

Fylde College JCR Exec

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President

Nicolae Popescu

Manifesto

Candidate Introduction:

My name is Nicolae and I am the current President of the JCR. I've had the pleasure of being in this role since June and had the exciting opportunity of working with the rest of the JCR to plan and organise Welcome Week, as well as the term time events thus far. Before being the President, I've held the role of Chair of Democracy and Finance for the last two years. This gave me a great amount of insight into how JCRs are run efficiently within our university and why Fylde is without a doubt the best.

If you couldn't tell already, I thoroughly enjoy being part of the JCR. It allows me to use the experience I gained from various other roles and my knowledge of our university to make an impact in our College community. In the past, I've worked in Sugarhouse, worked during Open Days as a Student Ambassador and even held professional positions as a consultant in a social enterprise project and as an investment analyst for LUIFS.

I am running again in hopes of continuing to help our College stand out from the rest and making sure we continue to support all of our Fylde students while also running amazing events.

Manifesto Points:

- Develop a healthy collegiate life by organising accessible JCR events which further our college ethos.
- Work alongside the VP welfare to introduce further welfare support for our students and aim to improve the representation of our international students.
- Continue to work with societies to make our events more diverse and fun.

Mahi Mishra

Manifesto

I have been in the JCR for almost an year now and I have thoroughly enjoyed myself. Not only has being part of the JCR helped me develop soft skills it has also introduced me to an amazing set of people that play an important role in my university life.

I am applying for the role of President because there is a lot more I want to contribute to the college and fellow students in my final year, here at Lancaster University. My main focus will be on increasing inclusivity and college spirit. Decisions on events like Titans and Extrav will be taken in accordance of what the student mass wants and expects rather than taking decisions among ourselves.

Other than this, I want the JCR to function more like societies, hence I will try o introduce regular socials and events that will be diverse and a great way to learn new things and make new friends.

If I become the the President I will ensure there is 100% transparency between the JCR and the members od the college. Every voice will be valued in major decisions and everyone will be welcomed to contribute in whatever way possible.

Chair & Democracy Officer

Stefan Diaconu

Manifesto

Hi, my name is Stefan, I'm 21 years old and I am a final year Business Management student. Although I have only joined the Fylde JCR team recently, I enjoyed helping the college organize various events during Welcome Week so far. I've always been passionate about business and because of that I got involved into the financial world for some time now (first as a financial analyst intern and now as a programmer for a firm that specializes in developing ERPs and other accounting solutions for companies). I would like to become the Chair & Democracy Officer as I believe that I have not only the experience required for the role, but also the enthusiasm to organize a lot of events that will make everyone feel included.

Moreover, I'm also passionate about both sports such as tennis/basketball and gaming (the main thing that got me hooked into programming). Although I am not a socials & events officer nor a sports officer, as part of the JCR I'm planning to propose sports activities in the future and esports competitions that will make your life at university more exciting.

Lastly, I believe my leadership and communication skills that I have developed during the years will help me perform my duties efficiently and will make the future events run smoothly. As I try to constantly balance my life between work, studying and social life I believe I am an organized individual that can keep up with tight schedules and deadlines in order to ensure everyone is having their best possible experience. As my role requires not only financial knowledge, but also the ability to include everyone and perform democracy duties, I would like to mention that I am open to any type of suggestions regarding events or any other idea that will make everyone have a better experience at uni.

Sports Officer

Eleanor Warburton

Manifesto

My name is Eleanor and I am re-running for Sports Officer for 2023. I have been in this position since May 2022, and would love to continue in this role into the coming year. I am a very active member of the college, and really enjoy being involved in the organisation of all the events and support that Fylde offers, therefore during my time on the JCR I have strived to not only fulfill my own role to the best of my ability, but also to be as helpful as possible in assisting with other larger events for the JCR as a whole such as Titans, Fylde Extrav and many more. Also as A Team Captain of Fylde netball I am also heavily involved in college sports themselves, and utilise the role in order to ensure college sports get the prioritising it deserves, whether than be funding or assistance. In the coming year I want to run an even bigger Titans in 2023, hopefully in 2nd term rather than 3rd term in order to boost engagement. I would also like to increase the priority that bar sports gets as well as football and netball, and to ensure that college sports are as cheap for students as they can be during the cost of living crisis.

Welfare Officer

Tilly Tracey

Manifesto

Hi, I'm Tilly, a first year law student from the Fylde coast. I'm campaigning to be one of your Welfare Officers for Fylde JCR to help enhance the welcoming atmosphere and ensure that everyone feels included and supported by our college. So far at uni I have joined the Fencing, Law and Swift societies.

At Sixthform, I was the Chair of the Student Council and aimed to improve students' wellbeing; we created wellbeing spaces and supported local causes, mental health and LGBTQ charities through fundraising events. We also organised free yoga and meditation sessions for students - I hope to be able to do these things again as one of your welfare officers for Fylde college. Also, I was Sustainability Officer for the Sixthform's Eco Action Group where we started the Fylde Youth Climate Conference. In addition, I completed the NCS programme and joined the local action group, campaigning in person and on social media for people to reflect on their mental health and openly talk about challenges they've faced. I really enjoyed being part of these groups as we got to share ideas on how to best help students. I also developed my leadership skills, but more importantly, helped to create an environment where everyone's opinions were heard and valued. I also presented assemblies at a local highschool on law, which has helped me improve my communication skills and confidence.

As your Welfare Officer, I would aspire to run wellbeing/mindfulness sessions i.e. yoga and meditation for Fylde college members and hold events to help you get to know more people in Fylde. I would ensure that welfare information and help, particularly surrounding nights out, is as accessible as possible for students. As well as this, I would like to continue with the existing activiTEA event Fylde welfare runs and communicate with students to find out what welfare needs they feel are not met or could be improved.

Isabelle Nuttall

Manifesto

My name is Isabelle Nuttall, I am a fourth year student with the desire to support my fellow students and make our college community the best it can be. Assisting in the planning of Fylde's Extrav last year gave me insight to what being on the JCR is about and helped me discover what I could bring to the team. I am an enthusiastic ambassador for Fylde college and Lancaster uni life as I am excited to make my university experience the best for me; I wish to enable others to feel the same way about Lancaster University and feel the support and comfort from us in order to do. Taking up a Welfare Officer role throughout summer and working on the events of Welcome week allowed me to begin contributing towards these aims. As a marketing student I used my experience from my placement year and other

projects to prepare engaging and informative content for our freshers including; house noticeboard posters, fresher-pack fyers, instagram posts and interactive challenge ideas. Through my study abroad year and related experiences, I have developed deeper understanding of how to connect with and relate to people from different backgrounds and cultures, I believe this greatly benefits my ability to understand and work for the welfare needs of our college. In Welcome Week I got the opportunity to put my experience into practice and assist in the running of activities, welcome our freshers, and provide support and encouragement to the Fylde House reps and Flat reps- it was a great fun week! Since then I have facilitated several JCR events with our exec, such as the AGM and new Tuesday ActiviTEAs, implemented a greater welfare presence among our exec and established relationships with other societies to increase the use of the common room.

Other goals I would like to work towards include:

- Fylde Volunteer days; x3 a year (1 per term)
- Suggestions box/ more avenues for feedback and engagement with Fylde students
- Continuous community building through collaborations with societies
- Supporting society fundraisers- offer our courtyard space/ common for hosting etc
- Fylde JCR socials for team building

I aim to work towards these and other common goals with the whole Fylde JCR, and provide support for our Exec as well as our wider Fylde college community.

Harry Barnes

Manifesto

Hello, I'm Harry, a third-year Earth and Environmental Science student, and I've spent the past five months as your Welfare Officer, and I am running to be re-elected into that position. I am also a student ambassador for the Lancaster Environment Centre, and assist other ambassadors in the running of the departmental social media accounts.

Adjusting to university and collegiate life has been tough, particularly due to starting university in the midst of a pandemic which has prevented many events that would otherwise aid this transition from going ahead. This had led to a handful of my own mental health struggles in first year, and at the time I did not have a large support network of friends or peers, therefore it was a very isolating time. Although circumstances are less dire now, I hope that I can help to make Fylde College a more welcoming place for those who may be struggling, and continue to work confidently and enthusiastically to make the college a welcoming place where all student problems are addressed in a way that makes everyone feel at ease within our community.

In my time as Welfare Officer, I have helped to deliver numerous events and campaigns in the time since then. In my - so far - relatively short tenure as Welfare Officer, I have established a firm social media presence for the Welfare team, which has seen not only a large success in promoting outreach and engagement of the events and campaigns run by the welfare team of the JCR, but is also the most active JCR-run social media presence in the university. Additionally, I personally like to think I have the desired attributes one would expect from a Welfare Officer, as I already have vast experience working in a team throughout my three years working in a retail setting, promoting great communication. I have also spent a year studying abroad in Canada, so rest assured I am never afraid to step outside my comfort zone, and throw myself into new and unprecedented situations.

As stated, I truly hope to make the college a place where people feel comfortable, have free access to resources, and have their needs catered to within a safe environment. I believe that the following initiatives will aid the Welfare team in achieving this goal:

- Continue to improve the signposting of welfare resources within the college and ensure that regular wellness events such as our new 'Tuesday ActiviTEAs' event are well advertised through Fylde College social media channels, and the continued usage of the Welfare-specific social media.
- Promote safe drinking culture and safe substance use through extended campaigns. Coming to university often means that students are often introduced to alcohol and illicit substances, and the appropriate support should be made available to students should they need it.
- Work alongside the Welfare team to ensure that safe, quiet, wellbeing spaces are made available in Winter Ball and Extrav for people who may need it

Vice President Socials and Events

Lottie Maeda

Manifesto

As VP socials, I would aim to help students to make new friends and step out their comfort zones, but I also want Fylde to grow closer as a college. The boundary between George Fox and the Fylde ensuite accommodation is limiting students and the college from becoming more interconnected, and I want to bring the two closer together, with the help of bonding through the socials we host. I was a house rep for George Fox during fresher's week and one of my main aims was to include them in all the events and ensure they networked with the main Fylde blocks as well.

Having been a house rep this year for fresher's week, I got an insight into the job that the JCR have to do and although it was challenging, I thoroughly enjoyed it. I organized the freshers from my house, helped make sure the night went to plan and stuck to schedule, and went beyond expectations, assisting the JCR with anything they needed, including setting up and cleaning up after the events. Teamwork was vital to a successful fresher's week, and I believe it's one of the reasons it went so well. I'm part of the Fylde netball team, and love supporting the entire club at matches even when it's not my team playing, especially at titans.

I have planned multiple birthday and family parties as well as my work christmas meal, so I have experience with working with budgets over a tight period. I enjoy planning events, as the reward for my hard work is seeing everyone enjoying themselves. Without teamwork, an event is almost impossible to conduct, with other people's help and insight being the constructive criticism needed to optimize the outcome.

I would enjoy being VP socials, my experience during fresher's week being a house rep providing me the insight into the job and my love for planning and helping people being 2 of the roles required from the job. The role would help me grow as a person and provide skills needed for work in the future. I would be a dedicated JCR member, as proven over freshers week this year, with every aspect of my job and others, as I very strongly believe in teamwork and helping out your peers to ensure success for everyone.

Vice President Welfare

Luke Donlan

Manifesto

Hello! My name is Luke and I am a second-year Media and Cultural Studies student here at Lancaster. I pride myself on being a 'doer' and want to contribute myself to as many student activities as possible. Since starting at Lancaster, I have wanted to work within my college as a JCR member and saw an opportunity to do so in May's co-options. Since then, I have worked within the JCR as the current Vice-President for Welfare helping to plan events whilst also maintaining a Welfare presence throughout the college. I would love the opportunity to continue the role this academic year, and continue to work as Fylde's VP Welfare.

Why VP Welfare?

Before coming to Lancaster, I studied at a previous University for over a year before realising it wasn't for me. This, alongside the pandemic, caused me to struggle with my mental health and I am thankful to have received some amazing support from a collection of professionals both at the University, and outside of it. Since then, I have strived to do my part in aiding those who may also be struggling, especially now knowing just how much having that support can mean.

Starting University can be a hugely stressful event for many, and I want to do my part in making this experience as smooth as possible. Whether that be working with Fresher's Reps or aiding in the organisation of Wellness sessions, I want to ensure that everybody has a great start to their University experience. However, as I know from my own experience problems can arise no matter what stage of University you may be in. Everybody should know who to contact if they need support, and I wish for everybody to receive the same level of support that I did.

What experience do I have?

Since being at Lancaster, I have done my best to take part in a wide variety of activities on campus. I have been elected as the President of LU Community and Well-being, a role I am very passionate about. This has excellent synergy with the VP Welfare position, and has given me the opportunity to sit upon the Universities Mental Health & Wellbeing Forum. Sitting on this forum will help in providing an additional voice to students, and I believe that my role as VP Welfare will aid in providing further feedback to those who work within the Universities wellbeing services. I have already aided in bringing change to this service, but believe significantly more can be done and would love the opportunity to also represent my college in this capacity.

Since being in the role of VP Welfare, I have worked with our Welfare team to provide an excellent first term for Fylde students, especially those starting at Lancaster for the first time. I personally oversaw this year's Freshers Reps, making sure both new students and the reps themselves had great week. A successor to our Welfare event 'Brew and You' was also created, called 'Tuesday ActiviTeas' which gave students an opportunity to study in a relaxed environment each week. I have also helped provide more accessible Welfare

products to students, and made sure JCR meetings are more enjoyable with free tea, coffee and biscuits each week.

What will I bring to this role?

Being on the JCR has been a great experience so far, and I would love the opportunity to continue what I have been working on. I believe that there is always more that can be done, and thus would like to:

- Continue discussions for a 'Get Home Safe' scheme with taxi companies in town, ensuring that everybody is able to get home after a night out.
- Gather feedback on wellbeing services on a termly basis, to be discussed in the Wellbeing and Mental Health Forum / LUSU Meetings.
- Plan larger scale Welfare events for annual holidays such as 'University Mental Health Day' and 'Stress Awareness Week'.
- Work alongside societies to help bring students together who may be struggling to make connections, such as through volunteering. This may be through the 'Tuesday ActiviTeas' event, or something similar in term 2.
- Provide a Welfare presence to all future Fylde events, such as the Winter Ball and Extrav.

Thank you for reading through my manifesto, I hope that I have demonstrated why I am the right person for this role and I look forward to hopefully being your upcoming Vice-President of Welfare for Fylde College!