG Board training to ensure that officers feel confident and well-equipped for their roles. This includes ensuring co-opted members receive full training as well. This training would continue throughout the year and tailored to what the JCRs/PG Board want and need for the upcoming terms.
- Increasing support for JCRs/PG Board during their biggest events of the year by ensuring I am on-hand to give any support and training they need to enable them to deliver successful events.
- Working with JCRs/PG Board and Part-Time Officers to increase engagement and collaboration, with the view to increasing the success liberation and minority groups events and campaigns.
- Review the way we support the PG Board as the needs of the students they represent are different to Undergrads and we must acknowledge this and adapt to suit their needs.

So, if you want a Vice President: Union Development who is passionate, engaged and experienced with a history of fighting for student issues then vote for me Hannah Prydderch; because I want an SU that's made for you!