

## **Liberation-Campaign Officer Manifestos**

**RON** will be a candidate for all positions. Re Open Nominations – allows voters state they do not feel any of the current candidates standing are suitable for the role and would like to re-open nominations.

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### **International Students' Officer**

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**Annika Budhrani**  
**Manifesto**

Good day to you all! My name is Annika, and I am running for the position of International Officer. I am originally from the Philippines and am currently an Accounting and Management student in my first year of studies.

When I first came to Lancaster, I experienced a major culture shock while trying to adjust to living in the UK on my own. However, throughout this year I've been impressed with the sense of community and acceptance that resonates throughout the university for both local and international students. I've gotten so much support from my peers, my advisors, and the Student Union – and so I'd like to take this opportunity to give new international students that same warmth and welcoming nature that was given to me.

I have plenty of experience of being in a leadership role and am also an enthusiastic team player. I've been a level representative in my senior high years, planning, executing, and hosting several party events, fundraisers, and school fairs (alongside the rest of the student council). Additionally, I worked as a project head for my school's annual interschool film festival and am currently an events officer for the incredible Filipino society. With all this being said, however, I think the best thing I can bring to the table would be my friendly attitude and my determined nature, which drives me to succeed in order to make others happy with my projects. I believe this, combined with my experience puts me in a position where I can work well with the LUSU, and give them all my support in their tremendous effort to strengthen diversity and representation.

If I am elected as an international officer, I would like to set up and host more international meet and greets. One thing I've noticed this year was that while international meeting events were held, there was no clear host or flow of activities, which lead people to simply interact in their small groups. Having structured events such as game nights, quiz nights, and food nights would be a great way for local and national students to mingle and get acquainted.

Additionally, as an events officer of the Filipino society, I think this would be a wonderful opportunity to give exposure to our club and our culture to a wider group of students. I think Lancaster promotes diversity extremely well, but has the potential to implement more campus-wide international events in collaboration with ethnic societies. Events such as talent shows (think Eurovision), Food fairs, and International game nights would be a great way for us to celebrate different cultures and heritages, without the event being exclusive to just those part of the ethnic societies.

All in all, I simply wish to use my experience as a student from half-way across the globe to share my insights with the LUSU, and use that to connect students with each other, so that they feel like they're part of something bigger than themselves.

Thank you very much for the opportunity, and I truly hope you'll see that I have the enthusiasm, expertise, and potential to fulfill this role wholeheartedly.