

Election Information Pack

Leadership Race 2026

**Voting from Monday 9th March
to Friday 13th March.**

**Voting available at an on campus
ballot station between
10:00 – 17:00***

**For more details head over to
www.uswsu.com/studentvoice/elections**



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Welcome to the Election Information Pack. This booklet has been designed so that it is easier for you to see what the candidates main priorities and you are able to make an informed decision when it comes to voting.

All of the candidates appear in alphabetical order per role. 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.

Got a question for us? Get in touch at:
SUStudentVoice@southwales.ac.uk

To Note: Some candidate manifestos may have been generated by Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Candidate for all positions

RON



R.O.N (Re-Open Nominations)

Vote for me if you think the other candidates aren't suitable for the role!

Who is 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.

What happens if RON gets voted in?

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 or by-election.

Is voting for RON a wasted vote?

Voting for R.O.N still counts as a valid vote and has been successful in previous elections. As the Union uses the Single Transferable Vote system - most candidates do not get in on the first round of votes, meaning that second, third or fourth preference are then considered. R.O.N if selected in front of other candidates can lead to that candidate either being removed from the subsequent round of voting or overtaking the frontrunner in votes needed to be successful.

How and where to vote

This year, voting is being conducted in person with provisions for distanced learners or students who won't be on campus during the voting period being able to vote online. Head over to the SU elections page and fill out the distanced voting registration form to vote online.

Below are the locations of our campus ballot stations

Treforest Campus

Stilts 11:30 – 13:30 each day

SU Building Main Reception 10:00 – 17:00 each day

Glyntaff Campus

Upper Glyntaff Foyer 10:00 – 17:00 each day

Lower Glyntaff Foyer 10:00 – 17:00 each day

Cardiff Campus

Atrium Street 10:00 – 17:00 each day

Newport Campus

A Floor 10:00 – 17:00 each day

Sports Park

Main Building Foyer (Tuesday, Wednesday Afternoon and Thursday only) usual times 10:00 – 17:00

Single Transferable Vote

What is Single Transferable Voting?

The Students' Union uses a system called Single Transferable Voting (STV) this means that you can vote for more than 1 candidate per role in the election in order of preferences. STV is necessary for when a candidate does not meet the required quota of votes to be elected (50% +1), if this happens a second count is conducted for second preferences to get an accurate representation of who students want to be elected for that position.

You can use as many or as little preferences as you like to vote but you are highly encouraged to rank candidates or RON in order of your preferences.

Example of STV Voting



First Preference (Candidate B)

This is your favourite candidate that you would like to have elected to the position



Second Preference (Candidate C)

You'd like to see this person elected only if your first preference doesn't have enough votes



Third Preference (Candidate A)

You'd like to see this person elected only if your other preferences above



Last Preference (Candidate D)

This is your least preferred candidate from the list

Students' Union President Candidates

Full Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Ahana Teresa Costa



Irfan Rahman



Michael



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Students' Union President



Ahana Teresa Costa

Calm action, real change



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I am standing for Student Union President because I want to support and represent all students. I believe this position should listen carefully, stay calm, and work for everyone. I want to create a friendly environment where students feel comfortable sharing their ideas and problems. Together, we can make our campus better and feel like home for every students.

If elected, what are your three priorities you want to focus on during your time in office?

If elected, my three priorities will be:

- Improve communication between students and the administration.
- Provide more academic and career support through workshops and guidance.
- Create a positive and inclusive campus where everyone feels welcome.

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

My biggest strength is that I am calm, friendly, and a good listener. I like working with others and solving problems together. My weakness is that I sometimes take on too much work myself, but I am learning to share responsibilities and manage my time better.

Students' Union President



Irfan Rahman

Keep the momentum alive



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I began as a Student Voice Representative, later became Chair of the Student Voice Forum, and now serving as SU President. Throughout, my approach has been consistent: listen carefully, raise concerns clearly, and focus on practical results. This year, that approach delivered change. The 24/7 Library in Treforest is now in its final stages of returning. Shuttle bus timings were improved. Free period product dispensers are being installed across campuses, with 12,000 period products secured. The International Welcome Programme was reinstated to support new students. I am standing again to continue this progress and further strengthen academic and campus life.

If elected, what are your three priorities you want to focus on during your time in office?

Alongside leading the sabbatical team and representing students at the highest level, I have three key priorities -

1. Lobby the National Union of Students for a tuition fee freeze, a Wales wide rent cap, and stronger action to tackle the cost-of-living crisis affecting students.
2. Reform the SU democratic structure to better represent all campuses, including Newport, Cardiff, Glyntaff, and Sports Park, expand student led events across every site, and continue the Period Dignity campaign.
3. Bring back the part time jobs fair, expand volunteering opportunities, and create a more inclusive and engaging SU for all.

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

My biggest strength is the experience and knowledge I have built over the past three years within the student support structure. I understand how the system works, who to approach, and how to navigate processes effectively. I have developed strong contacts across the university who are ready to support students when needed, which allows me to act quickly and strategically. My biggest weakness is that I can be a workaholic, sometimes sacrificing work life balance. However, this means I dedicate significant time and energy to ensuring students who invest so much in their education receive the best possible experience.

Students' Union President



Michael

Together We Lead, Your Voice, Your Future, Our Stronger University



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I am running for SU President because I understand the academic and personal struggles that students face. As a Course Representative at the University of South Wales, I actively listen to students' issues and strive to enhance their university experience. I have leadership experience as a former Students' Union Sports Director in Nigeria, as well as the founder and manager of Domael Ltd, where I lead teams and manage projects. These responsibilities have improved my capacity to represent many perspectives, solve challenges, and produce outcomes. I want to use my experience to effect genuine change, build stronger support systems, provide more chances

If elected, what are your three priorities you want to focus on during your time in office?

1. Student Support and Wellbeing: Enhance mental health services, academic coaching, and cost-of-living assistance to ensure students' success.
2. Career and Business Opportunities: Leverage my business leadership experience to provide networking events, entrepreneurial support, internships, and employer partnerships that will increase graduate employability.
3. Strong Representation and Inclusion: Create a transparent SU that actually listens to all students - domestic, international, commuter, and postgraduate, ensuring that student voice translates to visible action and policy change. My goal is to provide practical solutions that improve everyday student life.

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

My biggest strength is leadership based on actual experience. Managing Domael Ltd and organising student activities has helped me improve my organisational, communication, and decision-making skills. As a Course Representative, I understand student needs and can effectively advocate for solutions. My weakness is that I am extremely committed, which can lead to me taking on several obligations. However, my leadership experience has taught me the importance of effective delegation, cooperation, and prioritization in achieving consistent and long-term results.

Vice President Education Candidates

Full Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Anna



Meraz Mahfuj



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Vice President Education



Anna

Stronger Together at USW



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Why are you standing in the elections?

I'm standing in the elections because I genuinely care about the student experience at USW, and I want to help create a community where every student feels heard, supported, and proud to be part of this university.

Over my time here, I've seen how much the Students' Union can impact students' lives, whether that's through support, opportunities, or simply making people feel like they belong. But I've also spoken to students who feel disconnected or unsure how to make their voices heard. I want to change that. I'm standing for vice president because I want to represent students honestly and

If elected, what are your three priorities you want to focus on during your time in office?

If elected, my three key priorities will be expanding opportunities for international students, strengthening sustainability initiatives, and building a more inclusive and enjoyable community for disabled students.

I want to ensure international students have greater access to career opportunities, social integration, and tailored support. I will push for practical sustainability actions across campus that students can actively engage with. Most importantly, I will work to improve accessibility, representation, and social inclusion for disabled students, ensuring university life is not just accessible but truly enjoyable and empowering for everyone.

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

My biggest strength is my leadership and energy. I naturally take initiative, motivate others, and stay committed to achieving goals. I bring enthusiasm into everything I do, which helps engage people and create a positive, productive environment.

My biggest weakness is that I can sometimes talk too much, especially when I'm passionate about something. However, I've been actively improving by focusing on listening more carefully and making sure others have the space to share their ideas. This has helped me become a more balanced leader who values collaboration as much as contribution.

Vice President Education



Meraz Mahfuj

Education that works for every student



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Why are you standing in the elections?

I am standing for VP Education because I want to strengthen academic representation and ensure students' voices shape their learning experience. As a current Postgraduate and Part Time Students Officer, I have actively supported students, gathered feedback during Speak Week, and contributed to democratic meetings within the Students' Union. These experiences have given me a clear understanding of the academic challenges students face. I have also been involved in one of the largest societies on campus, which has strengthened my engagement with the wider student community. With my corporate management background, I believe I have the skills and commitment needed

If elected, what are your three priorities you want to focus on during your time in office?

If elected, my first priority will be ensuring fair and consistent access to academic facilities, digital systems, and learning resources for all students. My second priority will be representing students at the highest level meetings, contributing to curriculum development, and ensuring new programmes are inclusive, practical, and shaped by student feedback, particularly from an equality, diversity, and inclusion perspective, including students with additional needs. My third priority will be reviewing academic regulations to ensure they are clear, supportive, and better aligned with the realities students face throughout their studies.

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

My biggest strength is my ability to combine student insight with strategic thinking. Through my current role and corporate management background, I understand how to gather feedback, analyse issues, and present solutions confidently in formal settings. My biggest weakness, in a constructive way, is that I can be highly focused on outcomes. While this sometimes means I push myself hard to achieve results, it ensures that student concerns are not left unresolved and that I remain committed to delivering tangible improvements.

Vice President Activities Candidates

Full Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Amy Cooper



Sanjib Sakib



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Vice President Activities



Amy Cooper

Newport to Pontypridd, football to MSSUSW - no group left behind!



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Why are you standing in the elections?

I aim to make significant developments to student life at USW by giving opportunities to individuals, student groups and sports teams to expand, flourish and achieve. Through my experience on the badminton team, and recently as secretary of USW Lacrosse, I felt my student experience and mentality improve dramatically through engaging with sports, societies and activities. I hope to give each group the attention they deserve, whether its through organising society events, live music gigs, BUCS support and matches, or Varsity 2027. From football to aikido, Christian Union to Malaysian Society, Newport to Pontypridd – no student group left behind!

If elected, what are your three priorities you want to focus on during your time in office?

Firstly, I want to continue the previous VP's advances providing support for all sports teams. I want to ensure smaller teams and clubs get the same attention as larger teams, giving equal chances to enter leagues/championships, obtain required equipment, and remain active for years to come. I want allow those studying in Newport to be involved in university sports, societies and activities, working with Newport-based students to create societies and events. Through research and feedback, I would like to provide support and extensive opportunities for commuters and distance-learners to engage with university activities both in-person and online.

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

My biggest strength is my unrelenting enthusiasm and passion for seeing students experience the full extent of university life, and it was the driving force to dedicate my final year of study to helping USW Lacrosse's revival. Through this, I have had the honour of speaking to many societies and sports teams, finding the gaps in the SU's support, and gaining determination to fill them! My biggest weakness is my inability to dismiss an idea – I always try to find a way to achieve a goal or find a compromise, and it usually results in sending lots of emails!

Vice President Activities



Sanjib Sakib

More access, more action, more USW



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I am standing in the Elections because I see strong potential for the Students' Union to offer more engaging, inclusive, and impactful activities for students. As the current Sports Officer, I have firsthand experience of how student led activities can build community and enhance the student experience. I also hold a leadership position within one of the largest societies at USW, giving me insight into organising events and representing diverse student interests. As a law student, I have developed strong advocacy and communication skills, which allow me to confidently represent students and their needs. I believe my experience and commitment

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

My first priority will be to ensure fair and consistent access to sports facilities, including Fit zone, for all sports clubs, societies, and general students. My second priority will be to expand opportunities by increasing the number of tournaments, sports events, and volunteering roles available to students, encouraging wider participation and engagement. My third priority will be to strengthen support for our sports teams by improving preparation, coordination, and organisation ahead of Varsity 2027, while ensuring events are well managed and inclusive for everyone involved.

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

My biggest strength is my ability to identify gaps and transform them into meaningful opportunities for students. I am proactive in recognising what can be improved within student activities and enjoy creating practical solutions that bring people together. My biggest weakness, in a positive way, is that I am highly detail oriented. While this can sometimes slow decision making, it ensures activities are carefully planned, inclusive, and deliver a high quality experience for everyone involved.

Vice President Welfare Candidates

Full Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Rahat Mubassir



Razifa Yeasmin



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Vice President Welfare



Rahat Mubassir

Support that listens, action that protects.



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I am standing for VP Welfare because I am committed to protecting student rights and strengthening wellbeing support across campus. As a law student, I understand how to advocate effectively and ensure students are treated fairly. I have previously served as a Course Representative and currently as VP Education, where I represented students in meetings and supported them through academic cases and concerns. These experiences have given me practical insight into the challenges students face. Now, I want to use this experience to focus more broadly on welfare, ensuring students receive the guidance, protection, and support they deserve.

If elected, what are your three priorities you want to focus on during your time in office?

If elected, my first priority will be tackling loneliness by organising inclusive activities and initiatives that help students build meaningful connections. My second priority will be strengthening support for international students by improving access to guidance, resources, and practical assistance to help them settle and thrive. My third priority will be advocating for improved resources, clearer regulations, and better facilities for disabled students and those with additional needs, ensuring accessibility and fairness remain central to welfare support.

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

My biggest strength is my advocacy skills and experience in representation. As a law student and current VP Education, I have developed confidence in raising concerns, presenting cases, and standing up for students in formal settings. My biggest weakness, in a constructive way, is that I can be deeply invested in resolving issues. While this means I dedicate significant time and energy to each case, it reflects my commitment to ensuring no student concern is overlooked.

Vice President Welfare



Razifa Yeasmin

*Empowering every student voice,
together.*



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I want to stand for Vice President welfare because I believe every student deserves to feel supported, heard, and empowered throughout their university journey. My goal is to promote inclusivity, mental wellbeing, academic balance, and equal opportunities for all. I will work to strengthen support services, create safe spaces, and ensure student voices shape decisions that affect them. Compassion, transparency, and collaboration will guide my actions. I am committed to advocating for those who feel overlooked, building a community where diversity is celebrated, and ensuring no student faces challenges alone. Together, we can create a successful student experience for everyone.

If elected, what are your three priorities you want to focus on during your time in office?

As a woman, I understand the importance of feeling safe, respected, and represented. If elected, my three priorities will be:

- (1) Student wellbeing and safety – improving access to mental health support, creating safe spaces, and addressing harassment concerns.
- (2) Inclusion and equal opportunities – ensuring women, international students, and underrepresented groups have a strong voice and fair access to resources.
- (3) Academic and financial support – advocating for flexible policies, cost-of-living support, and practical guidance to help students succeed. I want every student to feel confident, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential during their university journey.

Black Students Officer Candidates

Part Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Obiageliaku

(No manifesto submitted)



Phelis Morara

(No manifesto submitted)



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International Students' Officer Candidates

Part Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Abijola Oluwapelumi

(No manifesto submitted)



ETG

(No manifesto submitted)



Sajeeb

(No manifesto submitted)



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Students with Disabilities Officer Candidates

Part Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Andrew J Middleton

(No manifesto submitted)



Keys Barber



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Students with Disabilities Officer



Keys Barber

Making access a standard, not a luxury



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

As a Disabled person, I understand the importance of having your supporting officers represent you. I also work within access for the music sector and engage a lot with fellow students at USW that feel their needs and voices are forgotten about. No one should feel excluded for the way they were born.

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

1. Making space for Disabled students to connect and build community.
2. Exploring how Disabled students can share their university experiences in a manner that is accessible to them.
3. Developing opportunities for students to learn how they can become stronger allies to Disabled peers.

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

My biggest weakness is having a dive-all in attitude. If I feel strongly about something, I want to devote a lot of my time to it and am always working to learn balance. However, my biggest strength is my openness to learn from others and find new ways of working.

Mature Students Officer Candidates

Part Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Dylan Lowe



Yasin Ahmed



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Mature Students Officer



Dylan Lowe

Because experience deserves representation



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I'm running for Mature Students' Officer because I understand the unique challenges that come with balancing study alongside work, family, and other responsibilities. As a mature student, I know how isolating university can sometimes feel and how easily our voices can be overlooked. I want to be a strong, approachable representative who ensures mature students are heard, supported, and properly included in university life. I will advocate for flexible learning, better academic and wellbeing support, and clearer communication. My goal is to help create a more inclusive, understanding environment where mature students can succeed and feel valued.

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

Representation and voice ensuring mature students are properly represented in university decisions

Flexibility and academic support: push for more flexible timetables, attendance policies and assessment support

Community, wellbeing and inclusion: reduce isolation by building a stronger mature student community

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

My biggest strength is my lived experience as a mature student. I understand first hand the pressures of balancing university with work, finances, family and other responsibilities. This makes me approachable and empathetic allowing me to represent mature students honestly and effectively.

My biggest weakness is taking on too much responsibility as I care deeply about doing a good job, I recognise this and work actively on time management, prioritising tasks and asking for support

Mature Students Officer



Yasin Ahemed

A stronger voice for mature student success



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I am standing for Mature Student Officer because I understand the unique challenges mature students face, including balancing studies with work, family responsibilities, and financial pressures. I want to be a strong, approachable voice that represents these concerns and ensures mature students feel included, supported, and valued within the university community. My aim is to help create a more flexible, understanding, and inclusive environment where mature students can succeed academically and socially.

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

Improving support and communication for mature students, ensuring they are aware of available resources and opportunities.

Advocating for greater flexibility in academic and campus services to better suit mature students' commitments.

Building a stronger mature student community through networking events, peer support, and collaboration with other student officers.

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

My biggest strength is my ability to listen and represent others fairly, as I value understanding different perspectives before taking action. I am approachable and committed to problem-solving. My biggest weakness is that I sometimes take on too much responsibility because I want to help everyone, but I am actively working on managing my time better and delegating when needed to remain effective.



Societies Officer Candidates

Part Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



MD Saimon Hauque Ashfee
(No manifesto submitted)



Nafis Kalam



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Societies Officer



Nafis Kalam

*Societies stronger, communities louder,
Nafis delivers.*



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I am standing in the Elections because I am passionate about supporting student communities and strengthening societies across campus. Having previously served as Societies Officer during the 24/25 academic year, I understand both the challenges and the opportunities within this role. My experience has shown me how powerful societies can be in shaping student life, building friendships, and creating belonging. I have also been part of the committee of one of the largest societies at USW, which gave me practical insight into running and supporting student groups. I want to return to continue building stronger, more connected communities for all

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

If elected, my first priority will be to strengthen support for societies by ensuring committees receive clear guidance, training, and consistent communication. My second priority will be to help societies grow and collaborate by encouraging joint events and shared initiatives that bring different communities together. My third priority will be to increase visibility and recognition for societies, making it easier for students to discover, join, and engage with groups that match their interests. Through these priorities, I aim to create a more vibrant, inclusive, and well supported societies network across campus.

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

My biggest strength is my experience and approachability. Having already served as Societies Officer and worked within a large society committee, I understand the role and remain accessible to students whenever they need support. My biggest weakness, in a positive way, is that I set high expectations for myself and the work I do. While this can mean I invest extra time and effort into projects, it ensures that societies receive dedicated support and that initiatives are delivered to a strong standard.

Sports Officer Candidates

Part Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Mahubub Rahman



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Sports Officer



Mahubub Rahman

Champions on court, community off court



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I am standing for Sports Officer because I am passionate about sport and the positive impact it has on student life. As a BUCS badminton player and an active member of the badminton club, I have experienced firsthand how sport builds confidence, discipline, and community. I have also been involved in one of the largest societies on campus and participated in various tournaments, which has broadened my understanding of student engagement. I believe USW has the potential to grow its sporting culture further, and I have the commitment and drive to help make that happen.

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

If elected, my first priority will be to organise more inclusive tournaments across different sports, encouraging participation from students of all abilities. My second priority will be to improve sporting opportunities for students at Cardiff and Newport campuses by exploring local partnerships and accessible facilities. My third priority will be to support student led initiatives that promote healthy lifestyles, teamwork, and a stronger sense of community, ensuring sport contributes positively to overall student wellbeing.

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

My biggest strength is my hands on experience in competitive and club sport, which allows me to understand both performance and participation perspectives. My biggest weakness, in a positive way, is that I am highly enthusiastic about expanding opportunities. While this means I aim high, it pushes me to work harder to turn ideas into realistic and achievable plans for students.

Postgraduate and Part Time Students Officer Candidates

Part Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Fatima Rahman



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Postgraduate Part Time Officer



Fatima Rahman

Standing with students, delivering meaningful change



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I am standing in the USWSU Leadership Race 2026 for the Postgraduate and Part Time Students Officer role because I am passionate about representing and supporting our student community. I completed my undergraduate degree at USW and have returned for my postgraduate studies in MBA Global, giving me a strong understanding of the student journey. I have always been an active member of the student community, including working as a student ambassador. My experience as a paralegal has strengthened my sense of responsibility and advocacy. As a postgraduate student, I understand the challenges faced and will work to represent and

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

If elected, my first priority will be to strengthen representation and support for postgraduate and part time students by ensuring their concerns are heard and acted upon. My second priority will be improving engagement and inclusion by creating accessible opportunities for students to connect with the Students' Union and wider student community. My third priority will be enhancing employability and professional development through better access to skills workshops, networking opportunities, and career focused support tailored to postgraduate and part time students. Together, these priorities will help create a more supportive, inclusive, and rewarding experience for postgraduate and part time

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

My biggest strength is my ability to listen and advocate for others. Through my experience as a student ambassador and working as a paralegal, I have learned how important it is to understand different perspectives and represent people fairly and responsibly. My biggest weakness, in a positive way, is that I sometimes take on too much because I care deeply about delivering the best outcomes for students. However, this has helped me learn how to prioritise effectively, seek collaboration, and manage responsibilities in a more balanced and sustainable way.



LGBTQ+ Open Officer Candidates

Part Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Rose Clarke

(No manifesto submitted)



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Student Voice Representative (FBCI) Candidates

Part Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Jinea Ferdous



Sadia Epty



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Student Voice Representative



Jinea Ferdaus

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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I want to stand for every woman, girl, LGBTQ+ group, people with a disability, and any minor person, as I want to make this world peaceful, respectful, and financially independent for them; that's why I am standing for this election. I am an MBA Global student with international experience working with women, young people, and vulnerable communities. From coordinating public health programmes in Bangladesh to supporting individuals as a care worker at 1st Grade Care Ltd. in UK and as a volunteer at Oxfam in the UK, my work has always centered on dignity, inclusion, and representation. I am already

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

1. Turning student feedback into measurable change - I will work to establish clear feedback tracking mechanisms so students can see how concerns raised at Student Council translate into policy or procedural changes.
2. Inclusive & Accessible learning environments- My coordination and advocacy will ensure every engagement on each campus so that everyone can access the learning. I will advocate for equitable academic experiences for women, LGBTQ+ students, people with disabilities (students), and international students by promoting accessibility, wellbeing, and supportive learning spaces.
3. Future ready student engagement - I will govern and ensure more networking events like the graduate career fair

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

Biggest strength: strategic communication and Inclusive leadership - My professional background includes coordinating multi district youth programs, leading behavioral change communication strategies, and facilitating training workshops with health professionals. These experiences developed my ability to listen carefully, analyse issues structurally, and communicate across diverse groups. I do not react emotionally; I respond strategically.

Biggest weakness: taking too much responsibility - I am learning to build teams rather than carry issues alone; effective representation is collective, not individual.

Student Voice Representative



Sadia Epty

Committed to Representing Your Voice



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

From last year election, I was elected as a SVR(FBCI). I am standing again for the Student Voice Representative role because I remain committed to ensuring that student perspectives are effectively represented and meaningfully addressed. Having served in this position last year, I have developed a clear understanding of the responsibilities involved and the importance of constructive dialogue between students and faculty. I hope to build on that experience, promote transparent communication, and contribute to positive academic improvements. My aim is to provide consistent, professional, and reliable representation for our cohort.

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

If elected, my three key priorities would be:

First, strengthening communication between students and faculty by ensuring feedback is collected regularly and communicated transparently.

Second, improving academic support by identifying areas where students may need additional guidance, resources, or clarity around assessments.

Third, fostering a more inclusive and collaborative cohort environment, where every student feels comfortable raising concerns and contributing ideas. My focus would be on practical, achievable improvements that enhance both the academic and overall student experience.

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

One of my strongest qualities as a Student Voice Representative is my reliability. When students raise concerns, I take them seriously and ensure they are followed up properly rather than left unresolved. I am also a good listener, which helps me understand issues from different viewpoints before presenting them in a balanced and professional manner.

A weakness I am aware of is that I can be overly self-critical when things do not go exactly as planned. However, this also pushes me to reflect, improve, and continuously develop in order to represent the cohort more effectively.

Student Voice Representative (FCES) Candidates

Part Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Jessica Jones

(No manifesto submitted)



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Welsh Language Officer | Swyddogog Iaith Cymraeg Candidates

Part Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Tomos Price



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I am standing in this election because i have a strong sense of pride in the Welsh language and would like to create as many possibilities for those looking to speak the language and for those who already speak it, i believe i could be an amazing voice for the Welsh speakers in the university and would love to provide them with all the chances to get to speak and be outward with their Welsh identity. I am well versed in the current Welsh politics, and I can be a voice for Welsh people in and outside of the university.

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

I would focus on the wellbeing and support of Welsh speakers in the university to be able to provide them with every available opportunity to use and appreciate their language. I would also like to focus on bringing events to the university that would bring them closer to their language and continue using it. I would also like to focus on helping people that have an interest in learning the Welsh language or learning about the language. And also to make Welsh speakers aware of their rights and identity within the university as a Welsh speaker.

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

My biggest strength is that i am very passionate about things that i feel are important, i say this because when i believe that something is important whether its a cause or a specific movement i will put my whole heart and soul in to supporting it and people that support it alongside me. My biggest weakness would be that my passion can sometimes lead me to be a bit of a perfectionist, if something i put time in to doesn't turn out quite like i wanted it to i can be let down by it and overthink the situation rather than letting it pass.



Women's Officer Candidates

Part Time Position

Candidates running for this position:



Nur



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Women's Officer



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Why are you standing in the Elections?

I am standing for Women's Officer to represent and promote the interests of women students within the University. I want to ensure that women students' voices are heard at Union meetings and University so that their concerns are raised appropriately. I am committed to supporting student voice processes, engaging with women students to gather feedback, and contributing to Union Advisory Board discussions. I want to work within the Union's democratic structures to help improve the experience of women students and ensure accountability within the leadership team.

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

If elected, my first priority will be creating safe and welcoming spaces where women can connect, speak openly, and feel supported. My second priority will be actively supporting the Period Dignity campaign, working with full time officers to ensure consistent and accessible free period products are available across all campuses. My third priority will be strengthening representation by raising concerns that affect women students and ensuring these issues are addressed at the appropriate decision making levels within the university.

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

My biggest strength is my commitment to speaking up for others and ensuring concerns are properly represented. I care about creating a space where women feel safe, supported, and confident to raise their voices.

My biggest weakness, in a positive way, is that I genuinely care deeply about others. I often put significant time and emotional energy into supporting people when they need help. While this can be demanding, it reflects my empathy and dedication, and it motivates me to work hard to ensure no one feels unheard or unsupported.



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