

Present Student Member Until 2021 (1 Year) FOUR POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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The manifestos for the 8 candidates running for the positions are listed below.

Duncan Armstrong-Martin

My name is Duncan and I am a fourth year engineer looking to pursue a Law conversion course over the next 2 years. I have been a member of the Hockey club for the last 4 years and in that time I have come to know many people on board and believe that I have a lot to offer the union. There are a couple of things that I would like to work on if given the opportunity to serve as PSM. Welfare is a topic that we have always been looking to improve and this year is no different. Every member on board has basic welfare training so I propose we put that to good use by setting up informal drop in sessions where students can come and chat to a member of board about whatever issues they may have. These, although informal would allow for a safe space to just have someone to talk to and potentially be directed to the relevant student bodies should any further assistance be required. I also think that there should be more of a PR presence campus wide to advertise the many wonderful events that take place in the Glasgow University Union

James Charleson

- Remove the minimum card spend! As students, we should not be encouraged to buy more alcohol than we want to. It's no surprise that some of us can't afford consistent £5 payments and being forced to pay for more drinks to make over the £5 minimum is not in beneficial to any student. Therefore, my main point in my manifesto is to get rid of the minimum spend in the Union.
- Make free Saturdays in The Well a consistent night! Sadly, there are no free entry nights in Glasgow anymore which were incredibly for strap for cash students. I will push for a regular student night which will be free entry where we'll have aspiring student DJ's playing. Ideally these nights can be themed based on the style of music such as DnB, disco, cheesy or maybe even hardstyle!
- Big acts in Debates! Debates has proven to be a fantastic venue proven by great nights during Freshers Week and DF and hosting big name artists such as Krystal Klear, L Devine and Iyaz. The Union has potential to host big name artists in Debates as separate events. I will push for this to happen hopefully once a semester.

William Goodrich

As PSM I aim to help optimize the services provided by the union such as events, accommodation of societies and general student experience. I believe in helping the union with communication to its students, especially on hive nights. I also would like to help in welcoming a range of different societies and events, getting a broad spectrum of music, international culture and activities to the union's weekly goings-on, both on club nights and outside of such.

I have been part of many teams where organizational skills and teamwork have been important such as the ExSoc expedition to Guyana in 2019 and as vice president of the Glasgow Alternative Artists' Society I have helped organise various events, some at GUU, and gained experience of the intricacies of helping to run a university-affiliated body and manage people

Calum MacLeod

I am Calum MacLeod, first year Business, Philosophy and Politics student. I am standing for PSM because GUU has already greatly enhanced my university experience. As a regular user of the union, I believe I can help others to benefit from all GUU has to offer. Experience of board service in Scottish and UK Youth Parliaments makes me a confident and reliable team player and effective spokesperson. I aim to improve communications by revamping the website and opening issues like beer choice to the wider membership!

Sholen MacPherson

The indisputable home of student life, GUU has been key to my university experience. From my freshers until now I've spent time in the Union as a member, helper and D*** F***** committee builder having the best time and am keen to continue immersing myself in all things GUU. As PSM I'd relish the opportunity to enact real change in the Union to ensure it continues to thrive.

Understanding: highlighted through the complaints on Social Media many don't understand the role of board, complaints procedure or how the union operates at all. I'd push to make this as clear as possible, allowing individuals to see exactly how GUU can contribute to their student experience.

Safety: Through clearer publicisation of procedure I'd hope more members would come forward, confident in GUU's stance against such abuse. I'd push for Board to receive sexual violence prevention training allowing them to feel better equipped.

Branching out from the unreal success of Thursday Hive, I'd like to diversify engagement through working with the standing committees and clubs & societies, continuing the success of events such as Open Decks.

Hopefully this would help further GUU as the hub of student experience and home for all.

Lauren Lilley

1. Better information about procedures for keeping people safe in the union
 - Specifically better information for procedures to tackle spiking such as anti spiking mats and more information on what symptoms of spiking are
 - Focus on a better relationship between bouncers and students/people in Hive as well as better relationship with the creche team

2. Attempt to make the union more eco-friendly
 - Encourage people to reuse their cups and offer a discount on drinks if you reuse a cup
 - Don't put plastic straws on display, encourage people to go without them or bring their own and then only ask for them if they need them

Emilio Seifert

- 1) Environmental Sustainability of the Union
 - a. Work on a long-term sustainability strategy to ensure the union becomes carbon neutral by 2035
 - b. Continue to initiate environmental campaigns (i.e. Vegan Week)
 - c. Promote sustainability at all events held in the union

- 2) Support Clubs & Societies
 - a. Create an information package including all services the union can offer to societies (from venue hire to collaborative hive nights)
 - b. Share this with each society on campus via a mailing list/Facebook group

- 3) Re-structure PR-Committee
 - a. Introduce a schedule to clearly outline who creates the event graphic and

when it's posted

- b. Incorporate more videography
- c. Promotional videos showcasing:
 - i. Everything the GUU offers to students (shown during and after freshers' week to promote weekly events like Open Mic & Beer Bar Quiz)
 - ii. How the union functions internally, especially before elections, as most people don't know what each role involves

Niko Felix Single-Liertz

The GUU is one of the most important social centres for students of the University of Glasgow. It is a place where people from around the world convene to enjoy student life and is a driving force behind what makes this campus different from all the others. First and foremost, as PSM I would like to ensure that this remains the case for everyone, it is important that this social hub stays on the forefront of equality practices and mental health awareness, as all should feel welcome, regardless of race, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

Moving away from the broader long-term goals, I would like to work with the Convenor of Entertainment to set up Monthly band nights and establish a platform for student DJs, musicians and artists.

In addition to keeping the cost of food and drinks low, I would like to create a way of automatically adding points to your GUU membership card so that you don't have to constantly remember to give your card over when you buy drinks.

I believe through my past experiences as a fresher's helper and as an active member in the GUU makes me the best candidate for PSM.

Present Student Member until 2022 (2 years) FIVE POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Present Student Members, usually known as PSMs make up a number of operational committees that help the day to day running of the Union. These range from welfare and sustainability to PR and HIVE committees. The PSMs act as a point of contact for anyone with any questions about the Union. Two year PSMs form a useful and critical part of the Union, as in their second year, they provide experience and information to oncoming board members to ensure the changeover process runs more smoothly.

The manifestos for the 11 candidates for the Two Year PSM positions are listed below.

Joseph Brown

Having been a board member of the Glasgow University Engineering Society for the past two years (serving as a general board member for the 2018-19 year, and as the Public Relations convenor for the 2019-20 session), I have accrued a lot of valuable experience in both representing the student body; as well as the arranging of events for both the benefit of their careers, as well as their recreation.

Having been going to the union for a number of years (for professional and social reasons alike); I would love for the opportunity to give back to the union, and to serve on it's board of student representatives.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Vilhelm Carlsson

Since becoming part of the GUU family as a Fresher's Helper I have developed tremendously as a person and I have, with their help, come a long way to become the person I aspire to be. My social skills have improved, my strawpedo is respectable and I have learnt an immense amount from the diverse group of people I have gotten to know. It is therefore without surprise or regrets that I have, during my second year of my law degree, become a massive GUU w****r.

Apart for being in love with the Union do I have the experience and abilities necessary for you to join the Board of Management, this can be seen by my work on the D*** F***** Committee and by being awarded Fresher Helper of The Week 2019.

I promise to as a PSM change this union to the better and make sure that the incredible traditions this establishment already have remains.

- Well Saturdays will become a weekly event
- Committee Day will be better advertised
- The Union will show its full potential to freshers, we are more than just Hive
- Feedback from members will be more sought after

Christopher Falkingham

Hello, I am Christopher Falkingham, a second-year engineering student who has a drive and passion for the wonderful place we get to call our own, the GUU. I am running for Two Year PSM. I have been an active member of the GUU from the start of my university career. This includes being a Freshers Helper, being on the D*** F***** Committee and being a member of the disciplinary panel.

If elected, one key area I would like to focus on is sustainability, especially, the reduction of single use plastics within the union. We can all see that during our busiest events the amount of single use plastic that we go through is not sustainable. I am confident that this is an area that I can efficiently address during my two years on board.

A second goal of mine is to continue the involvement of first year students within our union in the weeks following Freshers Week, in order to convey that the GUU continues to offer exciting prospects even after Freshers Week has ended.

With my experience and my goals, I truly believe I would thrive and deliver in the role of Two Year PSM

Shih-Yi (Chloe) Huang

My name is Shih-Yi (Chloe) Huang, currently a 1st year Anatomy student, I'm running for the position of Present Student Member (until March 2022). Since moving to Glasgow and settling at Glasgow University, GUU has provided a place for me to have fun and establish friendships. I would like to be apart of the Union and help create a safe space for everyone. I have gained a lot of leadership and teamwork experience through student council and National Honour Society, both in which I was elected to be the president. I believe that if I'm elected for present student member, I will be able to help implement changes to improve the union. GUU has already established its legendary Thursday night HIVE reputation and I would like to help make every HIVE night fun and unique by setting up themes and decorations. Having first-handedly experienced fresher's week, I have many ideas for fun events. The 1 thing I would like to improve is the communication between GUU and their members by using GUU's social media pages to its full potential. I would like to help maintain the use of Instagram, Facebook, and the existing web-page to provide an accessible platform.

Lina Leonhard

Hi everyone! I'm Lina and I am so excited to be able to run for PSM this year! Since coming here, I've greatly enjoyed my time spent in the GUU and I've found that it is a place where everyone can feel comfortable being themselves and have fun. Although I think highly of the GUU, I do believe that I will be able to implement improvements if you choose me to be a PSM until March 2022. I love helping people and organizing events and am more than willing to listen to all suggestions and complaints that may come up. I strive to be open-minded and am committed to helping everyone feel welcomed and appreciated. As a PSM, I hope to increase communication between members and the board and increase the overall transparency of the union as well as GUU's social media presence across different platforms. I have been involved in student government previously which gave me experience in organisation and planning events but also gave me the ability to learn new skills quickly and efficiently. I hope to use this ability to succeed as a PSM and improve the experiences both home and international students have at the union.

Shiona Luke

1. Day to Day: Introduce more activities during the day for students to come and socialise in the spaces available such as board games, cards, football and ping pong tables, and PlayStations to provide socialising spaces.
2. Night to Night: Encourage more student-based nights by inviting student bands to come and perform gigs, karaoke nights, film-screening nights and allow societies to book the rooms more easily.
3. Sustainability: Start using locally sourced beers and food for the cafes and bars, introduce poly-carbon glasses, and reduce plastic usage.
4. Incorporate G12 further into the GUU by promoting the hot drinks and food on offer which would encourage students to use the Union as a socialising and study space during the day.
5. Promote the libraries as a quiet and accessible study area to make sure that the building is reaching its potential of space utilisation.
6. Lobby for later entry fees on a Thursday from 8pm to 9:30pm to allow students access who don't want to go to Hive but want to use the billiards room or have a drink in beer bar.

Sharath Nambiar

Fortunately, I was introduced to the GUU very early on. I am here between lectures, for debates, attending ceilidhs and social events, and surely, eating at the Union Kitchen — making it one of the places my university life revolves around. With this role, I aim to multiply these benefits, making both new and old members alike feel more 'at home' at the union. If elected I would,

- Encourage increased involvement of freshers by actively advertising the union's many opportunities as early as September and establishing more roles of responsibility for freshers to create a sense of belonging within the Union.
- Work with the Executive to create efficient and accessible feedback loops. This provides familiar avenues for lodging complaints to gain insight into how members are treated at the union. Members and freshers deserve to actively know they are being listened to.
- Work with clubs, societies, and committees associated with the GUU to facilitate collaborative events. Thus, increasing member attendance, innovating creative social events (themed nights, dedicated weeks to a cause/club, etc.), and introducing members to what more the union has to offer.
- As an international student, advocate for inclusivity and welfare, thereby uplifting culturally and ethnically diverse GUU members.

Kajetan Puchalski

I'm a first year student, studying Software Engineering, Mathematics and Gaelic. On my very first day at university I joined GUU Debating and the Dialectic Society which led me to become involved in the Union and meet members of the Board, thus despite not being here for long GUU has become like home to me. As an EU citizen I believe I can bring a different perspective to the management and work to further improve it.

If elected, I will work to:

- Make GUU more environmentally friendly by offering discounts for people who reuse cups in order to reduce plastic waste, as well as reduce the usage of plastic straws.
- Increase openness and encourage people to become involved by increasing GUU's presence during Fresher's Week to show more students what it can offer them. I want to address complaints many people have about the Union staff on Hive nights. I will attempt to ensure that bartenders always offer anti-spiking mats for drinks, instead of people having to explicitly ask for them.
- Prioritise members above making profits by attempting to get card payments for drinks below £5 or replacing GUU's ATMs with free ones.

Amy Reid

From Fresher's Helper to D*** F***** committee to my past few months on the board, the GUU has offered me so many opportunities this year that I've cherished and thrown myself into. The Union has been an integral part of my time at Glasgow and I'd love to continue the work I have been doing to make it a better place for the students it serves.

The opportunities I've had since joining the Board have allowed me to see and understand exactly what I can do to implement change and campaign for issues I'm passionate about. For this reason, **I am running for PSM again** to help others share my passion for the union and benefit their student experience.

Main manifesto points:

- Reintroduce a quiet space in the building during Hive nights for those feeling uncomfortable.
- Continue working towards GUU being more sustainable and environmentally friendly
- Continue current welfare work and improving student experience within the GUU
- Make sure that HIVE continues to be a top choice for a night out and increase the diversity and frequency of our themed nights to keep them interesting

Mark Sullivan

I am a 2nd year student who spends a frightening amount of time at the union (4000 points on my loyalty card this year alone). This means I have a passion for the GUU and I would love to be a bigger part of it.

This combined with my 4 years hospitality experience, running events and weddings, should give me a wee rounded and unique perspective to help the day to day running of the union.

Shaun Turner

As Present Student Member, I intend to uphold the reputation of both the union and the university while occupying the post. In the role, I intend on actively assisting with the administrative aspects of social nights in the union.

Currently, I act as a course representative in the SRC and have enjoyed the representational aspect of the role. I find that it is important to have student representation in all organs of the university and the experience has left me feeling accustomed to channelling student concerns.

Secondly, I have two years of experience working in a bar. In this time, I have understood the dynamics of bar operation and been diligently aware of the duty of care that is required of bar staff. I find that this is relevant when identifying breaches of safety and the need to look after inebriates.

Finally, I am a board member of Glasgow Alternative Artists Society, which hosted the union's Painted Love night, and the Goodbye Collective which regularly organises charitable parties.

Overall, I believe I would offer the ideal set of skills and perspectives to be an effective member of the board.