

Fylde

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President

Ciara Sowerby

Manifesto

Hello, my name is Ciara (she/her), I'm a second-year Physics student from the Isle of Man and I am running to be your President this year, as I have hugely enjoyed my time on the JCR Exec so far and would love the opportunity to take on more responsibility in the college.

Who I Am:

Having been on the JCR for the last year as one of your Welfare Officers, I have seen how much good a well-led college Exec can do, and I believe that I have the right qualities to be that leader.

I am well-versed in the issues surrounding Fylde students, and if you make me your President, I will do everything I can to represent you at a student-union level. Already knowing how the JCR, and college as a whole, works puts me at a massive advantage and this means that I can hit the ground running if elected as your President, and start making improvements in Fylde straight away.

I play for both the wind and brass bands in the University of Lancaster Music Society, and have been the Welfare Officer for the society since Lent term last year. I am also an active member of the college outside of the JCR, playing on the college pool team, and being part of the Fylde quiz team, which made it to the finals of the inter-college quiz last year.

My experience:

I have run numerous campaigns in the past, both within the college and at home. Most notably, surrounding the issues of student housing, sleep awareness, and at home I also founded the 'Isle of Man Student Climate Network', which started the climate strikes on the

island, bringing climate issues to the forefront of Manx politics. These campaigns allowed me to run social media accounts, organise events and improve my presentation and communication skills.

During Michaelmas term I have been organising the weekly Brew and You online drop-in session, and throughout my time as your Welfare Officer have provided signposting for individual students.

I also have experience in leadership positions. For example, I have been a Cadet Warrant Officer at the Air Cadets for two years, and in this role, I have been responsible for organising the activities of more than 40 cadets and the day-to-day running of my squadron. Whilst at school, I was also Deputy Head Girl, which meant assisting the leadership of the school in making decisions which affected the student body, similar to that of a college President.

My plans and ideas:

Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, I wasn't able to achieve everything that I wanted to do in my role last year, mainly a self-care day in Welcome Week. However, as college President one of my responsibilities would be planning this week alongside the VP Welfare, giving me an excellent opportunity to include this within the plans, alongside other events to welcome new students to Fylde.

There are some other ideas that I would like to implement, including a safer taxi scheme, similar to those run at Cardiff and Sheffield, which provides people with the means to get home safely after a night out if they are unable to make their own way home – for example, if they are unable to afford it that night. This would be carried out by phoning a taxi service and letting them know that you require the 'safe taxi scheme' which will mean that the fare will be paid for by the college at the point of use – to be paid back by the student within a designated time period.

So, I ask you – if you want a college President with experience and ideas for the next year, then please consider voting for me.

Vice President Socials and Events

Laura Scott

Manifesto

I'm Laura, I'm 22 and a final year Marketing student. Some of you may already know me as I am already the Vice President (VP) Socials for Fylde. I want to be re-elected as VP Socials because I would love the chance to (hopefully) deliver an Extrav that everyone will enjoy as

last years was cancelled due to Covid. I would also like to continue my work with the socials team and the rest of the JCR to hold inclusive and enjoyable events.

I am the best candidate for VP Socials because after spending 2 years on the JCR, I am confident in organising and hosting events and have already had a taste for preparing for an Extrav. I have experience working within different JCR teams and I am confident in my abilities to work in the next. As well, I am already aware of the commitment that the JCR requires and have experience of balancing this with my other responsibilities.

As I have already been on Fylde JCR exec for 2 years already, I have gained a wealth of experience in assisting to organise and prepare for college events such as Extrav, refreshers week and also freshers' week itself. In my roles as VP and socials officer, I have organised and hosted our regular fortnightly pub quiz, improving its format to make it more enjoyable for players and organised other events off campus such as cinema trips; both with great success. As well as this, I have gained valuable experience communicating with different members within the college and LUSU and have gained an understanding into how the college and the JCR exec operates.

In terms of planning Extrav, after assisting in planning and organising the event in my first year; I understand the planning process and know what makes a good or bad event. With a theme already chosen, I began putting my ideas into motion pre-covid and would love to pick those back up again this year. I want to make sure Extrav is the best event it can be and a highlight of the year.

Finally, I believe that I have the experience and drive to not only deliver the greatest Extrav, but also work throughout the year with the rest of the socials team to advance on the progress I have already made and help boost attendance and buzz around Fylde college events. In order to do this, I would like to introduce more collaborations with other colleges, creating larger events and also encouraging our members to cross-network.

You should vote for me to continue as your Vice President Socials because I am equipped with the skills and experience to work well within the JCR and Socials team and I will make sure that we have the best Extrav and Winter Ball and the strongest events on campus!

If you have any further questions or ideas, please feel free to email me at l.p.scott@lancaster.ac.uk

Sports Officer

Kamil Dada

Manifesto

I would like to become the sports officer for Fylde college as I believe that I have a excellent understanding of Sports as I am currently studying Sport & Exercise Science and I can implement this in the role to help students with any sporting issues. Also I believe that I will be great at setting up events as previously at Loughborough college I have been involved in setting up sports day events for younger children & also organising 5 a side football tournaments. Furthermore I have good communication and leadership skills which will help me maintain a good relationship with the teams and help to solve any issues. I am also very passionate about sports which means that i will be going down to watch Fylde college games and support the teams with any help they need, as i beleive that with my previous experiences and expertise in sport it will put me at a good position for this role. In the previous JCR I showed i was intrested and joined when they required another sports officer which shows that i have a insight of the JCR and know how things will be run allowing me to work to the best of my abilities. As well as working as handing the responsibilities as a sports officer i think i can also contribute in helping out other memebbers of the JCR for e.g Fylde Breakfast or helping with social events. Lastly I play football and have qualifications in officiating many other sports such as volleyball and badminton which gives me a deeper understanding and allows me to be more involved with the teams. However I am currently out injured and cannot play sports therefore I think this role will help me stay involved in sport by working with the current teams, also with my knowledge surrounding football and other sports it will help me in planning events such as the Legends Cup which is the sporting competition between Fylde & County that i planned last year however due to covid it had to be cancelled therefore hopefully i can go through with it this year!

Abi Fletcher

Manifesto

I am enthusiastic to join the JCR to meet new people and pursue new challenges. As a sport enthusiast and member of the Univeristy Badminton team, I feel I would be great in this role bringing passion and experience in organisation and team leading. I would like to continue encouragement and engagement in sports throughout the college and make sure everyone feels welcome to join our college sports. I think sport is such an important aspect of life and general wellbeing of students and so it is crucial we have as many opportunities possible to participate.

Socials and Events Officer

Mahi Mishra

Manifesto

I'm Mahi Mishra, a 1st year accounting and finance student. In my school I have previously been a part of many volunteering programs and have been in the event managing committee. I believe I am suited for this role on the JCR because I possess the key qualities of organisation, communication, and passion that are required. All though I am only in my first year right now I have a plenty of experience in managing and being a part of various events.

I want to be a Socials and Events officer as I have a lot of ideas that I would love to contribute, for hosting various college events. Even though in times like covid and lockdown, we are limited from doing certain things, I believe that there are always new possibilities that are still unexplored. Event planning also thrives on coordination between numerous people, thus communication is vital to succeeding in this task. As a social and outgoing person, I believe I am suited for this role because I am able to communicate easily and efficiently with others.

On a serious note, I've seen how much work goes in these activities and I'm confident that I have the enthusiasm and commitment to do this. I think I have a fairly good understanding of what you want to see at events I would love to be the person to put that into suggestion and practice.

Zak Elogab

Manifesto

Hi, my name is Zak and I am a second year Management and IT student.

I am hoping to apply for the role of Social and events officer for another term in this upcoming election.

I have been on the JCR since the first term of my first year and I hope to continue to complete my role assisting in running events for Fylde college. Unfortunately due to covid, an event I was hoping to run was cancelled. I would love the opportunity to organise this once more and go ahead with it when we are able. Furthermore, I have already attended numerous meetings and helped plan Fylde's Extrav, which again, was cancelled but I would hope to continue with this work for next year.

I hope to run events enjoyable to all and assist in other JCR activities where necessary. But most importantly I would love to meet as much as the college community as possible and I feel this is the best way to do so.

Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto. I look forward to meeting many of you soon.

Jess Donkin

Manifesto

Hi guys, my name is Jessica (Second year Biological sciences student) I am really excited about the prospect of being part of fylde JCR. In particular as the socials officer. This position interested me as I love being involved in social events myself, and running them from my own view point I know what many different types of people will like. Running events from, nights in for people who aren't about going out and drinking necessarily, but still wanting the social side of university to have some benefit. I know how to have a good time (those who know me, know I am notorious for being the first one out and the last one in.) Which is why I think I would be the perfect fit for this role, as I love all things sociable, and know how to cater for different peoples needs. I want to bring a new and fresh view to socials of fylde JCR, and would always be open to feedback and opinions from others. Also, I am very organised and do well with managing my time, which I have gained from part time jobs, and intense studying throughout my time at uni so far, so would always be up to date with deadlines and willing to put in the time and effort to please others. For example, I would love the chance to make events like fylde ball a memorable occasion compared to other years, and would put much time and effort into something like this. Thanks for the opportunity and appreciate every single person who will and could consider me for this role.

Melissa McNulty

Manifesto

Hello, my name is Melissa and I would like to be considered for the role of Social and Events officer. The COVID-19 pandemic has taken over the majority of our university life. As a sociable person, I understand how this has had an impact on our ability to settle into university life, because let's be honest, we all expected to come to university and have neon parties and drink until the room starts looking like a disco ball and the smell of vodka gives you internal shivers. However, although the pandemic has put a dampener on our social activities, going forward, I would like to be able to represent our college through arranging events- from parties, to LGBTQ+ and BLM events, and any future relevant events that might take place in the world. I would also like to arrange music events (I've got the indie, the rap and the emo kids covered, don't you worry!) Despite the pandemic, and the uncertain future, I would like to assure you that the social side of university will not take a hit. I will do

my best to arrange events, in the safest possible way, in order to ensure that your university experience is not diminished.

As a natural born leader, I am able to use my initiative and ability to listen well to others, taking onboard any suggestions in order to produce the best social events possible. I would like to make events inclusive, meaning that throughout the year we have chance to socialise and celebrate all holidays and get to experience different cultures (cue the dressing up in Hawaiian skirts, coconut bras and making a beach next to the duck pond) . As your representative for socials and events, I can assure you that you will never be bored and there will always be a chance for you to express your inner party animal. I understand how in this past year our social opportunities have been limited and, as a result, mental health has taken a hit. I want to make sure that we can all come together, in whatever form this may be, and have fun, encourage each other to get involved in new experiences and learn all about each other through events.

I would love to hear people's ideas for events, so in order to be as inclusive as possible, I would ensure that we have regular meetings, polls on social media and discussion forums so that the events we organise are relevant and what you would like from your JCR team.

Thank you for your consideration.

Welfare Officer

Sophie Xiang

Manifesto

Hi,

As you all know, I am currently your VP welfare up until the end of Michaelmas term. Due to Covid, I was unable to contribute to the college as much as I had hoped to and I am running as I would like to continue to support and represent our fellow students. Equally as important, I wish to continue being able to make our college into a community that we feel welcome in, and can enjoy together!

Brooke Tempest

Manifesto

Hi, my name is Brooke Tempest and I would love to continue my role as one of the two welfare officers for Fylde College. I am currently in my second year of Biological Sciences, therefore I would love to make a difference to this college, which has welcomed and made me feel so comfortable across my first year, whilst the pressure and

difficulty of my course hasn't increased to third year level yet. Although I have only been a part of the JCR since this Summer, I have been privileged to be involved in many elements of the college, especially an incredibly difficult arrivals day and welcome week this year for freshers.

During arrivals day, I welcomed freshers and chatted to parents and provided a calming start to their fresher's week. I enjoyed reducing everyone's nerves and lifting the mood, as I remember how nervous I was on arrivals day and remember how much the JCR helped me. Also, across the weekend, I took part in the tradition of cheering and welcoming everyone from the roundabout with my fellow JCR members. This shows I'm not afraid to put myself out there and brighten everyone's mornings, even when I may feel a little uncomfortable at first! It was a very long and cold day but I enjoyed every second of it, surrounded by the JCR and the fresher's reps, who all put in 110% and made the experience so great. If I was to be able to continue my role, I would love to do this all over again.

In my short time as welfare officer, I have made and helped with numerous posters and helpful flyers regarding welfare topics, such as the sunflower scheme. Some of these have been put permanently into flats on campus and others have been used as posts on social media. As well as this, along with my fellow welfare officers and president, I take part in a weekly drop in brew and you session to allow students of Fylde to come and chat and have an opportunity to discuss any worries or concerns they have in a safe and friendly environment. The previous JCR created this successful event last year when we could still do events in person, so I hope to continue its success now that it is online for the time being.

In the future, I want to continue helping and listening to people as my job, either as a counsellor or a speech and language therapist. My biggest passion in life is helping and supporting others as I know myself how far that little bit of support from someone who cares can go. Every time someone gets in touch to ask for advice or needs a helping hand it just solidifies my drive to continue this role and I know I will continue to get even better and have more resources to help and support others.

If I can continue my role, I will continue to build and develop the weekly brew and you and get those numbers of attendees up to their peak from last year. I will continue to support and provide resources and help to everyone in these difficult times and ensure everyone knows they are not alone. Finally, I will keep aiming to reduce the taboo around mental health, including those that are less spoken about, and ensure the University mental health services are always easily accessible and the best quality they can be for all students of Fylde. Everyone should have access to help if they need it, at any level and any problem, regardless of how small they think it is.

I am a friendly, caring and driven student here at Lancaster University and I hope you will consider me for the Fylde Welfare Officer.

International Officer

Maria Mandriti

Manifesto

Hi, my name is Maria and I am a second year Biological Sciences student from Cyprus running to be your International Officer for Fylde college!

Being part of a college is being part of a community. Everyone remembers their university years fondly and a big part of that is the college experience. Having the welfare, having the support and feeling like you are being heard is very important and I want to continue this sentiment for Fylde college. I want people to feel like they belong at this university, in this college.

As an international student myself, I understand that coming to a new country and living in a new society can be extremely daunting. However, I have found that Fylde college has a welcoming and supportive community.

Having already been part of the JCR as the Democracy and Finance Officer, I am already aware of the various sources and systems in place for the well-being of our members. Similarly so, I was a Chair for The Mediterranean Model United Nations where I gained experience when it comes to organization and working with people with various backgrounds. I learnt dedication and took a great deal of time to understand different people and their needs. I was also editor and chief of my school's newspaper which required a lot of communication between individuals, relaying information from one person to another and making sure everyone was punctual and detail orientated, especially concerning sensitive issues where further research was needed. This year I also joined Fylde College Netball and witnessed the importance of teamwork and how sport can improve overall mood as well as physical health.

Having the above skills and other experiences I know that I would be able to represent the needs of the international community of Fylde college. I am a capable individual who can communicate ideas and thoughts in a comprehensible way to an array of people as well as dedicated and willing to put in the effort and time needed to be an exceptional International Officer. Some of the ways I would want to improve our college and ensure international student representation is detailed below:

Making international students feel represented.

Not feeling like you belong in a community far from home can be difficult. That's why it is essential to ensure that the social media representation continues. This would include increasing awareness of the vast religious and different holidays celebrated by individuals in our college and showing others how respect can be shown in such situations.

Making individuals in our college aware of the different societies where their nationality/ religion is being represented

Having more open talks with both the International and the BAME officer. This would include talks regarding representation and identifying problems specifically affecting international students such as Visa applications, accommodation and racism and how we

can use and improve the welfare and other such services to become better tailored to assisting in such situations

Stress management.

From firsthand experience, stress can make an individual feel overwhelmed and severely affect their day to day performance with simple tasks so I would bring this issue to the forefront of our priorities as a college

Running campaigns and socially distanced meetings which will run in collaboration with our JCR Welfare officers would ensure that people can gain access to knowledge and feel like they have a safe space to go when they feel overwhelmed. This would include sessions such as time management, becoming aware on how everyday habits can affect overall moods and productivity as well as teaching different grounding techniques to feel in control of a stressful situation.

Combatting Racism

Xenophobia and racism are unfortunately still a prevalent issue in our society and have unfortunately increased with Covid-19.

I plan on running different campaigns targeted to raising awareness and recognizing when it occurs in social gathering and what sources are available to students when they feel like they are a victim along with what other bystanders can do in different situations. This would include running sessions on how to become an active bystander, creating a guide on equality, diversity and inclusion and posters with key information regarding contact details and services available when such situations occur.

I want to create a greater sense of community within our college, where individuals embrace their various backgrounds and continue to uphold Fylde college's ability to increase tolerance and respect for each of its members. I hope I can count on your vote.

Vice President Welfare

No candidates

Communications and Publicity Officer

Catriona Nunan-Davidson

Manifesto

My name is Catriona and I am running for the position of Communications and Publicity officer for this academic year as I am passionate about Fylde as a college and believe that communication of events within our college is key to ensuring the participation from students within the college, helping promote Fylde as a college that is involved within the collegiate system.

I have experience in roles of responsibility that I believe would make me suitable such as head of my school's debate club. In this role I learnt organisational, communication and managerial skills that I believe would be vital to a role within the Fylde JCR. My communication skills would be particularly transferrable, as a key role I had as head of my debate club was spreading information on different topics being discussed each week. If elected, a key point I would like to continue to focus on would be on the spread of information of events occurring in the world that affect Fylde as a community of students from all across the world. In times like these it is so important to stay educated and I think Fylde's social outreach is a great way for Fylde students to feel recognised and understood. If chosen for this role, another key focus would be on making myself available to provide key information of events to help present the best version of Fylde as a college. Particularly, I think communicating public events within the college on social media is a key way that we can improve Fylde's outreach. If chosen I would focus on improving Fylde's social media by introducing more participatory events for students so they can feel more part of the college and get to know both the JCR and fellow students.

These are unprecedented times which is why I feel like more than ever, it is so vital to use publicity to show both Fylde and non-Fylde students that Fylde is a community not just a college. If elected as Communications and Publicity officer, the most important thing for me would be for to use publicity to make Fylde feel like a safe place where students are encouraged to participate and feel welcomed.

Charlotte Uttley

Manifesto

Hi! I'm Charlotte, I am currently a second-year business management student. My passions include art, netball and swimming. Whilst being a student, I also have several part time jobs and I am a member of the Fylde Netball Team. I believe this shows my time management skills and my commitment to Fylde as this requires me to manage my time wisely between games, trainings, work and study. I love playing for Fylde Netball because it allows me to compete in a competitive environment with a group of girls who have become my closest friends. Within this role I would like to help promote this aspect of Fylde and show our members what the college has to offer.

I have decided to apply for the position of communications and publicity officer because it incorporates my love for business and marketing (also my degree). I believe that communications and publicity is the front line of any organisation, big or small, and that the impact the right publicity can have is crucial to the development and operations of any organisation. I am the perfect candidate for this role because I am organised, hardworking, resourceful and a good team member. This role requires the ability to communicate and

cater to wide audiences inclusively which is something I believe I will thrive at due to my confidence and empathy skills.

For nearly two years I ran my town's Rainbows group. This required me to work with groups of up to 30 children as well as collaborate with other leaders and parents to find activities and experiences that would benefit and educate all of the children. This role required me to multi task on a regular basis, every week we had to come up with new ideas about how to entertain the girls whilst also educating them about important events and cultures. For example, we arranged a Christingle at the local church in which all of the girls sang a song that we collectively wrote and presented their art work to the local community. This experience has equipped me with the ability to create fulfilling and educational ideas and thinking, which is something that will aid me when communicating to the members of Fylde college.

I plan to use these skills to communicate to the wide variety of people within Fylde College and develop their relationship with other members of the college and hopefully encourage the inter-personal relationships within the University.

My experiences in first year within my course have allowed me to develop my communication and creativity skills. For example, within a module last year we were required to create a brand-new product for Nike and design its entire production and marketing process. We did this via use of Excel, Publisher and Quickdraw. Our main focus for this project was the social media and advertising side of the product. This is also something I have had to repeat this year for a different module. For this reason, I am equipped with the skills to perform the role of communications and publicity officer effectively.

So, what do I bring to Fylde JCR?

I plan to develop the JCR's online presence in a variety of ways. I would like to add more interactive aspects to the pages such as opinion polls and votes. For example, choosing themes for events and voting on current events. Any interaction is beneficial to the college as it encourages our members to become active thinkers in regards to the college and will encourage their interaction with all that Fylde has to offer. I believe that this feedback is vital to the performance of the JCR and is the most effective way of receiving said feedback due to the massive online presence of the 21st century teen.

I also plan to create initiatives for the members of Fylde regarding queries. As a first year, asking for help can be pretty daunting for many reasons so I would like to team up with the welfare team to create a sub account that any student can message confidentially for help with any sort of issue whether this be a welfare issue or trying to find the best places in Lancaster for a coffee and a study. I believe this additional aspect of communication will encourage students to interact with the JCR and ensure the members of Fylde are well taken care of.

I hope I can count on your vote!

Erin Kerley

Manifesto

Hi, my name is Erin and I am a final year History and Politics student from the north west of England, and I'd love to be one of your new Comms and Publicity officer this year.

Having been President for the past year, the JCR experience has been amazing, and I still want to be a part of it during my final year. I've made so many new friends on the JCR and throughout the other colleges this way, and I want to continue making more.

As President this past year, I've helped run the social media accounts with the current Comms and Publicity officer; I've loved doing it! Creating content to give to Fylde students is so much fun, and I think it's a great way to engage students with the college more. With this year being somewhat ruined because of COVID, the social media side of the college has been more important than ever; it can be seen in the events I helped to create and organise during lockdown and summer that the social side of Fylde has grown so much! We've had so much engagement this year through Instagram and Facebook, it's made working on the outgoing media even more worthwhile.

I am very proficient in design skills, and if elected as a Comms and Publicity officer, will work with my colleague on apps such as Canva and Photoshop to create fun and fresh content for the college.

I already have ideas in mind for content and themes, and would love to have them on the Fylde pages.

Democracy Officer

No candidates