



Manifestos For President

The following are the manifestos for the candidates running to be one of your full-time officers for the year 21/22. These officers will represent yourselves to the university and lead on campaigns to make student life better.

This officer role will champion the following areas of work but not limited to:

- Lead the broad development of the organisation.
- Coordinator and support the activities of the SU FTO team.
- Be the lead spokesperson of the Union with regard to student and political issues.
- Chair the Trustee Board and attend Finance and Risk sub-committee and Governance sub-committee.

Candidates are listed in alphabetical order

Oliver Robinson

***Reshaping our Union** is a mammoth task, and I'm not quite done yet, and I therefore humbly ask you to **re-elect me for a second term** so I can see this tough transition through to the end.*

Hello there! I'm Oliver Robinson, Philosophy Student from Cartmel College, and I've had the privilege of being your SU President and Chair of the Trustee Board for the last 8 months. Despite it being an incredibly tough year, with the FTOs working together, we've achieved a lot.

When I was elected nearly 9 months ago, I promised I would [create a Union Council, implement an Elected Trustee Board](#), declare a Climate Emergency and include student consultation on our new CEO. Students had input into the recruitment process, [a Climate Emergency has now been declared](#), and [there is a referendum on our Constitution](#) running alongside this election.

Alongside my manifesto, [I fought with the Rent Strikers, helped secure £3million for students](#) and got rent rebates and [freezes from LUSU Living](#). With the VP Welfare I also fought to secure an out of hours mental health service in the University, and [protected Union finances for your future](#).

A Union That Works For You

With COVID hammering the Union, and revealing many of its weaknesses, we need to ensure that our finances and independence are secured. This means that I will fight to restore the full block grant and allow the Sugarhouse and other student-facing services to operate more effectively through new expertise on Board. I will focus on high impact areas of service - the SU Advice service, and supporting all student groups.

I will:

- Secure the Union's financial future to prioritise delivering what matters to you
- Finalise the Union's independence so we can criticise the University freely
- Lead on the implementation of the governance changes you've been calling for

Including and Empowering every Student

You are the lifeblood of your Union, and without your passion and dedication, there is no Students' Union at all. The SU is too often seen as an obstacle in the way of student groups, but should be seen as something that genuinely supports the creation of spaces for people to explore ideas and activities together.

I will:

- Safely re-open The Sugarhouse at first opportunity
- Support the creation of a new campaigns system
- Support the creation of new societies and de-bureaucratisation of the re-affiliation process
- Support the Liberation Officers to lead on liberation issues and create a new Board-level sub-committee to ensure accountability for these issues
- Support the re-introduction of college and recreational sport

Supporting students after COVID

Even with light at the end of the tunnel, the transition out of COVID won't be flawless, and we will need to be able to provide opportunities for students who can't make it to the UK as easily, or are otherwise vulnerable.

I will:

- Campaign nationally to fight for tuition fee refunds for those studying during lockdown
- Lobby for virtual learning to continue for those students who can't get to Lancaster
- Keep pushing for the expansion of Uni mental health services
- Ensure that Postgrads aren't forgotten by the University, and support the Doctoral Academy
- Prioritise recruitment for new student staff, offering part time employment during your studies to help you get by
- Support the creation of even better college communities with our JCRs and reverse the centralisation of services that have occurred in recent years

Next year will be better, but COVID has already weakened the SU. As an experienced leader, I am in a far better position to ensure that the SU, and by extension Lancaster University, is a better community for all. I haven't achieved everything I set out to do due to the difficult circumstances, and all those things that I am yet to do from my last manifesto still stand going forward.

The groundwork has been set in the last 8 months, and I am certain that I am in a position to leverage the key relationships I've established, for the benefit of you. It's time to be critical of the University's failings, both behind closed doors and outside of them.

And remember - there is no SU without you!

Find me here → <https://linktr.ee/oliver4president>

Timothy Lloyd-Judson

Full-Time Officer Manifestos 2021-22

PRESIDENT Timothy Lloyd-Judson

This union has been sick. This union needs healing. This union needs medicine. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that what this union really needs, right now, is a Belgian.

Hello there, I'm Timothy Lloyd-Judson, a fourth year Film student running to be the next Don of the Students' Union. Some of you may know me as LA1TV's presenter who shines a light on the real important issues/talks to drunk people for SugarTV. Or you may recognize me from that one LUFPS showcase two years ago. If that's the case then I'm truly sorry, what a mess that was, am I right? I swear it was way better back in 2018 though. Go check out Wayward Station if you haven't already.

Does anyone even actually read these manifestos? If you do, then here are some points amigo:

Management

As president, I'd work closely with the other FTO's and support their campaigns to make sure everything runs as smoothly as possible. While I think setting out grand projects is not realistically accomplishable, I will aim to change the image of the union, get everyone pulling in the same direction and make sure to represent as many students as possible.

Transparency and Accountability

Those are two keywords people like to put in there to get elected, right? In all seriousness though, having been part of the LA1TV exec, I can use that experience and relations as a guide to be more interactive and transparent with the student body and provide interviews and updates. I want to improve the way we look at the Students' Union as a whole and perceive it. It's important to come together and focus on the needs of students, now more than ever as we enter the uncertainty of the post-pandemic student experience. I also want to add that I would be taking students suggestions throughout the year and not just sticking to this manifesto. I want to represent you and hear about the kind of stuff you want to see.

Inclusivity

Inclusion is not an illusion! The name might fool you, but I'm originally from Belgium. Never had a Belgian in the Union before. So as an international student, I am determined to bring a new angle to the board and shine a light on the international experience and how to best represent this part of the student community.

Student experience

As you know, the university is not just about your degree, it's about all the various activities and societies available throughout the year! Having been an exec member of LA1TV for three years now, I can confirm how important extracurricular activities are to student life. Creating content requires so much work and organization in terms of getting productions started, dealing with security, filming and editing. All this, of course, in your spare time, while also studying for a degree! Student media needs some more love and more keen members, so I'd work closely with LA1TV to give them the second renaissance. Of course, I would aim to make sure that all societies and activities feel welcome and represented by the union.

The Spar Staircase

I wasn't joking around when we made that "LA1TV investigates" video a few months back. The staircase was an important pillar of our community and it pains me to think future generations will never know what they missed. Look how much bad stuff has happened ever since the university got rid of the stairs. It's not a coincidence. If I get elected, I will start a campaign and do everything in my power to get that staircase reinstalled. This will save every student two minutes they would have spent walking. It adds up, people!!!

Sugarhouse

Remember when they tried selling the Sugarhouse? Didn't work out well did it. Goes without saying that I consider Sugar a vital part of the university experience and an important asset to the union that needs to be maintained for future generations. Naturally I would never think of sacrificing that, regardless of what it may or may not be called in the future. So my policy is to make sure the club stays fiscally sustainable so future generations can enjoy it.

So that's about it for now. Most of these manifestos are two pages long, I saved you some time already, imagine how much more I can save if you elect me!