



Lancaster University Students' Union Elections 2025 Full-Time Officer Manifestos 2025/26

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Students' Union Elections 2025: President

Rory O'Ceallaigh

Manifesto

Hi! I'm Rory (he/him), and I'm running to be your LUSU President 2025!

We're currently going through a time of big change with the curriculum transformation programme and a new Vice Chancellor, affording us the opportunities to reframe student-university relations to put student needs first.

If elected I will:

Control rent prices

- Campus accommodation prices have consistently risen at a higher rate than the maintenance loan, leaving you with no money to eat, let alone anything else. The University can negotiate these prices with the campus accommodation provider, and I will ensure that they do to put money back into your pockets and stop this spiral.

Protect student jobs through University financial cuts

- We have seen with the closure of college bars that the University is prepared to sacrifice student income in pursuit of cutting costs. I will ensure student income does not continue to be a casualty of University cost cutting.

Make town a safer place for students

- Crime rates in Lancaster are increasing, including burglary, and violence and sexual offences, the University can't shy away from this. I will make sure they apply pressure on local authorities to ensure town safety is as much of a priority as campus safety.

And more...!

250 words is nothing, so please go to my Instagram **@rory_oceallaigh** to find out more about me and my pledges (including some bonus ones)!

To see these pledges realised, please make sure to vote Rory as your number 1 choice for LUSU President. Thank you :)

Summer Elections 2025: Education Officer

Liz Gillett

Manifesto

Vote Liz Gillett for education! #lizlaughlearn

Hi! My name is Liz Gillett (she/her) and I am a final year Politics, International Relations and Management student from Cartmel College. I am running for education officer as I believe the role aligns with my strengths and skillset.

Key priorities:

1. **Ensure that students and education quality are core to the Curriculum Transformation Programme.**
2. **Full review of the academic rep system to amplify voices of reps and the student body**
3. **Developing flexible timetabling options that allow for part-time jobs.**

Additional Policies:

- No contact hours scheduled on a Wednesday afternoon.
- 3-day self-certification of coursework extensions
- Ensuring that the traffic light AI system is dynamic, considering how AI can aid those with ILSPs.
- Diversifying assessment types, prioritising skills for employment.
- Advocating for students regarding government policies.

My experience is primarily within the kickboxing society. As president, I have transformed the society with highlights of:

Tripling society members

The Sugarhouse fight night- innovating and giving money back to the SU.

Women's+ sessions -teaching free critical self-defence skills.

Developing skills as President, including:

- Communication and connections
- Being highly analytical
- Advocating for voices that need amplifying
- Navigating unexpected and difficult challenges and executing solutions
- Investing time into becoming knowledgeable of systems, people and policies.

I believe that “If you want something done, do it yourself”. This is not for myself, but for stepping up, taking initiative and action. I care about **you**, whose education is of utmost importance at Lancaster University.

For more information @Liz4education on Instagram.

#LizLaughLearn

Students' Union Elections 2025: Wellbeing Officer

Leah Buttery

Manifesto

Hi! I'm Leah (she/they) and I would love to become your next LUSU Wellbeing Officer!

The issues I am passionate about tackling are:

Pushing for more proactive and accessible mental health services

- A preventative approach of tackling the root causes of poor mental health amongst students should be the priority of the university, rather than a self-help based system that is difficult to find and largely ineffective.

Making town safer for students

- Rates of violence and sexual offences in Lancaster are over 2% higher than the national average, and I will push the university to offer more protection and support for students living or going out in town.

Increasing provisions of free menstrual products across campus

- Menstruators aged 18-24 are the most likely demographic to be impacted by period poverty. Lancaster University only advertises free period products in 5 locations across campus, many of which are not restocked regularly, leaving over 50% of Lancaster students unsupported.

Encouraging student-lead initiatives

- The student body should feel able to raise issues that matter to them to the Union and receive appropriate guidance and regular support to help them have a voice in their university experience.

For more information about me and what I'm standing for, please go to my Instagram **@leah.may.04** to see what I'm up to during my campaign!

Thank you for reading my manifesto! If you support these pledges and want to help me see them through, make sure to vote Leah as your number one choice for LUSU Wellbeing Officer!

Students' Union Elections 2025: Activities Officer

Emily Woods

Manifesto

Hi everyone!

I'm **Emily (she/her)**, a **3rd-year Natural Science student**, and I'm excited to be running to be your next **Activities Officer in 2025!**

Why am I a good fit to represent you?

I've represented students in these positions:

- **President of Pendle JCR**, and previous **Women's+ Sports Officer**.
- **President of Pendle Netball**, and previous **Welfare Officer, Captain and Treasurer**.
- **Previous President of the Harry Potter Society**.
- **Women's+ Non-Intervarsity Sports Representative** on Sports Committee.

What have I already done?

- Helped set up **Lancaster University Tenants Union**.
- Won **JCR President of the Year**.
- Updated the **JCR Sports model** for better sports representation.
- Helped introduce **Pendle's first Women's+ Intramural Football team**.
- Worked with the **She Calls the Shots Campaign** to host a manifesto writing workshop.
- Set up **Pendle College Sustainability Committee**, which won **Best JCR Sustainability Initiative**.

What will I do for you?

- **Sport Model and Kit review**.
- **Host an unforgettable 60th anniversary Home Roses** with our amazing student leaders.
- **Facilitate and advocate for further Women's+ participation** in activities.
- **Push and lobby for a more secure Access Fund**.
- **Lobby for academic free Wednesdays**.
- **Improve accessibility, transparency, and support** for all sports, societies, and media groups.
- **Expand student leader training** to include **mental health, accessibility, and sustainability**.

I have a **proven track record of delivering for students**, and I will continue to do so if elected.

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

[Find out more about my campaign here - My Instagram, mini manifestos and more!](#)

#emily4activities  