

County

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President

Charley Butcher

Manifesto

Hello, my name is Charley Butcher and I'm running for County College JCR President! I am a first year Biomedical Science student who is running in order to make County College a more open and tightknit community where everyone feels welcome and at home in, as well as fixing the very clear divide between the JCR and us students. Furthermore, I am running because I am frustrated by the lack of use of the colleges natural resources that could be more effectively managed. I will be a president who believes in sustainability, in better mental and physical health education, in increased communication throughout the County College community and, in transparency- both between myself and the JCR, and the JCR to students.

I want to be your president and to be given the chance to change these issues and to work with diverse groups of people with different backgrounds, opinions and, experiences. The solutions that I have thought of are centred around the idea of ending the stigma around campus surrounding medical issues. I believe pushing for more education into subjects such as cancer awareness, vaccinations and mental illness will encourage more people to talk about these topics to us, benefitting students across County College. In addition to better mental and physical health education, I want to focus on sustainability as a college by creating boot sale events in county square to reduce waste, where students can have the opportunity to bring old clothes, textbooks or unwanted Christmas presents in order to sell or trade, where we can also raise money for various charities. I want to create a system where all on and off campus students can join and trade food that has nearly gone off to reduce food waste (we've all left half a loaf of bread until it goes literally blue, don't lie). I also want to get rid of the barriers in the college between the townhouses, county main and county south by holding events that bring the whole of county together, either online or in person when we can finally all meet again, for example College Olympics. Next, I want to bring the first-year vibes back to students who have moved off campus to ensure everyone who is in County College feels like part of our college, even if you aren't on campus by,

hosting on campus pres in County square, or by grouping all years together in calls or in person in order to talk about experiences and mentor each other. Furthermore, I want to push for more cultural education for all students, to celebrate other cultures and religious holidays in the marketplace or county diner- there was a severe lack of education and celebration in County around Diwali and that is only one example of what I feel will be many. Finally, I will help develop better communication between freshers' reps, flats and the JCR in order to make sure no question ever goes unanswered, not just to the best of our ability, but a definitive answer to put students minds at rest.

I will be a respectable president as I am outspoken, organised and extroverted (which if you know me, you full well know I am!). Moreover, I am a good listener and I will listen to your ideas via ask pages on county social media and via a box in the porters everyone can access easily. I will talk to who needs to be talked to in a professional manner in order to get what is best for the students of this college, no matter what in order to make the peak County College experience.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and I hope you get out (or in, because it's online) to vote for the candidates you think will best represent you (regardless of whether that is me or not)!! If you'd like to know any more about me or my campaign please don't hesitate to email me c.butcher1@lancaster.ac.uk or send me a message on Facebook (Charlotte Butcher) or Instagram (@charley_paige_).

Callum Slater

Manifesto

Hey! It's me – the lanky ginger bloke seen either downing too much cheap Pinot and slurring their way through a Quarantine Quiz or banging on about the importance of democracy and how great County is.

I'm Callum Slater (he/him): your current Democracy & Finance Officer, second year LUMS student and candidate to be the next President of the County College JCR.

At the start of this year, I don't think any of us would have predicted the situation that we find ourselves in now. As I set out in my first term as a JCR Officer, we could not wait for a banging year of events, activities and a whole lot of Sugar. That was of course until Miss Rona strutted on in.

I must start by using some of these 750 words to thank, congratulate, praise and worship... our incumbent JCR President who has had the most testing year any President could have ever imagined. India - thank you, your resilience inspires me no end. In fact, it is working so closely to you for the past year that leads to me writing this manifesto right now.

2020 has been a shit show but I am proud to have been the Chair of a JCR Exec that when faced with a pandemic; pulled together, met almost every week and went above and beyond what anybody expected us to do to support our members. I am proud to have been the Democracy Officer that when faced with a Union scandal; lead the process to become the only college that gave its members a serious say on whether the JCR should remain affiliated. I am proud to have been the member that when faced with lockdown and isolation, co-hosted fourteen consecutive weeks of quizzes for hundreds of students.

I really, really love the County College and above anything I love its membership – that's you. That is why, as my first pledge in this manifesto, I would like to launch my Moving Manifesto. This document is not fixed; in fact, it must move with the times and the College to ensure that your JCR Exec is always representing you in the best way that it possibly can. I am pledging to listen to your voice and your priorities and put those into action for the betterment of the College so go to www.bit.ly/myslater4greater today to have your say!

Don't worry! I have some of my own ideas as well (too many to get in here to be honest!). Here's a flavour of what I will do as your JCR President:

- Strive to create as much social interaction as we possibly can and show 2020 where to shove it
- Seek out regular training and development for the JCR Officers to allow us to bond as a team and progress our skills
- Launch a review into the County College merch so that we can all wear the College colours with pride
- Maintain strong relationships with the SCR, Union and other College Presidents to work collaboratively and raise the profile of County JCR
- Work with the Sports Officers and College Sports teams to bring football, netball and bar sports closer to the College community and keeping it lively
- Continue the conversation at www.bit.ly/myslater4greater

That's a lot of talk but what do I have to back myself up, I hear you ask! Well:

- Democracy & Finance Officer for the past year which has involved being the Chair of the Committee. In this year, I have delivered on all my previous manifesto pledges proving that I get stuff done
- Organised one of the first major Annual General Meetings in County to ensure that you get a say on important issues
- I am a Student Trustee of Lancaster University Students' Union and so have a strong understanding of how the Union works

- Long history in student representation having launched a Students' Union at my Sixth Form College, became the President and subsequently a full-time member of staff
- Represented Lancaster at the NUS National Conference 2020 and attended four consecutive NUS National Conferences in total

I really can't get everything about my love for County on paper and frankly, you probably don't want to read much more about it. Please hit me up for a chat if you want to talk about anything in this manifesto. I would be truly honoured to represent you as the next President of County JCR so you know what to do: vote #Slater4Greater, #Cal4County and Callum Slater #1 for JCR President.

Socials and Events Officers

Jessica Todd

Manifesto

Hello hello hello!

I'm Jessica Todd, a first year English Literature and History student living in the Lancaster Tab voted "ugliest building on campus", County Main. Despite being outrageously unfit I'm a member of the County Netball club. I'm also incredibly competitive at board/team games and would love to get the chance to organise some for you.

I'm applying for the role as Social and Events organiser as I believe I am the funniest, smartest, most experienced and most importantly humblest person for the job.

As a fresher during the pandemic I know how to organise a fun online event. My goal would be to build on this years events, knowing what worked and what didn't and create more personal and engaging events. So you know that if (god forbid) the pandemic continues, you wouldn't feel lonely or bored.

I do have experience planning in person events as well. In high school I was elected Head of the Sixth Form Committee in which I planned fundraisers, proms and icebreakers all working within a budget. (there's a few messy prom pictures on my Instagram for proof)

I am embarrassingly active on social media and would be very open to any suggestions/feedback on any socials or events to really personalise the experience and make sure everyone's enjoying them!

I'm originally from Leeds (unless you are really passionate about the War of the Roses in which case I'm from Blackpool) and took a gap year so I know my way around a club and am confident I can organise a great night out, as soon as they're legal again.

So far I've loved being a part of the biggest and best college on campus and will carry my County pride with me for years to come. My goal is to keep up the great work of the JCR to create great events that'll introduce you to new people in person and online and give drinkers and non drinkers loads of unique engaging socials to join in with.

Thank you for reading my manifesto! I hope I've come across as the fun, creative and organised person I am. Feel free to message me any questions on my instagram - jess_todd01. I hope I've earned your vote!

Media and Communications Officer

Josh Wynn

Manifesto

Hi my name is Josh Wynn and I'm a 3rd year Computer Science student and I'm one of your current Media and Communications officers. I'm deeply engaged with college spirit, as shown by me joining the JCR back in January and my prevalent involvement in County's Bar Sports teams with me last year also being the captain of the County B team pool.

What I Have Achieved so Far in The Role

- Due to the pandemic, I have been heavily involved in the planning of all events due to everything being online
- I have ran the County Quarantine Pub Quiz consistently for each week for over 12+ weeks during the first lockdown which consistently brought in over 140+ teams a week
- I really pushed for more online events during lockdown such as new events like the County Bingo striving the college forward making County College the best it could be, being there for students when other colleges did nothing during the first lockdown
- Pushed for an end of year online Charity Sofathon which I organised and put together including events such as Family Fortunes against Fylde, Pointless, The County Quarantine Pub Quiz, Mr & Mrs, County Bingo with DJ sets to finish the night off. Which that event raised over £500+ for charity.
- Ran/worked on every online Welcome Week event, which was potentially multiple events a day, every day, for over a week.
- I have managed all County Social Media accounts (Facebook, Instagram, etc...)
- Created the majority of the artwork for the socials posts over the past year

- Responded to all your messages on Instagram and Facebook
- Ran polls and questions over on Instagram stories to allow the student body to have a say in stuff happening in the college (F.C.C./Legends/Titans, etc...)
- Filmed and started editing trailers for future events
- Started Live streaming more sporting events (Netball, Football, Pool, etc...)
- Live Streamed major JCR events (Hustings, Q&As, etc...)
- Tried to livestream more on Instagram to reach a new audience of students who use that as their main social media platform
- Attend events to advertise the event on Instagram stories to keep County College students in the know and show how great the events are
- Attended all JCR exec meetings including Extrav meetings
- Been available 24/7 for the JCR exec to get in touch with me to create social posts for their events
- I've taken on extra responsibilities by taking part in other areas of the JCR activities (Planning F.C.C./Legends/Titans, Extrav, etc...)

Why I Believe I Would Be Perfect For The Role

I believe I would be perfect for the role of Media & Communications because in the past I used to livestream on YouTube and Twitch where there I achieved to amass 30-50 people tuning in live to every stream I did. To achieve this, I had to have a full in depth understanding of social media platforms such as Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. So, I know how to engage people on social media to get them interested, to keep them there and make them keep coming back to these sites.

I'm well equipped with photoshop and have been using photo editors nearly every single day for over 8 years now and with that have created posters to advertise events and live streams, created hundreds of thumbnails for videos, created logos and profile pictures and I've also created countless fancy overlay graphics for the livestreams too. So, I have an extensive knowledge of how to use photoshop.

I can also edit videos as I've edited hundreds of videos and trailers and used them to promote certain events. So, with all these skills I know how to advertise for events on social media and get people excited for them.

I have also been undertaking this role for the last year so understand 100% what the role entails and can carry on County College's professional online presence we currently have.

What I want to Achieve in The Role

If I was to get this position, I will continue to make sure all major JCR events are live streamed allowing people who can't make the event to watch from home and feel more connected to their college. I really want to start incorporating Instagram live for these big events as well as a large majority of people starting university now do not use Facebook. I would also like to try and get more sports teams setup to stream their weekly games especially due to not allowing spectators at the moment due to COVID.

Vice President Welfare, Equality & Diversity

Elisha Moreton

Manifesto

I am Elisha, a second year Psychology student and I wish to be considered for the position of Vice President Welfare, Equality and Diversity.

As the incumbent Education and Opportunities Officer for County, I have accumulated a wide range of experience that I believe makes me the ideal candidate for VP Welfare, Equality and Diversity. Not only do I have an in depth understanding of how the JCR functions as a whole, which will help me to oversee the welfare of all JCR members, but I have also had a key insight into the roles of the people on the Welfare team having already been part of it, which will help me to work closely with and empower the members of the welfare team.

Having spent a large portion of my time on the JCR during the pandemic, I have a unique experience of providing welfare and helping to run virtual events that few other candidates will have. I worked closely with media and communications officers, taking on a key role to produce social media content for LGBT+ Pride Month, Black History Month as well as lockdown content to promote wellbeing, such as “Good News to Brighten Your Day” and themed colouring pages alongside helping to conduct virtual Welcome Week rep interviews.

During my year on the JCR, I have also worked alongside the International Officer to oversee a Quizine event attended by over 80 people and ran the Intercambio scheme, including training the participants, showing I have the appropriate skills to take a lead role in delivering training to Welcome Week reps that this role would require.

I also spent time this past year working with Green Lancaster to plan a clothes swap event, informing people of the effects of fast fashion. This event was unfortunately cancelled due to the current pandemic, however, should the opportunity arise, this is something I would be very keen to replan from within the VP Welfare, Equality and Diversity position.

In my personal life, five years ago we became a foster family. Since then I have become a point of call for other birth children within the fostering agency, demonstrating I am an approachable and trustworthy person. I have also spoken about my experiences as a birth child of foster carers at forums held by the fostering agency and attended training sessions which I feel I can apply to this job. The training I have attended deals extensively with wellbeing and I feel that this gives me an advantage which others will not have.

Should I be successful in obtaining this position, it would be my hope to place a strong emphasis on social media campaigns ran by the welfare team. It is my belief that through

doing this, we can safely deliver welfare to everyone throughout the continuing pandemic, whilst also making welfare more accessible to those living off campus and unable to attend physical events once they are able to resume, as well as those who are reluctant to attend welfare hours. Furthermore, a strong social media presence would help to make the welfare team more approachable for those who would like to communicate directly with us whilst allowing welfare officers more freedom and flexibility when it comes to running campaigns they're passionate about.

The current pandemic has meant that as a team we have been forced to improve our communication and make sure the channels we are using are effective, both as a JCR and a welfare team. If I were to be elected for this position, I would ensure this continued, whilst actively encouraging my peers to continue exploring communication methods in order to optimise welfare output.

Furthermore, once in person events are permitted to continue, it would be my aim to coordinate more collaborative events, working with other societies and student groups. During the time I have been on the JCR, the most well attended events have been collaborative events, such as pancakes with Teach First. I am confident that such events would be better attended due to their informative value, something that we have previously struggled with as a JCR.

I recognise that welfare extends beyond providing wellbeing support to people but is also in addressing smaller issues. As VP Welfare, Equality and Diversity, I would encourage the members of the Welfare team to run campaigns they are passionate about, as well as running my own, addressing student issues like imposter syndrome and living a healthy lifestyle as a student in a sensitive and tactful manner.

Vice President Socials, Sports & Events

Henry Blackburn

Manifesto

As the current County Vice President Socials and Events, I work with the socials team and wider JCR Exec to deliver great experiences for the students of County College. This experience of the role in such a difficult time has pushed me to think beyond what I thought of the role initially. With the change of the role, to cover sports, I feel I am able to adapt to the new responsibilities this brings to create a strong team for the JCR Exec.

My time as VP Socials and Events may have been short so far (and unique due to the current situation) however, I have been involved in the planning and execution of many events and socials. I regularly contribute to certain specialist areas which include (but are not limited to) Soaps, Musical Theatre and Eurovision for the County Quarantine Quiz, organizing and

hosting Bonkers Bingo and literally killing it in Among Us socials. In celebration of the latter of my specialist subjects, I co-hosted and commentated for a 4-hour livestream of Eurovision for County's Eurovision Throwback event. If listening to Euro-trash for 4 hours straight and sitting through over an hour of voting doesn't show commitment to my role, I don't know what does!

As a member of Extrav Committee, I was active and vocal, contributing on behalf of students in order to deliver a great Extrav. While Extrav didn't happen (RIP), I know I have the experience and confidence to lead the organization of Extrav 2021 (fingers crossed) as well as other large-scale events such as Winter Ball 2021 and some have plans for big events when permitted to do so.

I firmly believe we should listen to the students when organizing events and socials. In my last manifesto, I spoke about creating a feedback form for major events and sending this to those who attended in order for us as a team to be able to develop upon suggestions from you to ensure we improve upon our achievements. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this idea didn't come into full fruition, but it is something I am passionate about. The JCR Exec are here to do all this for you so you should have an impact and a say in what we plan and what we offer.

In my professional life, I am a manager of my local McDonald's. While I can't promise you free fries, I can promise that this management position has helped me to become a successful communicator within a team and given me experience in organizational management of a team. As your VP Socials, Sports and Events, I want to give my team members greater autonomy in order to maximize the team's efficiency and creative input on an individual level, contributing to a more successful team as a whole. The combination of Socials and Sports officers has the potential to be a powerful and creative force in delivering the best college experience to all members of County and with my experiences of management and being the current VP, I am confident in my ability to lead this team.

I have created a culture of hard work and organization within the Socials team I'm personable and friendly enough to be able to work well with the team even in high pressure situations, as I do in my job. Being a theatre student is helpful in that I am able to speak in front of crowds and I'm not scared to counter ideas that may hinder the student experience in County College whether that be in terms of socials or wider issues. The COVID situation offers its challenges and tribulations however I'm very adaptable and always on-my-toes (those dance modules coming into good use I guess) so I'm able to adapt to changing situations and restrictions, to ensure County College members are given the same opportunities to make friends, have fun and experience College life as they would if this was any normal year.

In this time of uncertainty, I want to take a lead on providing a great year to new and current students of County College and my experience on the JCR Exec merged with my previously acquired skills and my ability to successfully oversee the synergy of the Socials and Sports officers can ensure that I am the right person to be your Vice President Socials, Sports and Events. It would be an honour to be your Vice President again and I won't let you down. #CountyTillIDie

Vote HB for VP!

Katie Antonia Aspin

Manifesto

Hello, my name is Katie Aspin. I am a first-year psychology student, minoring in sociology and I am currently enrolled in the Psychology Society. I am running for the position of Vice President Socials, Sports and Events.

This role needs someone who can manage and run a range of events, alongside the help of other officers in the JCR. My experience in this stems from my role as student ambassador in sixth form and deputy head girl in high school. As deputy head girl, I had to work in a team with my peers and heads of the school as well as take a lead role if necessary and work with my prefects to organise and ensure the smooth running of the school. As student ambassador in sixth form, I had to develop my teamwork skills when frequently planning engaging activities for prospective students on open days etc. I would love to be able to progress with this set of skills that I have acquired and transfer them to the JCR where I look forward to working collaboratively with the JCR, societies, sports and other student groups.

If elected, one of my main goals is to put my organisational skills to the test and produce a host of social events, such as Extrav and the winter ball. As deputy head girl, I was given the responsibility to organise my year 11 prom. This meant that I had to cater to all needs and preferences of a year group to decide on themes, food options and venues in order to create the perfect prom night for everyone to celebrate their final year at high school. We are living in uncertain times at the minute, and as a first year starting university in the current climate I know how important it was for us all to still make the most of freshers and our first year at university. Therefore, if elected, I will do everything in my power to ensure parties such as Extrav and the winter ball are worthwhile!

On top of this, another goal of mine is to plan a fun and exciting host of welcome week activities for us, as well as next years freshers, no matter what the situation is. During my role as student ambassador I had to adapt my previously learnt skills to organise interesting activities with my fellow peers and time manage to ensure that the plan for different activities went successfully. This range of skills is something which I would love to be able to bring the role and continue to develop as I have during the past three years of my education.

My previous experience in similar roles to this shows that I am a keen, diligent and approachable person. Therefore, my final and most essential goal is to empower and encourage the whole of county college, as much as I can, to make the most out of their time here at university.

Feel free to contact me at k.aspin@lancaster.ac.uk with any queries you might have. You can vote online at the Students Union website so do not forget!

Vice President Democracy & Finance

No candidates

Women's+ Welfare Officer (reserved for self-defining woman+)

Niamh Cartwright**Manifesto**

Supporting the welfare of those around me has always been hugely important in my life. I come from a long-line of family members devoted to the public service - from Nurses to Firefighters, Doctors to Counsellors. I am the proud daughter of a nurse who has worked in a wide-range of medical specialties all of which have focused on physical and mental wellbeing.

Enduring physical and mental wellbeing is vital in daunting environments such as university - especially as a first year student in the middle of a global pandemic! I am applying for the 'Women's+ Welfare Officer' because I would dearly love the opportunity to be a strong voice for women at the University - as well as a 'go-to' figure that students would feel comfortable to approach with their concerns.

This is the first time I have lived away from my family and to be so far from London has been both overwhelming and to be honest quite frightening at times!

I have complete empathy with those who have struggled to settle in and establish friendships - especially during these trying times. It is an enormous step outside the comfort zone of most students and I recognise the need for friendly faces of support that students can turn to.

I understand that as part of this role it is important to be available and contactable to those who need help and support.

I am the person that people turn to as a shoulder to cry on and for advice - both in my circle of friends as well as in other groups I have assisted; such as my support role for Riding for the Disabled. This is a conveyable skill and responsibility which I am keen to transfer into this role.

Whilst I understand that this role does not mean that I am wholly responsible for outcomes of students' concerns, I recognise that it is my responsibility to support and guide the best I can with the support of the JCR Executive. Through working as a close team as well as taking

individual leadership initiative in my role as Women's Welfare officer, I hope to create the best positive student environment for County College JCR.

I understand the responsibility to be able to sensitively and sympathetically signpost women to essential services for various types of concerns and needs. These include domestic abuse, violence in relationships and counselling services. I am up to date with University social-media and aware of sites such as 'Lancaster Survivors'. This has further driven me to apply for this role - to be a go-to and voice for victims of trauma. People must feel empowered and confident to come forwards and share their stories without fear of reprisals and to help overcome these serious issues. Indeed, a proper understanding and awareness of safeguarding protocols is paramount for the role to be able to inform wider team discussions to both champion women and improve the broader student culture as a whole.

I applaud 'The Base' for their work in this area and their contribution to helping students seek support with their physical and mental health. As a welfare officer, the health and safety of students would be my upmost priority. I believe it is hugely important to promote good wellbeing by raising awareness of important issues such as keeping safe, sexual health, contraception, drink and drugs.

I will whole-heartedly get involved with 'Awareness Weeks'. These are ideal times to promote key topics such as cancer awareness and anti-bullying. I recently signed up to the Cancer Research society - this awareness week was of particular importance to me, since my family has been affected by this disease in the past, and has given me the motivation to especially promote good health and wellbeing in this particular area.

In conclusion, I am keen to become County College's 'Women's+ Welfare Officer' because I want to be a voice for women and somebody that students feel comfortable to approach with their concerns. I acknowledge the need to signpost and guide those who require further help to the correct contacts. I love working in a team as well as on my own. I possess robust leadership skills that will allow me to take the initiative in certain situations and problem solve. It is a role I feel very passionate about and I hope that you vote for me to be your voice and go-to for any problems that you may have. Thank you.

Men's+ Welfare Officer (reserved for self-defining man+)

No candidates

Equality & Opportunities Officer (self-identify within one of the Union's liberation forums)

Emmanuel Adeyemi-Abere

Manifesto

Hi, I'm Emmanuel, a first year member of County College. I'm from Bedford, near Luton, near London. And I'm also an Undergraduate student of History and Politics. Though I stumbled on my choice of course, the indecisiveness was reflective of a testing period in my life. I was struggling deeply with a sense of belonging torn between Nigerian roots and my home in the south of England. Race and identity quickly became a lived experience at a time when I needed to be single-minded the most. But out of that period, the desire to better understand myself drove me to engage with the lives of marginalized groups in society.

The explosion of the BLM movement was a key turning point in this regard. Seeing the injustice in the USA was a trigger to lay the foundations to address ongoing racial issues within my school. Through a collective anti-racist stance, work that took place in the next months included:

- Writing an eight-point manifesto to address the overarching concerns of BAME pupils and outline areas for change
- Electing a four-person committee that would liaise with the Management Team of the school
- Educating the student body on the concept of 'white privilege' through Citizenship days, assemblies, and observing Black History Month
- Creating a 'Representation Society' to both celebrate the diversity of the student body and offer individuals a voice to discuss issues they have a vested interest in

This ongoing project at my old school allowed me to develop multiple skills including:

- Flexible interpersonal skills through catering for conflicting opinions and wishes within a group
- Time management skills through convening weekly meetings both with other students and with a Management Team to maintain accountability
- Increased confidence in communicative skills through creating the manifesto and also heading student-led debate
- Problem-solving skills through assessing the administration of the school to create more achievable goals and targets

But while I'm proud of that work, the impact of the BLM movement remains deeply personal. The two skills I developed the most from this project were:

- A willingness to self-educate and self-reflect on the depth and complexity of problems that marginalized groups of society face
- An ability to empathize with the struggles of my peers in order to acknowledge and act on my own privileges

As a result of this, personal work I had taken on at the same time included:

- Writing opinion pieces on how the working class and black players are marginalized within the context of football

- Creating recommendation lists with multiple media forms through which peers can engage with the topics of institutionalized racism and 'privilege'
- Opening lines of communication with peers to explore Islamophobia and the significance of Islamic world in Western civilisation
- Continuation of a language teaching scheme with a local academy

These interactions have made the welfarism of marginalized social groups an area I'm deeply passionate about. As such, I now wish to put myself forward as a candidate for the role of 'Equality and Opportunities Officer' on the JCR for County College.

If elected for this role on the JCR, I would:

- ensure that there is a suitable range of Freshers' events that do not alienate marginalized student groups through cultural aspects such as drinking
- establish a direct line of communication via individual and group discussion for student to voice concerns
- work alongside the Disabilities' PTO to improve accessibility and promotion of events

Feel free to contact me through email at adeyemia@lancaster.ac.uk or at eadeyemiabere@gmail.com if you have any questions.

International & Faith Officer (reserved for a student from overseas)

Sonja Dembo

Manifesto

My name is Sonja and I am running for the International and Faith Officer Role.

I am the current International Officer of County College, and even though 2020 was mostly done online, me and my colleague, the Education and Opportunities Officer, have **organised a Cuisine Event**, in which we had more than 60 overseas students attending (before the pandemic, those things were legal back then!). We are **currently involved in Intercambio** programme which groups international and home students together and encourages people to talk about different cultures, music, cuisine and etc. I have also delivered an **International Quiz** during Freshers Week online with help from other members, which it was a great success.

If re-elected, I will **continue liaising** with other officers to deliver high-quality events for international students. I will **continue overseeing** the Intercambio Programme, and I **will work and advise closely with** international students to deliver things that would be useful and entertaining for them — that is why I am planning to introduce **frequent questionnaires** for international students to find out exactly what is it that needs to be done in County College.

During Freshers Week and time before that, I have been responsible to answer **queries** from international students, and I will continue doing so throughout the year as it is a very challenging and confusing time. I am **planning to collaborate** with different members of staff to **create helpful documents with FAQs and more**, to ensure that students are aware of the latest advice and have their questions answered, and that the information provided is **clear** and **accessible**.

As a Jewish student in Lancaster, I have been involved in **interfaith** events across the university, and have participated and encouraged a variety of them. I believe that this new addition to the role that I have encouraged to be created will **give a better opportunity for wider representation of different religions** and will strengthen the relationship between the County College and the Chaplaincy.

If re-elected, I pledge to **continue my involvement with interfaith** events on campus, and I will **continue to work closely** with the Chaplaincy Centre to **promote** the wellbeing of students from different religious and cultural backgrounds, as well as **working closely with the International PTO** to ensure that County International students are up to date with the latest events and information.

Vote Dembo for International Officer!

Women's+ Sports Officer (reserved for self-defining woman+)

Lucy McFegan

Manifesto

Hi I'm Lucy, I'm a second year student studying Earth and Environmental Science and I'm running for the position of Women's Sports Officer. Within the University, I play netball for County College and I am County College women's darts captain for the second year running. I also play darts for the University.

If I were successful in my application, my main goals while in this role would include:

- Improve communication between College sports and the JCR.

- Organise a successful Legends weekend, that will compare to a miniRoses and make up for missing last year!
- Improve diversity and inclusion within College sports.
- Improve representation of women in College sports.

I believe I would be able to achieve these due to my personal experiences within the University so far.

As County darts captain, I understand that communication between College sports and the JCR is essential for the successful organisation of teams and matches. This includes gaining the support of the Media Officers and Socials and Events to provide greater engagement and outreach between members of County College and society captains. This can be achieved through advertisement on County's socials when required. I believe it is important for the JCR to offer continuous support to Women's captains, to guarantee that they have a strong support system behind them.

Through my societal involvement, I have developed my organisational skills and I understand the responsibility that comes with effectively managing a team, which is vital for running an event such as Legends. Through working together with the Men's Sports Officer, I aim to improve involvement and enthusiasm in Legends weekend by ensuring a strong advertisement campaign leading up to the event, as well as acquiring ways that people who do not participate in sport regularly can be involved too.

I am also passionate about improving diversity and ensuring club sports feel like a safe space for everyone. I would ensure a strong relationship is maintained between club members and Welfare teams throughout the year and I would also aim to have input into the kit choices for women's teams. For sports such as netball, it is important to offer outfits that will complement women from different racial and religious backgrounds to make sure that everyone feels comfortable and considered when participating in group sports. Furthermore, I will engage with inclusion societies, such as Lancaster's Why Is My Curriculum White campaign, to understand how societies can improve experiences for BME students in sports.

Finally, I want to make a positive impact on the representation of women in sports. Often women's societies can feel overlooked within the University, which I personally experienced last year in college darts. Through being Women's Sports Officer, I would be dedicated to using my role to guarantee women's captains are treated with the equivalent importance as men's.

Men's+ Sports Officer (reserved for self-defining man+)

No Candidates