



## Lancaster University Students' Union Elections 2026

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# Students' Union Elections 2026: President

## Kate Bracewell

### Manifesto

Hello! I'm **Kate Bracewell** (She/Her). I'm the current **Lonsdale JCR President** and I'm running to be your next **LUSU President!**

I have represented **you** at:

- Student Experience Committee
- Union Assembly
- Presidents Committee

If elected, I will:

#### ***Make Lancaster Safer for Students!***

Students feel unsafe in town, especially at night. Real change is needed. I have already launched a **national safety survey** to benchmark Lancaster against other universities. I will **build a national campaign** and use this evidence to force the University and local authorities to **deliver stronger safety measures**.

#### ***Make your degree worth it throughout CTP!***

Students are **losing confidence in the value of their degrees**, and the Curriculum Transformation Programme (CTP) has not reassured them. I will push for every course to include **employer-led projects**, so your degree translates into real jobs.

#### ***Recognition for Execs!***

Student Execs give huge amounts of time and effort but often get little in return. Being an Exec should **help your future, not harm it**. I will push the University for **official transcript recognition** for exec roles and ensure execs **receive clear, timely support**.

#### ***Better Transport and Campus Accessibility!***

The **£499 Annual UniRider bus pass** is a barrier to education and student life. I will push Stagecoach to lower costs and lobby the University for a **transport access fund** to make campus accessible for all.

My other pledges are:

- ***Reducing cost of living through LUSU Food Bank.***
- ***Transparent communications with LUSU finance.***

For more information about my manifesto, see [@katbrac\\_](#) on Instagram!

# Students' Union Elections 2026: Education Officer

**Niamh McAuley**

## Manifesto

Vote **NIAMH 4 Education!**

For more information about me and my priorities, head over to @niamh4education!

### My Top Three

#### **Student-Focused AI Policy**

#### **Spread Out, Fairly Balanced Assessment Scheduling**

**Improved communication and transition support on CTP (Curriculum Transformation Programme) and wider university changes, putting student consultation at its core**

### My Other Priorities

**Protecting** dedicated campus **learning spaces** for both **UG** and **PG** students

Ensuring **optionality** in our degrees –optional modules tailored to our priorities

Embedding **sustainability** in education policy

**Strengthening** and **celebrating** Academic Reps

### Who You're Voting For

I am the current elected **Undergraduate (UG) Faculty Representative for the Faculty of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (FHASS)**. For two years, I have represented students at **Senate** and across **university committees**, advocating directly to senior leadership.

I regularly run Faculty Forums with Academic Reps, giving me **first-hand insight into student concerns across departments**. I am experienced in raising difficult issues constructively and securing responses from decision-makers.

Beyond faculty representation, I serve on **Sports Committee** as

Women's+ Intervarsity Representative, **Societies Committee** as Political & Campaigning League Representative, and **Roses Committee**. I am **General**

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**Secretary** of the Women in Sport Society, previously **Vice Chair** of Lancaster University Korfball Club, and currently **Media Officer**. I also compete in **BUCS Handball** and represent **Grizedale in Netball**.

I am already working within the system. As Education Officer, I will use that experience to *deliver measurable change*.

Vote **NIAMH for Education**. *Make your vote count*.

## Students' Union Elections 2026: Wellbeing Officer

### David Grice

### Manifesto

Hi, I'm **David** (he/him) and I'd love to represent you as the next LUSU Wellbeing Officer!

As the university transitions with the new curriculum, and a new Vice-Chancellor, it is currently the best opportunity to have your voices heard!!

If elected, my pledges are:

#### ***Addressing cost of living and rent***

- As rent has **increased** by **nearly 14%** since 2023, students can't afford to live or eat, impacting your grades, and ability to thrive at university. I will **directly lobby** accommodation providers to ensure financial pressures on students are eased.

#### ***Ensuring protection for students in town***

- In Lancaster, rates of violence and sexual offences have risen by **over 2%** since 2024, and bars are currently not safe enough for students. I have already spoken to local businesses about their **lack of anti-spiking provisions** and will introduce **staff and security training** to ensure you are protected on a night out.

#### ***Incorporating welfare accessibility for societies and JCRs***

- Fixing the reporting process for society welfare concerns will ensure that students have clearer access to support. By introducing **clear signposting** for execs on who to contact, students' wellbeing will be prioritised.

My other pledges include:

- ***Training student activists to empower their campaigns.***
- ***Providing free period products for students.***

I have represented students as:

- Current **International Student Forum Vice-Chair**.
- **Furness VP Wellbeing and Campaigns Officer**, and previously **International and Welfare Officer**.

For more information about my manifesto and what I've already done, please look at @david.sj.grice on Instagram to see how I will represent you!

## Students' Union Elections 2026: Activities Officer

### Emily Houston-Woods

#### Manifesto

**Hi! I'm Emily (she/her), your current LUSU Activities Officer, and I'm running for re-election.**

This year, I've loved supporting you and building a more inclusive activities experience, so much so that I want to do it again!

#### **So, why re-elect me?**

- I'm the only candidate with **direct experience in the Activities Officer role**, including chairing **Sports, Societies and Roses Committees**.
- **I've honoured my commitments** and made substantial progress on **every pledge last year**.
- As a former **President of a Society, Sports Team and JCR**, I understand student groups from multiple perspectives.

#### **What have I done so far?**

- **£150,000+ secured for an access fund**, supporting 150+ students this year; ensuring sport and societies are accessible regardless of financial circumstances.
- **Promoted participation in activities**, including Trans+ inclusion, Women in Leadership and national work on neurodivergent inclusion.
- Expanded **student leader training**.
- Successfully lobbied the University to introduce the **out-of-hours parking permit**.
- Delivered the **60th anniversary Roses** 🌹

#### **What will I achieve in my second year?**

- Continue lobbying for **increased funding for societies and sports teams**.
- Support **new society affiliations**.
- **Re-negotiate the kit contract** to improve flexibility and affordability.
- Campaign to **reduce student parking costs**.
- Continue work towards **free Wednesday afternoons**.
- Increase **space capacity for student groups**.

I have a **proven track record of delivering on my pledges** and will continue to do so if **re-elected**.

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

Find out more: <https://linktr.ee/emily4activities>