

Students with Disabilities Officer

Em & Charley

Hi! We're Em (They/She) and Charley (They/Them), and we'd love to be elected as your next Students With Disabilities (SwD) Officers.

Em is a second-year Linguistics and Psychology student, and Charley is a first-year Architecture mature student, and we're both in Bowland College.

We've decided to co-run for this role as we know how demanding the role can be, and as disabled students ourselves, co-running will allow us to share the responsibilities without burning out.

Between us, we have lived experience of nearly all areas of disability, including physical, mental health, chronic health conditions, neurodivergence, and learning disabilities, so we're well aware of the hardships students with disabilities can face at university. We want to advocate for disabled students and work for meaningful change within our university.

We want to continue to provide a weekly safe space event for disabled students, providing a mix of engaging activities and chill socials. We want to create a welcoming environment and make our events accessible for as many students as possible.

We will also work towards making everyday uni life more accessible, including:

- Campaign for improved access to lecture recordings and quality of captioning.
- Encourage better maintenance of accessible routes, as well as clear signposting of alternative routes.
- Compile a list of resources and contacts to signpost students more efficiently.

We've found a community and a home in this forum, and we want to give back. **Help us do that by voting for Em & Charley to be your next SwD LCOs!**