

Convener of Debates

The Convener of Debates is responsible for organising the debates committee and all show debates within the union, the parliamentary debates and the Inter Varsity debating teams. They send people all over the world to compete for the Union as well as hosting events in Glasgow throughout the year.

Bronagh Hughes

Manifesto:

Since joining the board three months ago I have worked hard to ensure that debates is working effectively. I have successfully sent our teams to the world championships in Thailand, hosted the Scottish Championships, sent teams to competitions around the UK, held show debates and written an extensive proposition paper on Euros.

I want the opportunity to complete a full term as Convener of Debates so that I can continue the work I've been doing to ensure debates provides the most to Union members that is possible. If elected I will work to allow speakers to feedback and provide insight on decisions that affect them. I began this work this semester by holding a public information session before writing my report on EUDC, I will continue to provide proper financial oversight and tracking of our budget. This is something I've worked hard on, I believe GUU's position as an incredibly accessible, fully funded debates union is invaluable, it's what makes us unique, and is a key part of our success. This is only possible when our budget is properly managed.

Convener of Games

The Games Committee is run by the Convener of Games, and is responsible for the weekly Beer Bar quiz on Mondays, as well as looking after the games machines and Billiards Hall tables. In February they run the 'Month of Games'.

Jack Findlay

Manifesto:

PR convenor

Welfare Convenor

Convener of Libraries

The convener of Libraries is responsible for all publications from the Union. This includes the G-YOU magazine, the Groundings Journal, and the Freshers' and Member's Handbooks. They are responsible for running events such as Slam Poetry Open Mic and Beers and Bob Ross, as well as a host of others throughout the year.

Francisca Matias

Manifesto:

Having been part of the Libraries' committee for the past year has given me the qualities and motivation to be the future convener. Alike this year's focus to reach a wider audience - by having more (inclusive) events, distribution, improving our online platforms - my intentions for the year to come are to reiterate such and get a wider range of contributors. Many of the events we had this year were successful, yet there was a lack of continuity. To change this I will plan the year in advance regarding room bookings and what were deemed successful events, plus have one Spoken Poetry Friday every month. The need for more, diverse contributors persists and to target this having a stall and distributing during Student Card queues in Freshers' Week would be ideal. Having more of an interactive, relatable magazine is my focus which I know I can achieve if given the opportunity. With my determination, positivity, responsibility, and approachability I will be sure to transmit that Libraries is not all about the books!

Convener of Entertainments

The Convener of Entertainments is one of the most demanding jobs in the Union. They are responsible for booking all the Fresher's Week acts, the D*** F***** acts and any other acts for big events and club nights throughout the year. On top of this, they run the Ents Committee, which holds the weekly Open Mic on Friday evenings. They are also responsible for the equipment in the HIVE and the Well.

The manifestos for the 3 candidates are below.

Tigerlily Bloggs

I'm Tiger, and I'm in my third year of Uni studying Music and Comparative Literature. Since joining the Ents committee last May, I've enjoyed not only the performing aspect but also the organisational side: setting up each Friday, and helping during Freshers Week and Daft Friday with riders, sound checks and any other tasks.

Previous experience: I have been on the committee, in the role of Membership, of the Cecilian Society (GU's musical theatre society) and also the General Secretary of STAG (GU's theatre society), so I am used to attending weekly meetings and having to be organised and active each week to make sure everything is done. Through these roles I have taken membership money and kept the list of members is up to date, ordered merch for over 100 people, taken minutes at weekly board meetings, made rotas and had a vote in which shows the societies would perform throughout the year.

My aims for this year are PR: a revamp of the Open Mic Instagram, more themes for Open Mic, securing more collaborations with societies, organisation of the equipment and continuing to encourage the involvement of the committee in most things Ents, particularly during Fresher's Week!

Robert Harvey (Robbie)

Hello! I'm Robbie Harvey and I am a third-year biomedical engineering student. For me, being on the Entertainments committee has been the best part of my student experience. Therefore, I am delighted to announce that I will be running for Convener of Entertainments!

If elected, I would encourage more committee involvement in the organisation of events. Therefore, I would allow committee members different roles like advertising, organising and running events. This would allow members to feel more involved in the work done by the committee, offering them experience and maximising the production value offered in our events.

Open mic is our important weekly event, yet not enough students know about it. Therefore, I would propose a refurbishment of open mic: improving equipment, working with charities and societies, and finding a consolidated weekly venue in GUU. This would result in more diverse union events, encourage better audiences at open mic, and raise awareness, money and support for other GU societies and charities.

I would also like to add to the great efforts already made in terms of sustainability. My ideas include introducing washable cups and price reductions for takeaway food or hot drinks purchased in a reusable cup or Tupperware.

Lewis Moore

I will hold regular meetings with the entertainments committee to spread work equally and ensure the committee are more involved in the running of entertainments in the GUU, be that D*** F*****, fresher's week or Hive nights.

With help from the treasurer and general manger I will look into getting new equipment for Open Mic, Hive and the Well to ensure the best quality environment for members.

I will hold regular rehearsals with the committee allowing us to have a prepared set list for Open Mic that means, if needs be, we can play from start to finish allowing attendees to slot in whenever they like in the comfort that they will not be the only ones performing.

Host the first GUU battle of the bands night where bands can showcase and compete to win a cash prize. I will look to work closely with the PR committee for this event and hold meetings to increase footfall at Open Mic nights.

Look at working with student union tour companies such as Native to bring bigger and better acts to the union during fresher's week and D*** F***** without having to increase the budget