

## **Furness College JCR Exec**

**RON** will be a candidate for all positions. Re Open Nominations – allows voters state they do not feel any of the current candidates standing are suitable for the role and would like to re-open nominations.

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### **President**

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**Owen Coppack**

#### **Manifesto**

Hi I'm Owen (He/Him) and I am running to be the next Furness President.

I have been on the JCR for around a year now as a socials officer and in this time I have helped to run and plan extrav and 15 hour socials, I have also helped to run events during welcome week and hosted the weekly Trev Quiz and ran termly Trevaoke events.

I have many ideas on how to make the JCR work in the interests of you and my core pledges if I am elected as president are:

- Improved accountability
- Improved engagement
- Motivated and united JCR team
- Welcoming and inclusive culture
- Feedback
- Plan a great welcome week

I plan to achieve these aims by a range of ways. First accountability is something that is really important for the JCR to function in the best interests of you. I propose that the college has a box where anyone can drop an anonymous note in the box to tell the JCR about any event ideas and suggestions that you would like to see, or just a place to tell us where we can improve, and I promise that these views will be aired within the JCR team. Additionally, I propose that the weekly meeting minutes that are taken after every meeting are posted on the Furness social media accounts because you have a right to know what we are discussing and where our priorities lie!

This improved accountability I hope will make sure that students of Furness actually know what the JCR are doing, and I hope that this will boost participation both in applying to a role within the JCR and also the participation with events. Additionally, the suggestion box will ensure that the JCR team are saying in touch with your priorities and running events that you would like to actually attend.

Additionally, Furness is a great college, and it has so much potential. One of the best things about Furness is the college environment and the way that everyone in some way or another knows everyone. I cannot thank Furness enough for this aspect and some of my best mates have been made within the college. Therefore, if elected as president I would ensure that the college is as inclusive and welcoming as it possibly can be to make sure that other students have the same experience within the college as I did!

Lastly, from my year long experience on the JCR I know that a disunited JCR team means that the quality of experience that the JCR gives to you suffers. As a result I will strive to unite the JCR team around the principles of working hard to put on fun events for you to

attend, and I will ensure that each member of the JCR feels as though they are supported to run the events that they want to run.

Therefore, as your president I absolutely promise to work as hard as I can for you, and I am truly motivated to make the college environment and experience as good as it can be for you. I will try very hard to bring the JCR closer to your needs and I can assure you that I will always fight for your interests as president.

Thanks so much for your time and best wishes, Owen.

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## Social and Events Officer

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**Rory O'Ceallaigh**

### Manifesto

Hi! I'm Rory - I've only recently joined the Furness JCR as socials officer, and I'm running again as there's loads more to do!

My manifesto is simple, I'm not here to reinvent the wheel, I'm just a real big fan of people and this role has introduced me to lots of the fab people of Furness (and will hopefully carry on doing so)!

If elected, continuation of Trev quizzes and Trevaokes are of course on my agenda, but I would also love to try out some other kinds of socials not so focussed on drink to broaden the appeal of college activities to a wider demographic of students - an "*Anti-Social*" perhaps (watch this space...) - which I would work with the socials team to implement.

I appreciate your time in reading my manifesto, and look forward to the elections - in the meantime I expect to see lots of faces at Trev quiz, the Winterball, and more!

Rory :)

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**Matthew Duffield**

### Manifesto

Hey,

I am Matthew Duffield (he/him) and I'm a second-year economics student applying to be a socials and events officer for Furness JCR. I think I would make a great member of the JCR team as I am a friendly and approachable person who has a love for the college and an understanding of the main events the socials team put on, having participated in several 15-hour bar crawls and attending the Trev Quiz weekly. I am a keen quizzer and was a part of the college quiz team which finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the intercollegiate quiz competition and I competed for Furness in the Patriots pub quiz. I was also a freshers rep during the 2022 Welcome Week and I enjoyed being a representative for the college during that time.

Over the course of my first year at Lancaster, I massively appreciated the events the JCR put on and I know how important such events are for all members of the college- I would love to have the chance to help organise and improve a wide range of inclusive and fun social events during this academic year in order to enrich the university lives of Furness college students, and if I was elected I would strive to do this.

Some of the ideas I would bring forward if I was elected for socials officer would include:

1. Keep providing entertainment with the weekly Trev Quiz and termly events such as the bar crawl and Trevaoke, as well as looking for improvements we could make to these events in order to make them even more inclusive and enjoyable.
2. Looking into further new events the college could hold over the course of the year- some ideas I have include painting evenings, pizza nights and smaller college bar crawls.
3. Make sure there is a spread of events both during term and welcome week which encompass all kinds of interests and drinking preferences in order to make the college as welcoming and inclusive as possible.
4. Helping to plan a great Extrav at the end of the year.

Thank you for reading this and I hope I will make a good nominee for this role in the upcoming year.

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## **Sports Officer**

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**Eve Perring**

### **Manifesto**

My name is Eve Perring (she/her), I'm a second-year criminology student and I would like to put myself in the running for the sports officer position. I am a practicing member of three college sports, pool, darts and netball. I am currently the co-captain of the Furness women's+ pool team and I play at a uni level for pool. I think I would be a good fit for this position as I have personal experience playing within these teams.

As my experience suggests, I am more partial to the bar sports area, however I am a keen netball player and truly appreciate the competition and comradeship that comes with sport. I am comfortable and confident with responsibility. I would love to plan and deliver great success for Furness students in patriots and a strong sports presence. I would also aim to look after the welfare of the Furness teams, as well as the continuity of the teams. Furness is a small college, as a result, often overlooked. I would like to give the teams security and ease within their roles.

Using my personal experience within the sporting community and my interactions with the college and its members through my time at Lancaster University will make me a strong candidate to deliver my aims, while helping the teams earn their wins.

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**Alex Lafferty**

### **Manifesto**

#### **Sports Officer manifesto**

Furness. Always the underdog. A smaller college in some respects, and yet massive in so many more. We have a real sense of community, a real welcoming spirit. This past year our sports teams have embodied what it means to be a part of this college. Its something I've had the pleasure of being a part of, but now I want more than that. If appointed to the role of sports officer, I believe I could help us achieve great success, and help sports within Furness reach an even higher standard.

I'm Alex Lafferty (he/him), a third-year maths student, and I would have two main ambitions in the role of sports officer. First and foremost would be increasing participation in college sport in Furness. The COVID pandemic has caused a huge disconnect between Furness students and interacting with their college through the medium of sport. A large proportion of our teams are older students, and this is an imbalance that desperately needs to be addressed for the continuity and future success of Furness sport. To provide a gateway for younger students to get involved in college sport, I would like to invest into the equipment available for our sports teams, and the facilities available for bar sports within Trev, to not only encourage participation in sport but enhance the quality of our college bar. We can also hold well-advertised open training sessions for our teams throughout the year in

addition to the sessions in welcome week, to encourage participation of new players all year round. But the main way we can help improve college sport and preserve Furness sports teams for the future is through increased social media usage. As a football vice-captain and pool and darts co-captain next year, I believe I have the experience, and will be in an ideal position, to increase Furness sports social media presence. More posts, results posts, advertising sports events, pictures and videos from our fixtures. All year round, on multiple accounts, across multiple platforms. This is how we grow the college and its sports teams and increase our reach to all members of the college.

My other big aim as sports officer would be to follow up on last year and deliver a great patriots experience, and to ensure the shield ends up in Furness hands once again. Patriots this year was the main spectacle in a great year for Furness sport. Our first win in 8 years was a great occasion for the college, and a repeat of this would be a priority for me in the role of sports officer. I can use the previous template for planning a Patriots which was such a great success, utilising the hard work of Sports officers Michael Bunn and Crawford Sawyer, who I enjoy a great working relationship with, to deliver another great Patriots experience. Forward planning, alongside interaction with college members through the year, as well as usage of my experience in the college sport world, will make me an ideal candidate to deliver this experience, and prepare our teams for success.

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## **International and Welfare Officer**

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**Timi King-Akins**

### **Manifesto**

Why me?

Firstly , since most of international students concerns are underrepresented even though they make up a large percentage of the student body. I will ensure opportunities for unrepresented students to voice their opinions and ideas. In addition to this I will make sure to review and supervise decisions made by the student union is representative of all students.

secondly, it is also important to make sure the universities and students invest in welfare services so as to benefit them in the long-term. Furthermore as a welfare officer I will also make sure to establish an appropriate system for reporting and assistance.

lastly, I will also make sure that the international student body has support system for everything they might need or subjects they might not understand.

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## **Finance and Democracy Officer**

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**Ethan Holliday**

### **Manifesto**

I am aware that I am somewhat of an outsider. I am a first-year student without any previous association with the JCR. Yet I believe that this will lend a fresh perspective to the job. A fresh set of eyes can always be useful, especially when it comes to the financial commitments of this college. In addition, I am around and in the college all of the time (due to living on campus), making me more knowledgeable about college and campus issues. Within the role, I would work to ensure the financial stability and secure running of the college. I would work diligently to scrutinise and evaluate the finances of this college and would seek to publicise where your money is being spent. I would look to uphold and maintain the democratic system of this college, making sure that elections will be an event that matters to everyone. I would look to see if there is a way to make the finances and processes of the college more efficient and streamlined. Being your representative, I would work eagerly to fulfil all of the other duties associated with this role. My friends, thank you for giving me your consideration.

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**Alice Wright**

### **Manifesto**

Hello! I am applying for the role of Democracy & Finance Officer for Furness College.

I have been a member of the JCR for over a year now, both as a Socials & Events officer and as the Welfare & Communities officer. I have thoroughly enjoyed working in both of these roles alongside the rest of the JCR. Now that I have gained some experience working on the JCR, I would like to run for the role of Democracy & Finance.

One responsibility of the Democracy & Finance Officer is to manage the JCR budget and create budgets for events. Now that I have some experience with JCR events, I have a sense of how best to budget for things like Extrav and Welcome Week. I like to keep on top of things, so I will be prompt when submitting budgets, reimbursing people etc.

Another responsibility of the Democracy & Finance Officer is to keep the by-laws up to date. The by-laws meetings are imperative so that all students in Furness are given an opportunity to be heard and a platform to discuss any issues they might have with the current by-laws. Unfortunately, we have not met quorum for the past couple of years and therefore we have been unable to amend the by-laws. If I were to be elected, I would make sure we push the importance of this meeting so that we can raise attendance and meet quorum.

I hope you will consider me for the role!