

# **Meet the Candidates**

## **SU Leadership Race 2025**

**Voting from Monday 10th March  
to Friday 14th March.**

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Welcome to the SU Leadership Race – Meet The Candidates Booklet! This booklet has been designed so that it is easier for you to see what candidates main priorities are if you decide to elect them.

All of the candidates appear in alphabetical order. RON has a default profile on the next page but will be a candidate in all positions in the Leadership Race.

So, who is RON?

RON is a candidate in all positions and can be voted to be elected if you feel none of the candidates are suitable for the role they are seeking to be. If RON is elected, the election process shall start again for that position.

Not all candidates have submitted a profile for us to promote so only their name shall appear on the candidate page per role.

If you have any questions please get in touch with us at **SUStudentVoice@southwales.ac.uk**

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# Re-Open Nominations (RON)

Candidate for all positions

*If you think they aren't suitable for the role,  
vote for me!*



**RON**

RON is a candidate in all positions of this election and can be voted to be elected if you feel none of the candidates are suitable for the role they are seeking to be.

If RON has the most votes and is elected, the election process shall start again for that position. Candidates who have previously stood for this role will not be eligible to stand again in the following election.



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# Students' Union President Candidates

**Candidates who did not submit a profile:**



**Aitzaz Ali**



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# Georgia Powell

## Students' Union President Candidate

*Celebrating Diversity, Embracing Equality,  
Uniting Us All!*



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I am incredibly passionate about the student voice; ensuring that ALL students feel valued and that the student experience is the best that it can be at USW. I feel that during my time as VP Education I have built great foundations with USW services which will allow for a collaborative relationship that puts the students at the forefront of change and decisions made - with both parties supporting each other through the process. Overall, I want to ensure that the officer team have a strong leader to guide and support them, so that the student body is represented effectively.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

Firstly, I want to increase visibility across our campuses - making sure that each and every student feels heard, so that different needs can be acknowledged and met. Secondly, I want to unite the student body. At USW we have such a diverse student body that should be celebrated, through activities that bring us all together and allow for experiences to be shared. Lastly, I want to create stability and consistency of the services that USWSU delivers to YOU - the students. Trust is to be earned and I believe that by involving students (across all demographics) at USW in shaping the SU, together we can make the SU great again!

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

I can definitely say that my biggest strength is my passion. It drives me to put my all into my work and allows for me to connect with students as I strive to help and support them in any way I can. The passion I have around student representation at USW comes from being proud to have been a student myself at this university. I would say that my biggest weakness would be being a perfectionist; as I like to make sure I do things to the highest of standards, however, sometimes realizing that this is not always possible is ok too. That being said, I truly believe that this also pushes me to do my best and helps me to succeed at anything I set my mind to.



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# Irfan Rahman

## Students' Union President Candidate

*Reviving the union with our unity*



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I began advocating for students at the grassroots level as a Student Voice Representative and later as Chair of the Student Voice Forum. In these roles, I actively addressed student concerns, not just escalating issues to senior management but also implementing solutions—such as reducing long enrolment queues. I initiated academic integrity workshops with our study skills team and led a society from its foundation to the university's largest, with 512 members, by prioritizing student needs. With experience in student representation and leadership, I am running for Students' Union President to elevate student voices and improve both academic and campus

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

Firstly, I want to shift the focus from “what I want to achieve” to ensuring Students' Union representatives implement what students truly need.

Recent changes in the university have impacted courses and essential student services, such as reduced library hours, reduced shuttle bus service and many more.

My top priority, if elected, will be to minimize these effects and restore previous arrangements where possible.

On a national level, I will advocate for students on issues like rising tuition fees, immigration policies affecting international students, and apprenticeship wages. I will also support fellow sabbatical officers in effectively representing students' needs and

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

Having worked in the Students' Union and different student-facing departments, my strength is connecting with students and quickly finding solutions to their problems. I don't back down when faced with challenges—I always find a way through.



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# Tazin

## Students' Union

### President Candidate



*Your Voice, Your Power, Your Change – Vote for Me!*

#### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

Having lived in this country for the past three years, I truly understand students' emotions, challenges, and needs. I don't want to follow the usual path. I want to bring something different and make a lasting impact. My goal is to create real change, ensuring every student feels heard and valued. If elected, I will work tirelessly to build a stronger, more united community one that remembers my name for the right reasons!

#### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I will improve student welfare, enhance academic support, and create a more inclusive campus. I will advocate for better mental health resources, stronger student representation, and exciting events that bring us together. My goal is to make a lasting impact by ensuring every student feels heard and valued. Together, we can build a stronger, more engaged community!

#### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my ability to connect with people and understand their needs. Having been here for three years, I relate to students' challenges and can effectively represent their voices. I am also a strong communicator and problem-solver, which helps me bring positive change.

My biggest weakness is that I tend to take on too many responsibilities at once because I am passionate about making a difference. However, I am learning to delegate tasks and work as a team to achieve the best results. This balance will help me be an effective and proactive Student Union President.



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# Vice President Activities Candidates



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# Navid Sharif

## Vice President

## Activities Candidate



*One vote for me, one vote for you!*

### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I'm running for re-election as VP Activities to continue the work I've started in supporting and empowering students. Over the past year, I've been working on initiatives like 'Walk the walk' podcast, organising Varsity 2025 in partnership with UWE, and introduced 'Priority Booking' policy to support sports clubs and societies. I've also represented student interests in various forums, supported mental health as an accredited MHFA, and championed sustainability efforts. I'm committed to creating more opportunities for students and ensuring ongoing support for clubs and societies, while representing student interests at all levels.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If re-elected, I will continue driving student engagement through key initiatives like hosting Varsity 2026, expand opportunities for students to volunteer both on and off-campus, and enhance support for clubs and societies. I'm committed to raising awareness around sustainability with a campus-wide campaign, while fostering networking opportunities through our new podcast, Walk the Walk. I will also ensure student voices are heard and represented across various platforms to guarantee a lasting impact.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my passion for co-curricular activities, which allows me to understand and address the challenges faced by our volunteers. My experience in sports and cultural activities has given me insight into their needs. However, my biggest weakness I'd say is being a bit of an empath. While it allows me to connect deeply with others, I've learned to manage it to maintain a healthy balance between my dedication and personal well-being.



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# Rhodri Morris-Stiff

## Vice President

## Activities Candidate

*Parity for all activities!*



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

To repay the university for supporting me through many studies, and to assist it's clubs and societies, which have been an important part of my time here.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

To bring more parity to the societies, supporting societies of all sizes, but working to promote smaller ones, ensuring they all get the support they need.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my willingness to tell the truth and speak my mind in all appropriate situations. My biggest weakness is my time management, but I'm working on improving this.



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# Vice President Education Candidates



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# Leilani Khaiseb

## Vice President

## Education Candidate



*For a smarter, stronger student experience!*

### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

As a dedicated Student Voice Representative (SVR) and Student Ambassador for USW, I have actively worked to not only promote the university but also help to improve the student experience by advocating for the academic improvements and increased support within classrooms. My passion for student success is what has motivated me to run for Vice President of Education. I would like to continue ensuring every student's voice is heard and academic concerns and concerns about external factors that affect the student experience towards academics are addressed too as I did as an SVR. By fostering open communication between students

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected and Vice President of Education, my main priority will be to ensure that all students have a voice in shaping their academic experience. I will work to improve communication between students and faculty, advocate for enhanced academic support services. I also want to address feedback quality and mental health support for students balancing academic pressures since the academic life of students is not only affected by the classroom. Overall, my goal is to create a more inclusive and supportive learning environment where every student can thrive!!

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

One of my biggest strengths is my ability to listen and advocate for others. Through my SVR and student ambassador roles I developed strong communication skills that allowed me to understand student concerns and effectively represent them. In addition to this I gained a stronger passion about making a difference and ensuring every student feels heard and supported.

On the other hand one of my biggest weakness is that I tend to take on too many responsibilities due to the eagerness of wanting to help others. This then can become overwhelming. However, I try to remind myself to ask for help.



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# Rahat Mubassir

## Vice President

## Education Candidate



*Building Better Learning Together*

### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I am running for Vice President of Education because I am deeply committed to being a strong voice for students. As a Course Representative, I have actively worked to address educational concerns and broader student issues, ensuring their voices are heard. My passion for education and student advocacy has driven me to take on this role, where I can better support students and represent their needs at the university level. I believe that every student deserves a fair, enriching, and accessible academic experience, and I am dedicated to making meaningful changes that enhance student learning and success.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected as VP Education, I will try my best to enhance academic excellence, inclusivity, and student wellbeing. I will work to improve access to digital resources, subject-specific workshops, and flexible hybrid learning models to support all students. I will strive to create dedicated forums for international students to voice their concerns and strengthen collaboration with student services for better support. I will do my best to expand industry partnerships, creating more internships and real-world learning opportunities. I will also ensure student voices shape decisions through regular feedback forums while improving access to mental health support and academic balance.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is teamwork. I thrive in collaborative environments, actively listening to different perspectives and working with others to find the best solutions. As a Course Representative, I have successfully engaged with students and faculty to address academic concerns, ensuring that everyone's voice is heard.

My biggest weakness is my tendency toward perfectionism. I always strive for the best possible outcome, which can sometimes slow me down. However, I am learning to balance high standards with efficiency by prioritizing tasks effectively. This drive for excellence also ensures that I remain dedicated to delivering the best results for students.



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# Vice President Welfare Candidates



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# Imam Hossain

## Vice President

## Welfare Candidate

*Your Voice, Your Welfare*



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

From the very start of my journey at USW, I've been passionate about supporting students in every way possible. My experience as a Student Navigator, Course Representative, and Ambassador allowed me to advocate for student needs, and serving as VP Welfare has given me an even greater platform to make a difference. I've worked to address both academic and personal challenges, championing initiatives like the Working Wardrobe program and the Period Equity Campaign, which provides free sanitary products. I'm standing for re-election to continue creating meaningful change and ensuring every student feels supported, heard, and empowered.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I will do my best to enhance student well-being through meaningful initiatives. I will strive to expand the Period Equity Campaign and introduce free condom distribution to support health and inclusivity. I will organize regular well-being sessions for mental health support and conduct student needs surveys to ensure SU services truly reflect student concerns. I will also put in my best efforts to improve accessibility for disabled students and create a more inclusive campus. Most importantly, I will do my best to provide accessible, personalized support for both academic and personal challenges.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my ability to connect with students on a personal level. This makes them feel comfortable sharing their concerns, allowing me to understand their challenges and offer meaningful support. My problem-solving skills further help me find practical solutions to both academic and personal issues, ensuring students get the assistance they need.

In terms of weakness, I can be quite emotional, but I see this as a strength in disguise. My empathy allows me to genuinely relate to students' struggles, making me a more compassionate and approachable advocate for their well-being and a stronger voice for positive change.



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# Taiwo Idowu

## Vice President

## Welfare Candidate

*Zero Negativity, Only Champions Rise*



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

Having a firsthand experience of so many students' silent struggles, I have endured trials which tested my resilience and well-being. However, being guided by empowerment, active listening, and advocacy, I discovered my voice of power— and now I want others to discover theirs. I am taking a lead on a public speaking program for students so that students can discover the needed confidence in realizing their potential. My passion for being inclusive, my proven track record of leadership in being an advocate, and my dedication towards students' welfare make for a perfect applicant. I shall lead in advocating for policies

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I would love to create a space where every student feels safe and genuinely supported—emotionally, mentally, and academically. I am committed to building a strong network to help them chase their goals through mentorship and workshops that boost confidence. I would create a platform where students can confidently express their pain points and struggles. Look into those issues while I and the rest of the union provide holistic solutions to solve the student's needs. I would also enforce a study-life balance.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

I would say my strength is my ability to accept challenges, and the reason is that I always love to accept challenges. I do not like the sound of 'threat by incompetence.' I believe that with strong will and determination, almost anything is possible. Everyone is half-baked; everyone is a work in progress. On the other hand, my weakness would be extremity. When I am passionate about doing anything, I go to the extreme. And extremity, in a way, could be a weakness.



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# International Students Officer Candidates

**Candidates who did not submit a profile:**



***Danial***



***Vidhi***



***ZAIN***



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# JP Varanasi

## International Students Officer Candidate

*A space for you.*



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

As an international student who has been in the UK for over 5 years. I believe I have what it takes to represent the international community within USW. With the experience that comes from already residing in the UK for a long time with addition to the commitment to provide and serve. Throughout my first term at USW, the one thing I loved most was helping those around me, and I want to continue doing so, in a much larger and wider scale.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

A sense of confidence. My only goal throughout my time is to provide a place for people where they can address any problem, they can speak any language, be heard and have an effective solution for any of their troubles.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

The experience of residing within the UK and the wanting to help has come into action multiple times already in my first term at USW, assisting and helping those around me without hesitation, this would be a crucial factor I look to further develop during my time.

Time, is my true weakness, I strive for maximum efficiency, this allows for some tasks progressing faster than others which has the potential to raise issues with regards to fairness.



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# Pratishma Kandel

## International Students Officer Candidate

*Unity in Uni !*



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

As an international student, living far from home is a challenge in itself—both emotionally and financially. Some of these challenges can be addressed with better support, opportunities, and a stronger sense of unity in diversity. Being International Student Officer will give me a platform to represent international students, advocate for these changes, and ensure our voices are heard. My experience as a Student Navigator allowed me to assist many international students during enrollment, and it felt great to receive sincere gratitude from them. I want to continue making a positive impact and be a representative for all international students.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I want to foster unity in diversity at USW. While our university is already diverse, promoting greater unity within this diversity will uplift all students, regardless of background. Additionally, I aim to be the voice for the issues that have not yet been addressed and work to overcome the challenges faced by international students. For issues that have already been addressed, there are services available that many students are unaware of, including those focused on academic support and wellbeing. I will work to ensure these resources are fully utilised to support students' academic, personal, and mental health needs.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is resilience. Throughout my life, I have faced numerous challenges but have always managed to bounce back from setbacks. I have learnt to adapt to change and maintain my well-being during difficult times. This quality has been key to my personal and professional growth, allowing me to thrive.

My biggest weakness is not always saying yes to opportunities. I sometimes hesitate when presented with new opportunities, often out of fear of failing. However, I am actively working on overcoming this fear and embracing opportunities with more confidence, knowing they can lead to growth and new experiences.



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# Razifa Zoya

## International Students Officer Candidate

*Empowering Diversity, Uniting Voices*



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I am standing for the position of International Students Officer because, as an international student myself, I understand the challenges we face and the importance of having a strong voice in university matters. I have witnessed both the strengths and struggles within our community, from navigating cultural differences to adjusting to university systems. I want to advocate for a more supportive environment, where international students are welcomed, valued, and empowered to succeed. By running for this position, I aim to create a space where all international students feel at home and are given the resources they need to thrive.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I will focus on enhancing international student support services, ensuring tailored guidance during the transition to university life, including visas, housing, and cultural adaptation. I will advocate for accessible mental health resources specifically for international students. I'll also work to build a stronger sense of community by organizing cultural exchange events and mentoring schemes. Additionally, I will campaign for affordable living options and better financial support. I plan to collaborate with the university to provide workshops on academic skills and strengthen career support by increasing job placement opportunities for international graduates.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my ability to connect with others from diverse backgrounds and understand their unique challenges. As an international student, I can relate to the struggles faced by my peers, which helps me advocate for their needs effectively. My biggest weakness is that I sometimes take on too much because I want to help everyone. While this stems from my passion, I am working on prioritizing tasks and focusing on areas where I can make the most significant impact, ensuring I balance my commitments and deliver the best results for international students.



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# LGBTQ+ Open Officer Candidates

**Candidates who did not submit a profile:**



**Abi**



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# Mature Student Officer Candidates

**Candidates who did not submit a profile:**



***Megan Tingle***



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# Helen Norman

## Mature Student Officer Candidate

*She believed she could so she did*



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I am standing for this election as I am passionate about representing students who may be facing a unique set of challenges from being a mature student. As a mature student myself I feel I would be an advocate for students, understanding the obstacles they may face, and speak on their behalf to ensure they feel supported to complete their studies around work/family life.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

I would like to create a supportive community for mature students, I would suggest extra support for students who may face extra challenges with technological issues and extra support for academic studying as a mature student as it may have been many years since they last studied.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my ability to empathize with people and I am an attentive listener. My biggest weakness would be over committing, when I start something I like to see it through to the end and like to be involved in all aspects.



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# **Postgraduate Part Time Students Officer Candidates**



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# Meraz Mahfuj

## Postgraduate Part Time Officer Candidate

*Listening to You, Leading for Us*



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I am standing for the Postgraduate and Part-Time Students' Officer position because I deeply understand the challenges faced by this student community. Balancing academics with work, family, and other responsibilities can be demanding, and I want to ensure that every student has the necessary support to succeed. With over ten years of experience in operations and leadership, I have the skills to advocate effectively and drive meaningful change. My goal is to create a more inclusive, supportive university experience where postgraduate and part-time students feel valued, heard, and empowered to thrive both academically and personally.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I will work to enhance support services for postgraduate and part-time students by advocating for flexible academic resources, improved mental health services, and tailored financial aid options. I will also focus on strengthening the sense of community through networking events, workshops, and peer support initiatives. Additionally, I will ensure that students' voices are heard by actively campaigning on key issues and engaging with university leadership to drive necessary changes. Transparency and open communication will be my priority, ensuring students are always informed and have platforms to share their concerns and feedback.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my leadership and problem-solving ability. With over ten years of experience in operations and teamwork, I am confident in my ability to advocate effectively, collaborate with stakeholders, and implement positive changes. I excel at communication and building connections, which are essential for representing students' needs.

My biggest weakness is that I sometimes try to help with issues that are beyond my control. I'm working on recognizing my limits and focusing on what I can directly influence to ensure I'm providing the best support possible.



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# Sana Fatima

## Postgraduate Part Time Officer Candidate

*Your voice, Amplified*



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I am capable of handling multiple tasks and I have transferrable skills including communication problem solving skills. I want to make a change and make sure that all the students find it easier to find their way in the university and feel welcomed. I have an interactive personality and it makes me the best fit for standing in the elections.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected I would be spending my time solving problems and tackling with issues that students are facing. And making sure that a safe and secure environment is set for students. I would also like to make plans on how to keep on going while adding innovations for postgraduate students to help them in having fun while their studies

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my ability to be proactive. I keep calm in tough situations and have a problem solving attitude. I make sure to focus on solving the issue rather than focusing or worrying about the problem itself. My biggest weakness would be that I'm a bit too focused on what I do.



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# Societies Officer Candidates

**Candidates who did not submit a profile:**



***Cultural Diversity***



***Will Butland***



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# Nafis Kalam

## Societies Officer

## Candidate

*Empowering Societies, Elevating Students!*



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I am standing for the position of Societies Officer because I believe societies are the heart of student life, bringing people together, fostering friendships, and providing opportunities for personal growth. As an active member of the university community, I have seen how societies create a sense of belonging and enhance the student experience. However, I also recognize the challenges societies face, from funding issues to engagement struggles. I want to be the voice that supports, empowers, and strengthens societies, ensuring every student has the chance to participate, connect, and thrive in a vibrant and inclusive extracurricular environment.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I will focus on strengthening societies by providing better resources, increasing collaboration, and making it easier for students to get involved. I will advocate for more funding opportunities and ensure societies receive the necessary support to grow and succeed. I will also promote cross-society events to foster collaboration and create a more inclusive student community. Additionally, I will work to improve visibility and accessibility, ensuring that every student, regardless of background, finds a society where they belong. My goal is to make societies more engaging, sustainable, and impactful for everyone at our university.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my ability to bring people together and foster collaboration. I enjoy working with diverse groups, listening to different perspectives, and finding creative solutions to challenges. My biggest weakness is that I sometimes get too excited about new ideas and end up brainstorming more than executing. While creativity is great, I've learned to balance enthusiasm with action by setting clear priorities and timelines. This way, I can ensure that my ideas turn into real improvements for societies and the students who participate in them.



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# Sports Officer Candidates

**Candidates who did not submit a profile:**



***Barcley***



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# Niamh MacHugh

## Sports Officer

## Candidate



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

As your elected Director of Sports, I will work to elevate the athletic experience for all university students at USW. By drawing on my personal experience playing professional women's rugby at the international level, I will implement robust support structures to help student-athletes, especially in women's sports, reach their full potential. This will not only provide a more rewarding sporting journey for our current students but also inspire future young athletes to choose USW as the university where their athletic dreams can thrive.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I will work to enhance the overall sporting experience for student-athletes. This will involve implementing tailored training structures that cater to the specific needs of each sport. Ensuring access to sport-specific facilities and giving student-athletes a voice in how they want to approach their season and team activities will be a priority. A key focus area will be reviewing the training structure and timeline, including the addition of preseason training sessions and more recruitment opportunities at the collegiate level. I will also aim to strengthen support within the sporting communities by facilitating open lines of communication.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and weakness and why?**

As a member of professional squads, I have gained valuable insights into high-performance teams and the development of effective training, games, and environments. This experience has given me a personal investment in the success of the university's sporting community, as I serve as the women's rugby team manager and a player. Through this role, I have honed the key management skills necessary for the position. However, one of my personal weaknesses is a lack of patience - I sometimes struggle to appreciate the time and process required for progress and growth.





# Sanjib Sakib

## Sports Officer Candidate



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I am standing for the position of Sports Officer because I am passionate about the power of sports to unite, inspire, and transform the student experience. As a dedicated member of the University of South Wales students' community, I believe that sports should be accessible and enjoyable for everyone, regardless of skill level or background. I want to create more opportunities for students to get involved, whether through competitive teams, social events, or recreational activities. My goal is to make USW a university where sports bring people together, foster friendships, and contribute to a vibrant and inclusive student life.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I will work to make sports at USW more inclusive, accessible, and engaging. I will collaborate with sports teams to support their growth and ensure they have the resources they need to succeed. I will also organize inter-club tournaments, friendly matchups with other universities, and team-building retreats to strengthen our sports community. Beyond competition, I will focus on creating a positive sports culture through social events and initiatives that encourage participation. My mission is to ensure every student, whether a professional athlete or a beginner, feels part of a strong, supportive, and thriving sports family.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my ability to bring people together and foster a sense of community. I believe sports should be about more than just performance—they should create friendships, build confidence, and inspire teamwork. My enthusiasm and leadership skills allow me to connect with students and motivate them to get involved. However, my biggest weakness is that I sometimes take on too many responsibilities at once because I'm eager to make a difference. I am working on improving my time management and delegation skills to ensure I can effectively balance my commitments and deliver the best results for USW.



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# Sadia Epty

## Student Voice Representative (FBCI) Candidate



### *Speaking Up for You*

#### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I am standing for the Student Voice Representative position because I am passionate about ensuring every student feels heard, supported, and valued. University life can be challenging, and I believe that by actively listening to students' concerns and advocating for positive change, we can create a more inclusive and enriching experience. I want to be a bridge between students and decision-makers, ensuring that every voice contributes to shaping policies and initiatives that truly reflect our needs.

#### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I aim to strengthen student representation by establishing clear communication channels, such as regular feedback forums and surveys, to ensure every concern is addressed. I will advocate for increased mental health resources, inclusive events, and improved university facilities that support student well-being. Transparency will be key—I will provide regular updates on decisions and progress made on students' behalf. My focus will be on creating a positive, supportive learning environment where all students, regardless of background, feel valued and empowered to succeed. Together, we can make meaningful changes that enhance university life for everyone.

#### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my ability to actively listen and communicate effectively. I genuinely care about students' experiences and will ensure that their voices are heard and represented in key decisions. My approachable nature allows me to connect with diverse individuals and work collaboratively to find solutions.

However, my biggest weakness is that I can sometimes take on too much responsibility in my eagerness to help others. I am working on balancing my commitments effectively to ensure I can fulfill my duties while maintaining a strong focus on delivering real results for students.



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# Student Voice Representative (FCES) Candidates

**Candidates who did not submit a profile:**



***Aaron A***



***Sedam***



***Shannon Sheean***



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# Jessica Jones

## Student Voice Representative Candidate (FCES)



*Your Voice, your needs, your future – together we thrive!*

### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I am standing in the elections because I believe in representing the voices and needs of my peers. I want to ensure that their concerns are heard, especially regarding flexibility, support, and accessibility. By advocating for fair policies and fostering a more inclusive environment, I hope to create a better academic experience for all students. I am committed to addressing the unique challenges that students face and working to improve their overall well-being within the institution.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I aim to enhance support for part-time students by advocating for more flexible schedules, improved access to resources, and better financial aid options. I want to establish a strong support network, ensuring part-time students feel more connected and included in campus life. Additionally, I will work to raise awareness about the challenges they face and ensure their voices are heard in decision-making processes. My goal is to create a more inclusive and supportive environment for all students, regardless of their study load.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my ability to listen and empathise with others. I genuinely care about understanding people's needs and concerns, which helps me advocate effectively for their best interests. My biggest weakness is that I sometimes take on too much at once because I want to help as many people as possible. While my intentions are good, I'm learning to manage my time better and delegate tasks when necessary to ensure I can focus on the most important issues.



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# Khadijatul Kaba

## Student Voice Representative (FCES) Candidate



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I am standing for the Student Voice Representative position for the Faculty of Computer Engineering and Sciences because I am passionate about representing and advocating for every student in our faculty. Through my role as the Women's Officer in the Students' Union, I have learned the importance of creating inclusive spaces where all voices are heard, particularly those who may be underrepresented. I want to continue this work by ensuring that all students feel supported, valued, and empowered. By actively listening to students' concerns and collaborating with staff, I aim to foster a community where everyone thrives.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I aim to enhance communication and student representation within the Faculty of Computer Engineering and Sciences. I will ensure students have regular opportunities to share feedback, both through forums and surveys. Building on my experience as the Women's Officer, I will advocate for policies and initiatives that promote inclusivity and well-being, such as increased mental health resources, social events, and improved academic support. My focus will be on creating a supportive environment where every student feels confident and empowered to succeed, and I will prioritize transparency in all decisions and initiatives.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is my ability to deeply empathize with others, which has helped me connect with students in my role as Student Navigator and Student Ambassador. I listen actively and create spaces where people feel comfortable expressing their concerns. My biggest weakness is that I can become overly introspective, analysing situations in great depth to understand all perspectives. While this sometimes slows my decision-making, it also allows me to approach challenges from multiple angles and make more thoughtful, well-rounded decisions. I'm learning to balance introspection with timely action to ensure I stay both thoughtful and efficient.



# Nafees Haque

## Student Voice Representative (FCES)Candidate



*Your voice, my mission*

### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I'm running for Student Voice Representative because I want to make sure every student is heard and helped. I've been involved in student leadership roles like being a Student Ambassador, STEM Ambassador, and serving student led society as Treasurer and Secretary. I know what it takes to get things done and make our voices count. I'm here to make sure our academic life is as good as it can be for everyone.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

I want to make sure students feel heard and supported. I'll work on improving communication between students and faculty so that feedback leads to real changes. I also want to make sure our study resources are the best they can be and that everyone feels included and supported in our university community.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is getting things organized and leading the way; whether that's planning events or leading big teams. This lets me help us all by making sure student interests are front and center. My weakness is sometimes taking on too much because I really care about making things better for us. I'm learning to share the load more, so I can focus on what's most important.



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# Student Voice Representative (FLSE) Candidates

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***Debbie***



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# Freyja Raske

## Student Voice Representative (FLSE)Candidate



### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I want to bring my enthusiasm and ideas to the table, as well as offer a route for students within the faculty to do the same through me. I have been a course representative for the last 2 years, and I feel this is the next logical step for me.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

I hope to provide a fair, and easy-to-access way for students within the Faculty of Life Science and Education to have their voices heard. I hope to build a good working relationship with the course representatives within the faculty so that the voices of all students within the FLSE are represented at the higher level with me, as this is something I have found lacking in recent years, and is a gap in the system I aim to fill to the benefit of students within my faculty.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

I put others before myself, and go as far as I can to rectify issues for people, even if this has no benefit or a negative effect for myself. I can sometimes take on too much, but I am taking steps to ensure I do not become over worked or over burdened.



# Julian Syiemlieh

## Student Voice Representative (FLSE)Candidate



*Change is not the end of the road, but a*

### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

To provide a bridge between the course representatives and the Student Union as well as allied individuals that are responsible for improving the student educational and residential experience.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

To provide a structured platform for student feedback, to bring holistic participation within FLSE with the SU along with the faculty members within FLSE. To help aid in improving the overall student experience in the Sports Park

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

Organizational structuring and leading from the front are two of my biggest strengths, while my communication is an attribute that I am actively working to improve on.



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# Welsh Language Officer Candidates



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# Shayla Virgo

## Welsh Language Officer Candidate



*Annog Cymraeg, Cryfhau Diwylliant,  
Adeiladu Dyfodol Dwyieithog i Bawb  
(Encourage Welsh, Strengthen Culture, Build  
a Bilingual Future for All)*

### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I am standing for Welsh Language Officer to continue promoting and protecting the Welsh language at USW. As last year's officer, I worked hard to secure students' rights to complete assessments, placements, and exams in Welsh. I believe that encouraging the use of Welsh in universities is vital for preserving our culture and identity. I am passionate about building on these achievements and ensuring that the Welsh language remains an accessible and integral part of student life at USW. With your support, I can continue shaping policies that strengthen the presence of Welsh throughout the university.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, I want to ensure the Welsh language is fully integrated into every aspect of university life. I aim to expand opportunities for students to engage with Welsh, whether through assessments, events, or everyday conversations. I will work to increase the visibility of Welsh across campus, promoting bilingual resources, signage, and communication. Additionally, I will advocate for more Welsh-speaking support services and social activities to help students feel comfortable using the language. By maximising the use of Welsh, we can strengthen its role in our community and inspire greater pride in our culture.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is being bilingual, which I see as a valuable skill. It opens up more opportunities for communication and connection, and I am passionate about encouraging more students to embrace Welsh as part of their university experience as it is an amazing attribute to your CV. However, my biggest weakness is my lack of confidence, though I've been actively working on it. My role as Welsh Language Officer has helped me grow in this area, and I'm determined to continue building my confidence while advocating for the Welsh language. I believe this experience will only make me stronger



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# Womens Officer Candidates



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# Raisa Rayhan

## Women's Officer Candidate



Strong Women, Stronger Voices

### **Why are you standing in the Elections?**

I'm running for Women's Officer because I believe it's time for every woman on campus to feel heard, empowered, and supported. I want to create a space where all voices are respected, and issues like gender inequality, harassment, and mental health are at the forefront. My goal is to push for tangible change, whether it's more resources for women's safety, better support networks, or organizing events that raise awareness.

### **If elected, what do you want to achieve during your time in office?**

If elected, my top priority will be creating a campus where every woman feels safe, supported, and heard. I want to implement clear and accessible resources for reporting harassment and ensure proper follow-up. I'd also focus on mental health, advocating for better support systems tailored to women's needs. I aim to organize workshops and events that challenge gender stereotypes and foster empowerment. Additionally, I'll push for more inclusive policies that prioritize women of all backgrounds, including women of color, and those with disabilities, to ensure no one is left behind. My mission is to make real, lasting change.

### **What do you see as your biggest strength and biggest weakness and why?**

My biggest strength is empathy. I truly listen to people, understand their needs, and work hard to create a supportive environment where everyone feels valued.

This helps me build strong relationships and makes me approachable for anyone seeking advice or assistance.

I sometimes struggle with delegating tasks because I like to ensure things are done to a high standard. This can lead me to take on too much myself, even when I know others could help.



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