



Lancaster University Students' Union Elections 2026

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Students' Union Elections 2026: President

Christina Mallinson

Manifesto

I'm Christina and am a third year, studying Politics and Sociology. I am running for Student Union President, as it is imperative that student voice be at the heart of decisions that affect campus life and experience.

Why me?

I have worked in LUSU for nearly three years now. I am currently Deputy Chair of Union Assembly and have completed a term of County President, having been elected onto the JCR before I even started Uni! These roles have ensured that I have extensive knowledge of how the Student Union operates and have built connections with student leaders and Union staff. I also have experience in coordinating teams and public speaking. I recently set up the Women's+ Politics Society. This has ensured that I have gained insight into the issues students are facing and have led and organised sessions.

Key priorities and actions

- **Student-led decision-making**- strengthening student consultation in university decision-making processes.
- **Women's safety**- taking an 'educate and inform' approach to improving women's safety.
- **Funding for student travel**- campaigning for better financial support for students getting to and from campus.

I will also work to revive Summer Events, expand free food initiatives in exam period, encourage student-led campaigning across campus, and push for the zero-tolerance policy on sexual harassment to be enforced.

Given my experience, knowledge, and skills I believe I would be the perfect candidate for the role, as I know what students want and how to achieve it.

Vote Christina for LUSU President!

Students' Union Elections 2026: President

Kate Bracewell

Manifesto

Hello! I'm **Kate Bracewell** (She/Her). I'm the current **Lonsdale JCR President** and I'm running to be your next **LUSU President!**

I have represented **you** at:

- Student Experience Committee
- Union Assembly
- Presidents Committee

If elected, I will:

Make Lancaster Safer for Students!

Students feel unsafe in town, especially at night. Real change is needed. I have already launched a **national safety survey** to benchmark Lancaster against other universities. I will **build a national campaign** and use this evidence to force the University and local authorities to **deliver stronger safety measures**.

Make your degree worth it throughout CTP!

Students are **losing confidence in the value of their degrees**, and the Curriculum Transformation Programme (CTP) has not reassured them. I will push for every course to include **employer-led projects**, so your degree translates into real jobs.

Recognition for Execs!

Student Execs give huge amounts of time and effort but often get little in return. Being an Exec should **help your future, not harm it**. I will push the University for **official transcript recognition** for exec roles and ensure execs **receive clear, timely support**.

Better Transport and Campus Accessibility!

The **£499 Annual UniRider bus pass** is a barrier to education and student life. I will push Stagecoach to lower costs and lobby the University for a **transport access fund** to make campus accessible for all.

My other pledges are:

- ***Reducing cost of living through LUSU Food Bank.***
- ***Transparent communications with LUSU finance.***

For more information about my manifesto, see [@katbrac_](#) on Instagram!

Students' Union Elections 2026: President

Usul Kaboosle

Manifesto

Manicfesto

A - Absolutely no confession pages

B - Bowland tower to be extended to be the biggest skyscraper in THE WORLD

C - Clowns - ban them, they scare me

E - Engineering 3 (I'm just saying what we are all thinking)

G - Guinness the cat mural in the middle of Alex Square

H - Half the number of housing and double the price of the remaining flats

J - Joy is banned on a Tuesday

K - The national anthem in all graduation ceremonies is played via Kazoo

M - Make college memberships free

N - North spine will be extended to the full spine

O - Increase the amount of outdoor spaces by removing roofs from some buildings

P - 1 free parking space available to the winner of a boxing match (winner stays on)

Q - Quietly make approvals without telling anyone

R - Remove all college bars and make JCR presidents battle to see who gets all 9

S - Self service campus bars to reduce staffing costs (I trust you all to pay)

T - £14.4m to go into a new Throne room building just for me

V - Vibe - sorry Glow - sorry LA1 nevermind it's shut nevermind sorry ignore this point

Y - Yellow is the new grey. All grey paint replaced with yellow to make campus a happier place (except for Tuesdays)

View my full manifesto on my instagram (find it yourself)

Students' Union Elections 2026: President

Sam Burgess

Manifesto

Many troubling things are getting worse here on campus, including rent spikes, misogyny, erosion of trans rights, and mental health. **I'm Sam (she/her)** and I'm proud to be part of the **strong student community organising against these injustices**. If you elect me as President, I will continue to **stand up for what matters**.

Sam's Six

1. Anti-misogyny, anti-hate

I'll work to make campus safe for all, including making incident reporting easier. You will be heard and appropriate action will be taken.

2. Affordability

We struggle to get by while senior management earn six-figure salaries. I support concrete interventions to bring down bus, food and rent prices.

3. Climate Justice and Free Palestine

I'm committed to fighting injustice and will ensure that LU and LUSU take stronger action on climate change and the genocide in Palestine.

4. More support for student leaders and campaigns

I'll help student leaders navigate LUSU and build thriving communities, as I currently do through my role as Student Community Activator and member of Societies Committee.

5. Represent postgrads and international students

As a postgrad, I know postgrad and international students are underrepresented in LU decision making. We must increase dialogue with students and their reps.

6. Stand up for the arts

I will showcase student talent in the arts and ensure that the University values the contribution these subjects and societies are making to culture and community.

Like what you see? I've got a lot more to say! [Find out more here](#) and on [Instagram @Sam_Burgess5](#).

Students' Union Elections 2026: Education Officer

Niamh McAuley

Manifesto

Vote **NIAMH 4 Education!**

For more information about me and my priorities, head over to [@niamh4education!](#)

My Top Three

Student-Focused AI Policy

Spread Out, Fairly Balanced Assessment Scheduling

Improved communication and transition support on CTP (Curriculum Transformation Programme) and wider university changes, putting student consultation at its core

My Other Priorities

Protecting dedicated campus **learning spaces** for both **UG** and **PG** students

Ensuring **optionality** in our degrees –optional modules tailored to our priorities

Embedding **sustainability** in education policy

Strengthening and **celebrating** Academic Reps

Who You're Voting For

I am the current elected **Undergraduate (UG) Faculty Representative for the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (FHASS)**. For two years, I have represented students at **Senate** and across **university committees**, advocating directly to senior leadership.

I regularly run Faculty Forums with Academic Reps, giving me **first-hand insight into student concerns across departments**. I am experienced in raising difficult issues constructively and securing responses from decision-makers.

Beyond faculty representation, I serve on **Sports Committee** as Women's+ Intervarsity Representative, **Societies Committee** as Political & Campaigning League Representative, and **Roses Committee**. I am **General**

Secretary of the Women in Sport Society, previously **Vice Chair** of Lancaster University Korfball Club, and currently **Media Officer**. I also compete in **BUCS Handball** and represent **Grizedale in Netball**.

I am already working within the system. As Education Officer, I will use that experience to *deliver measurable change*.

Vote **NIAMH for Education**. *Make your vote count*.

Students' Union Elections 2026: Education Officer

Navyah Vasihisth

Manifesto

I am running for Education Officer to ensure every student at Lancaster University is heard, supported, and empowered to succeed.

As your current FST PGT Representative and a Senate member, I already represent students at the highest levels of academic decision-making. I have worked directly with staff and University leadership to raise concerns about assessments, feedback, and academic support, ensuring student voices lead to real change. As Vice President of LU FemTech, I have also championed inclusivity, collaboration, and opportunities for students across our community.

If elected, my priorities will be:

- **Fair and transparent assessments** — clearer marking criteria and timely, meaningful feedback.
- **Stronger student voice** — empowering Academic Reps and ensuring your feedback creates real outcomes.
- **Better academic resources** — improved access to study spaces, learning materials, and academic support.
- **Postgraduate and career support** — advocating for PGT students and strengthening preparation for future careers.

I have the experience, the platform, and the commitment to represent you effectively from day one. I will listen, act, and deliver meaningful improvements to your academic experience.

Vote for experience. Vote for action. Vote for your education.

Students' Union Elections 2026: Wellbeing Officer

David Grice

Manifesto

Hi, I'm **David** (he/him) and I'd love to represent you as the next LUSU Wellbeing Officer!

As the university transitions with the new curriculum, and a new Vice-Chancellor, it is currently the best opportunity to have your voices heard!!

If elected, my pledges are:

Addressing cost of living and rent

- As rent has **increased** by **nearly 14%** since 2023, students can't afford to live or eat, impacting your grades, and ability to thrive at university. I will **directly lobby** accommodation providers to ensure financial pressures on students are eased.

Ensuring protection for students in town

- In Lancaster, rates of violence and sexual offences have risen by **over 2%** since 2024, and bars are currently not safe enough for students. I have already spoken to local businesses about their **lack of anti-spiking provisions** and will introduce **staff and security training** to ensure you are protected on a night out.

Incorporating welfare accessibility for societies and JCRs

- Fixing the reporting process for society welfare concerns will ensure that students have clearer access to support. By introducing **clear signposting** for execs on who to contact, students' wellbeing will be prioritised.

My other pledges include:

- ***Training student activists to empower their campaigns.***
- ***Providing free period products for students.***

I have represented students as:

- Current **International Student Forum Vice-Chair**.
- **Furness VP Wellbeing and Campaigns Officer**, and previously **International and Welfare Officer**.

For more information about my manifesto and what I've already done, please look at @david.sj.grice on Instagram to see how I will represent you!

Students' Union Elections 2026: Activities Officer

Emily Houston-Woods

Manifesto

Hi! I'm Emily (she/her), your current LUSU Activities Officer, and I'm running for re-election.

This year, I've loved supporting you and building a more inclusive activities experience, so much so that I want to do it again!

So, why re-elect me?

- I'm the only candidate with **direct experience in the Activities Officer role**, including chairing **Sports, Societies and Roses Committees**.
- **I've honoured my commitments** and made substantial progress on **every pledge last year**.
- As a former **President of a Society, Sports Team and JCR**, I understand student groups from multiple perspectives.

What have I done so far?

- **£150,000+ secured for an access fund**, supporting 150+ students this year; ensuring sport and societies are accessible regardless of financial circumstances.
- **Promoted participation in activities**, including Trans+ inclusion, Women in Leadership and national work on neurodivergent inclusion.
- Expanded **student leader training**.
- Successfully lobbied the University to introduce the **out-of-hours parking permit**.
- Delivered the **60th anniversary Roses** 🌹

What will I achieve in my second year?

- Continue lobbying for **increased funding for societies and sports teams**.
- Support **new society affiliations**.
- **Re-negotiate the kit contract** to improve flexibility and affordability.
- Campaign to **reduce student parking costs**.
- Continue work towards **free Wednesday afternoons**.
- Increase **space capacity for student groups**.

I have a **proven track record of delivering on my pledges** and will continue to do so if **re-elected**.

Your SU. Your Voice. Your Activities Officer – Vote Emily!

Find out more: <https://linktr.ee/emily4activities>

Students' Union Elections 2026: Activities Officer

Anna Muchardt

Manifesto

I'm **Anna Muchardt** (she/her) - I believe that **sports and societies should be for everyone**, which is why I am running to be your **Activities Officer 26/27**.

Sports has shaped my time at Lancaster. I've experienced sport at all levels – BUCS, college sport and turn up & play – **I know what works and what needs improving**. I've seen how powerful involvement is – and how quickly rising costs and unequal opportunity can shut people out.

What I will deliver:

- **Putting students first**
 - **Student prioritisation in facility bookings**
 - A review of **parking access** for sports teams and societies
 - Guaranteed **flat-floor** provision for **societies**
 - Transparency regarding space allocation
- **Accessible participation**
 - Protect and expand the **Sport Access Fund**.
 - Establish a **Societies Access Fund**
- **Women's + inclusion**
 - Increase **coverage of women's + sport** across **student media**.
 - Introduce more **women's only development** and **turn up and play sessions**

Why I can deliver:

- Lancaster University Equestrian **Club Captain**
- Fylde Netball 4s **Captain**
- **Women's + intervarsity representative** – Sports Committee
- **Roses Committee member** – 2 yrs
- **Union Assembly delegate**

- University Handball player

What I have already delivered:

- Contributed to Sports Committee discussions following the national decision on **trans athlete participation**, focusing on **student impact** and maintaining **accessibility in sport**.
- Met the **Vice-Chancellor** to challenge the lack of **student prioritisation within the sports centre**
- Spoke on **Bailrigg FM's Women in Sport Rundown**, advocating for **parity** and **stronger representation of women's sport**.

If you think sports and societies should be for everyone - Vote ANNA 4 ACTIVITIES!