# Manifesto Document

Elections Committee Member May 2020

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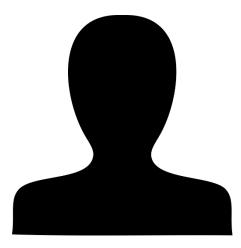


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## **George Sullivan**

#### **Main Manifesto**

My name is George Sullivan and I am standing for Elections Committee to improve democracy and properly hold elections. The last year has proved the stark benefits and problems with SU democracy. Having had problems with democratic procedure bringing my committee to an effective stand still last year, I am keen for this not to happen to any other committee this year.

I hope you see fit to vote for me and stay safe,

George.

#### What do you think qualifies you for your chosen role?

Whilst this is my first SU position I believe i am well placed to take up this position. Having served for a year on two committees and playing a role in organising the elections for both I will apply the knowledge I have garnered there as well as more thorough research of SU policy in the position next year.



## **Ritika Gupita**

#### **Main Manifesto**

As a member of the Elections Committee I wish to ensure a smooth and transparent process of elections throughout the university.

My aim is to make sure that there is a clear and precise communication from both the ends- the candidate and students. So that ideas are heard, and changes can be bought.

I shall also strive hard in making sure that a fair and realistic budget is set for all the campaigns and rest of the process. This budget shall be suitable and tailored according to the needs of all the candidates.

I understand that with great power also comes great responsibility, and with that in mind I shall always make sure that grievances and complains are heard. During the times of campaigns and elections I shall make sure that a helping service is available to students where they can ask questions about the manifesto of a candidate or simply let the committee know about any problem they are facing.

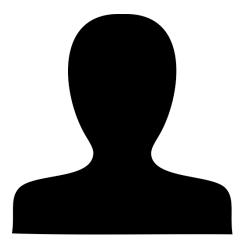
I also intend on introducing a system where students and candidates are given an opportunity to have a direct dialogue with each other so that their ideas are heard clearly and strongly.

Considering the democratic nature of the University, I understand how important elections are. They play a very important role in bringing a change that we've always wanted to see. I shall do my best to ensure that students exercise their right to vote and be the drivers of change.

Thank you!

#### What do you think qualifies you for your chosen role?

I am a 2nd year management student and have held important roles in several committees. I understand how important it is to ensure that right candidate is elected. This experience shall help me review the guidelines without any bias. Also, I understand the nature of university election and shall stand true to the culture and university's values. I always strive hard to bring change and that's exactly what I intend to do with this role. I shall never exploit the position and make sure that the process is always carried out with utmost trasparency and clarity. My different roles have taught me skills like time management, critical thinking, paying attention to details and organisational skills, I believe these traits are very important for such role and shall help in fulfilling it successfully.



### Jessica Vessena

#### **Main Manifesto**

I am running to be part of the elections committee as I would like to ensure that all elections are run in a clear and transparent way to ensure the results are fair and reflect the opinion of the student body. I would also like to become more involved and more knowledgeable with the decision making at the university. I have worked as part of my friends' campaigns for full and part time officer roles and from this I became interested in how it is run fairly and so I would like to become part of the process which ensures all student elections are run well.

#### What do you think qualifies you for your chosen role?

I believe I am suitable for the role as I am already engaged in a vast range of student activities at the University and through this have shown my ability to work well in a team, both at work, in sport and in an academic environment. Through my engagement with the Students' Union I have gained an insight into the services offered as well as the campaigns running as well as a general knowledge on how to Students' Union functions and so I believe that I have a good foundation to work with. Furthermore, from being part of the Widening Participation Advisory Panel at the university I have the capability to represent the general student opinion objectively.

This role has also given me experience in analysing both qualitative and quantitative research and providing feedback on the findings. As a history undergraduate I am well written and have great communication skills as well as having a strong capability in research. Studying history has also enhanced my research skills and thus I am able to research efficiently, finding key information within large passages quickly. I am also keen to learn more about the democratic procedures at the university as I believe it is important to know how the university I attend runs. I am an enthusiastic and hard working person who is able to problem solve quickly to overcome difficult situations. I believe that my previous work experience as well as my extracurricular activities and interests make me a suitable candidate.



# Luwa Adebanjo

No manifesto submitted



## **Thomas Lagan**

No manifesto submitted