



Manifestos For Womens+ Officer

The following are the manifestos for the candidates running to be one of your voluntary 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:

- This officer will lead the implementation and promotion of women's campaigns at the University and will be responsible for leading the awareness of women's issues.
- This officer should work alongside the VP Welfare and Community and VP Union Development to champion women's campaigns.
- This officer shall actively widen the participation and understanding of women's campaigns to the student body

Lydia and Charli are running to job share the position and as such are acting as a single candidate.

Lydia Moodycliffe and Charli Clement

Hi! We are **Charli and Lydia** and we are re-running to be your Co-Women+ Officers. We originally ran **together** as we knew how big this role could be and knew together we would excel at pushing the limits of what it demands. It has also been incredibly useful to bounce off each other and allowed us to spread our time more evenly and **invest attention fully** into the forum and the many aspects of being an SU officer. Together, we have transformed a lot of how the Women+ Forum shapes itself and formed many of the current campaigns and projects currently running. In our time in office, we have shown we have the skills to run the forum and now have an incredible exec who is helping us to make the forum the best it can be.

Since October, we've transformed the forum to run digitally and significantly increased engagement with the forum - including a **new group chat**, supporting exec to run a **book club**, chairing **weekly events** and driving constant social media content which is always **accessible**.

Our #SheShouldRun campaign has been pushed forward significantly during our term, with us running multiple workshops to encourage more women+ into office - one specifically for those with intersectional identities - as well as gathering testimonials for the campaign. In terms of our forum, we've also gained a **15-person strong exec**, using a new, **fairer** election method, re-writing bye-laws and introducing new roles such as BAME and Welfare Ambassadors, to increase diversity and **give more women+ a platform**.

We've also pushed the SU on multiple issues, including advocating for **free hygiene boxes** for self-isolating students, and working with the other LCOs and VP Welfare on the **student mental health crisis**. We recommended training which is now being recommended to staff across the university, as well as asking for better counselling services, further mental health first aid training, and for liberation groups to get to specify

the type of counsellor they need. We have also specifically advocated for non-binary students through the creation of the **gender neutral toilet map**.

What will we do next?

We are currently significantly adapting **Women's History Month** and **Reclaim the Night** to a **digital** environment, with a full calendar of events coming, and a **virtual protest** and banner making session. Sessions during the month will promote **intersectionality**, working with multiple other forums and student groups to run events showing how different marginalised women+ are affected and supported in the past and present, as well as welfare sessions, discussions on feminism and more.

We will campaign on the rights of parents and carers, as well as on **reproductive health** including abortions and miscarriages. We understand the needs of those in these groups on their physical health, mental health, education and welfare. This is something we have touched on in past manifestos and plan to uphold and introduce if elected again.

We will continue to evolve the forum to represent the diversity of the community further, including outreach and focus groups with non-binary people and BAME women+ to see where our gaps currently lie. We will also expand **They Matter** to include guides and information on how to support those who need it and to further an understanding of gender identity and pronouns.

We will reach out to more students who are unaware of the resources available of not only the Women+ Forum but all liberation forums, and increase usage of the **LCO Facebook page**. We will continue to increase engagement with the forum and will consider the rights and needs of women+ in all **LUSU policy**.

We are currently working on **anti-misogyny** training alongside the current Union Development Officer for JCRs and other groups that will support the student experience of all women+, and also want to continue to push on mental health provisions.

For more info check out our social media campaigns - @charliandlydia4pto on instagram and <https://www.facebook.com/charliandlydia4pto>