



# GLASGOW UNIVERSITY UNION



## ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2016/18

### MANIFESTO FORM

For the position of: PRESENT STUDENT MEMBER

Candidate: AILSA JONES

Proposer: MORAY FRASER

Seconder: SIMON TIERNEY

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#### Experience

- Daft Friday
- PR Team 2015 – Present
- Freshers' Helper 2015
- Awarded Female Freshers' Helper of the Week

#### Areas I'd like to improve

##### 1<sup>st</sup> Year Students

- Work closely with the new Hive brand ambassadors. The team would be a great way to involve 1<sup>st</sup> Years while spreading the message to other students
- Potentially extend this team to promote all union events

#### Committees

- GUU Committees to have open socials
- Work on the Committees Fair with Committees showcasing what they have to offer and making it clearer how the GUU is run, and how easy it is to get involved

#### Good Relationship with Clubs/Community

- Expand G12 as a venue for small clubs and society socials and continue to build over the success of the re-launch
- Continue to push it as an evening venue with more events such as cocktail making class
- Look to extend relationships with groups around campus such as LGBTQ+ and continue joint events such as Colour Hive and Colour Fest.



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Candidate:             ALEXANDRA KATE MARTIN

Proposer:             EMMA KEYS

Seconder:             GRACE AILSA BATCHELOR

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Since starting at The University of Glasgow, I have become increasingly involved in the GUU, which has contributed, largely to my University experience. From being a fresher's helper and winning 'Team of the Week', to becoming a member of the GUU PR team, I have fully enjoyed all involvement in the union and would like to encourage others to do the same. If elected I would do this in the following ways:

- Have the GUU work in conjunction with societies to bring more socials to the union. I feel this is essential as the new extension now provides adequate facilities for numerous clubs to have events on at the same time.
- Increase the involvement of first years in the union by strengthening the new 'Brand Ambassador'. This would ensure wide promotion of the union's events throughout halls and also provides another chance for first years to be part of a GUU committee.
- Work closely with entertainments committee to organise one off events on switch Saturdays such as DJ's and live performances. This would hopefully encourage a wider range of students to the club night.



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Candidate: IRENE HELEN McCANNELL

Proposer: PETER MALONE

Seconder: ALISTAIR COOPER

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I am excited about running for PSM and potentially giving back to the Union that has provided me with so many wonderful experiences over the past two years.

Firstly, I feel that it is very important to encourage engagement with the Union and the workings of it right from the very beginning of all students' university careers. Hence, I propose to run an event at Freshers' Week where freshers can meet the Board of Management and Committees of the Union. This would mean that more students feel interested in the GUU and be aware that it really is run by students, for students.

Secondly, I have recognised the huge success of event such as Halloween Hive and Foam Hive so propose that more of these events should be organised to bring even more fun to the Union's fabulous nightclub. I feel that they encourage more people to come to the Union and themes are always so much fun!!

Finally, I feel that it would be beneficial for the student experience to incentivise sports societies to have their post match socials in the Union and strengthen the ties that the GUU has with them.



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Candidate: KERI ANDERSON

Proposer: DANIEL IRWIN

Seconder: FAITH KEMP

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In March 2015, I became a member of the PR Tea, here at the Glasgow University Union. I have since been promoting the union and its events to other students through social media, talking to other students and even handing out flyers or putting up posters around campus. In the past year I have learnt so much about how the union is run on a daily basis and have acquired a knowledge base on how to promote the union to students on campus through a variety of different ways. I believe that being part of the PR Tea, has made me a more approachable and confident individual both of which I feel are necessary attributes of a PSM.

I was also a Freshers' Helper in 2015, this gave me the opportunity to work with such a large group of people, all with a mutual love of the Union. Throughout this week I gained an insight into the extensive operations that goes on behind the scenes that account for the success of all services the union provides. It is because of this that I wish to be a PSM, I want to help in the running of the Union and build on its success in the future



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For the position of: PRESENT STUDENT MEMBER

Candidate: LOTTIE VAN GRIEKEN

Proposer: LUCY KEOWN

Seconder: FLORA MACKEDDIE

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This year I have been lucky enough to be on the Libraries Committee as the Photography and Social Media Editor. Being on committee has allowed me to meet many people, experience different aspects of the Union and shown me that there is something for everyone at GUU. I would like to help others feel the same. Being a Freshers' Helper proved I have the passion, motivation and energy to be a Union representative, all of which I feel are important to being a PSM.

If elected, I would:

- Be involved in the Unions events (including HIVE) and organise activities using my skills and experience from working for an events company.
- Work alongside committees to increase Union presence, involve more students and encourage cross-campus involvement.
- Encourage greater First Year involvement e.g. through creating a crash guide to GUU.
- Increase student photography opportunities.
- Be involved in utilising GUU's social media. Balancing studies, my job and Libraries Committee means I am organised and work well both in a team and on my own. I'm a chatty, friendly and enthusiastic person and I cope well under pressure and in difficult situations.

Please Vote Lottie #1 for GUU PSM.



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Candidate:             RODERICK MACVICAR

Proposer:             DONALD McEACHERN

Seconder:             JOSHUA GILMORE

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Glasgow University Union has been a massive part of my time at University – since joining in first year it has become a home away from home. Last year I became a GUU Freshers’ Helper, one of the highlights of my University career. This opened my eyes to the huge role the GUU has to play in welcoming new students, making them feel at home and the potential it has to become a hub of University life.

If elected I would:

- Work closely with the PR Team and all four committees to increase the involvement of the first years in events happening after Freshers’ Week.
- Help students have more of a say in how their Union is run by adding a monthly open meeting with members of the Board of Management, where students could voice ideas and concerns they have.
- Add another night to the HIVE’s weekly schedule. With such fantastic facilities location in the heart of Glasgow’s West End, there is a great opportunity to have a new night with something a little different from what’s on offer. This could be done in a range of ways including different genres of music, comedy events or local bands.



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Candidate:             CRAIG EVERETT

Proposer:             DONALD MACKAY

Seconder:             HOLLY FERGUSSON

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Having been a part of the Union for the best part of two years, I feel like it has become a key part of my university experience. It is also an experience that I wish to improve and promote among other students. Having been a part of the Fresher Helper and PR Teams I feel like I have developed a good understanding of how the Union works, and what is required to improve it. Such ideas as a Wednesday night Hive, improving Union – club/society relations and improving the catering services make me the ideal candidate to take up a role as a PSM. Being on the Board requires one to be diplomatic, open minded and imaginative. There are skills I have acquired through my experience in business and I hope these skills will serve me well if elected on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March.