

Pendle College JCR Exec

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President

Marc Dubois Manifesto

My name is Marc Dubois (he/him), I am a fourth year Mechanical Engineering student, and I am running for Pendle JCR President.

I have been on the JCR Executive for three years. In that time, I have been an Events Officer and Vice President Events. I have had heavy involvement in the planning and organising of three separate Welcome Weeks and taken the lead in planning the massively successful Enchantstrav along with assisting in the stay-at-home Extrav and Jurassic Park-strav. I worked closely with facilities during the bar relaunch and also planned and ran the wellattended bar relaunch event. In that time, I have learnt how the JCR works, how it influences the lives of students, and how important the college community can be. I have already established working relationships with the SCR as well as members of the Student's Union. With this, I have the connections and communication skills necessary to help improve Pendle College for all its members.

Having held a position as Vice President Events, I know how important it is to be a good team leader. This is something I implemented during the planning of Enchantstrav by way of thorough communication and expressing interest in the ideas of everyone involved. This communication and encouragement helped to create some of the best aspects of the Extrav and enabled it to be the massive success that it was. As President, I plan to achieve the following key goals.

- A more engaging environment for officers to achieve their full potential and to represent all members of Pendle College.
- Direct avenues for students to communicate their ideas to the JCR and, in turn, the Student's Union.
- The continued delivery of strong popular events and welfare initiatives along with a fantastic end of year Extrav.

I believe I can achieve those objectives by the manner in which I am able to interact with the other officers on the JCR. I would get to know them well through one to one and group meetings at the start of my time in office and fully encourage them in creating and pursuing any new ideas that are brought to the table. I would also implement individual officer reports in JCR meetings to ensure all voices and opinions are heard and given full attention. With increased engagement from JCR members comes more inspiring ideas and the right environment to let those ideas flourish and become something the team as a whole can be proud of.

For direct avenues of communication, I will set up a comments box in Pendle Bar and in the Harpley Lounge as well as regular polls on the Pendle Instagram which will be available for all students to share their concerns and suggestions. These comments will be brought up in the weekly JCR meetings as well as being brought to the Student's Union attention, where applicable, in the President's Committee taking place each week.

Finally, as Events have been my speciality over my time on the JCR Executive, I am competent in ensuring that no matter what is planned, it will be inclusive and fun for all. These skills have been demonstrated in the multiple years of quizzes and Pendle Lives I have run. My aim is to make sure these skills are handed down to the rest of the JCR Executive so the future of Pendle Events will be secure and consistent. I also plan to assist in any way I can in the creation of new Welfare initiatives, such as making sure anti-spiking kits are available and advertised in the bars across campus ensuring a safe environment for all.

Vice President Media and Engagement

Royston Bayliss Manifesto

Hello all! I am Royston and I am a third year student and the current Vice-President Media and Engagement on the JCR. For me, getting involved on the JCR has been a great opportunity to be a part of the best of all the colleges here in Lancaster. I've enjoyed meeting so many interesting people, be it other members of the JCR, welcome reps, and the people I communicate with on the daily on our social media platforms. It is a crucial, fastpaced component of the JCR setup, and I would really enjoy the chance to be able to work alongside incoming media officers.

The role is truly at the heart of the college, advertising societies, events and working on making the JCR more transparent and approachable. With that in mind:

What would I like to achieve?

-Working to **reform our Pendle merchandise** to introduce new designs, like hoodies, to our collection.

-The chance to spotlight some of the societies and events on offer through more than just posters. If elected, I would like to work on making **short videos advertising events and societies**, so students interested can get a sense of what it's properly like. Part of this would be communicating to the sports officer about **restarting the Pendle Sports Instagram page**, so we can properly celebrate the many successes we have as a college.

-I've enjoyed the chance to work on accessibility within my current role, through the usage of alt-text, colour-blindness checkers and readable fonts. I would take great responsibility in working on **continuing to make our social media channels accessible**.

-Continuing to work on ensuring **events are properly advertised** and queries are answered quickly so that our community feels well informed about what we offer as a college.

Why me?

-I am an ardent believer in mental health advocacy, and so I would love the opportunity to continue work on making sure that welfare events are sufficiently advertised and that **students feel confident enough to attend**.

-Together alongside other members of the JCR, we are arguing for **increased student support** in the face of the cost of living crisis, and it is important that we can continue with this.

-I love getting involved with the college, being on the debating team, volunteering on sustainability projects and spending time playing table tennis and **drinking hot chocolate** in Pendle Brew. I'd be really excited to continue to work alongside like-minded people who are as passionate about Pendle and our social media presence as I am.

Thank you for reading!

Yonghao Lin Manifesto

I am Yonghao Lin, a Second year Accounting & Finance student in LUMS, a Defensive lineman in American football team, an International Buddy in Pendle College, a photographer, and D&B DJ.

I am also an International Chinese student. Earlier this year, I found that some of Chinese friends like me find it really hard to make new friends here because of cultural differences and language barriers. On the other side, I realized that the relationships between flatmates could be awkward because of those issue. So I was wondering whether I can do something to help them. When I look into that question, I gradually found out that some international students do not like to check their emails (especially for those events), which means that there should be more events post on other social medias. So that is why I want to apply for Vice President Media And Engagement. I want to make some contribution to improve this kinds situation.

Here is the contributions that I want to make for the Pendle students. Firstly, I would like to introduce more Chinese theme events like celebration of Chinese New Year to Pendle students. In this way, Pendle students from all over the world could get some opportunities to get

together and make some new friends. In this way, they could deepen their understanding of different cultures. To achieve this goal, I would try to cope with Lancaster University Chinese societies to introduce those events. After this, I would like to create a Pendle College official account in Chinese social media platform and update different kinds of events to that account.

Except from those efforts that I would make for Pendle students, I will discuss why I believe I can do a better job as a Vice President Media And Engagement. Firstly, I got a better teamwork communication skills from both American football games and my previous 3 internship experiences. Secondly, I am mandarin native speaker and fluent with English, which means that I am able to introduce those events to more diverse social media. In addition, I am a photographer who possessed a better sense of beauty. It means that I could not only help to take and select photos of events but also help to make interesting and attractive posters.

Audio-Visual Technician

George Limbert Manifesto

Hi, I'm George and I am in my 4th year studying towards an MSci in Software Engineering. I will be running for the position of AV Tech in this election, and below I will give you some reasons as to why I think you should vote for me!

One of the main responsibilities of this role is to be responsible for maintaining and operating the AV equipment belonging to the college. My past experience in the role of AV Tech on the JCR Exec gives me the ability to accurately identify each piece of equipment we have and know how best to look after, and use when needed for our events. Joining the JCR I had no knowledge about sound and lighting equipment and had to learn from scratch and since, I can confidently use our sound mixer and speaker setup for our regular events such as the Pub Quiz and Pendle Live. In addition to this, I am a part of the LUSU Events Crew which has also added to my wealth of expertise and makes me one of the most suitable people to run for this position.

As I touched on previously, I have been on the JCR for just under 2 years. During this time, I have held the AV Tech and President positions. This includes planning Pendle's Welcome Week as well as the Winter Ball. I believe this gives me unique experience on how JCR exec works, as well as the different components surrounding this such as the SCR, various committees, and the structure of LUSU and the University as a whole. Due to this, I believe that I am a valuable person to have on the JCR Exec and am able to work effectively as part of the JCR Exec Event's team, and the larger JCR, to continue to foster the sense of community and inclusivity that lives at the heart of Pendle's values.

I am very passionate about Pendle and, if I am re-elected, I would continue to support the college, Pendle students, and the student body at Lancaster as a whole. As part of my manifesto for President, I pledged that I would strive to put music back into Pendle to reestablish our reputation as being "the music college". Recently, myself and a couple of other students were instrumental in meeting with the College Manager to set up a dedicated music room in the Errington Room of Pendle Rooms (previously the meeting room.) We managed to proceed with this, and already we have a fantastic space with a variety of instruments for any musicians to come and use during the day. Hopefully, this is only the start and I intend to work with the next President, and the SCR, to continue this effort. I already have some exciting ideas (some of which are in motion), that I am keen to keep working on and support in my new position.

Thank you very much for reading my manifesto, and I cannot wait to carry on working as part of the Pendle JCR Exec.

Community and Inclusion Officer

Sowmya Chandupatla Manifesto

I'm Sowmya Chandupatla(she/her), a first-year Accounting and Management student. I am nominating myself as the Community and Inclusion officer; being an international student, I understand how important being included in the community is.

I am aware of how significant it is to have a voice. We feel more empowered when we can express our ideas and have our thoughts and opinions considered. It might be overwhelming for students to acclimate to our new surroundings and strive to fit in. Additionally, I want to make it simpler for students who are attempting to be heard and represented in any way. People from all over the world, including those of various communities, ethnic groups, gender identities, and racial identities are present in our university and therefore, it's critical to ensure that all groups and backgrounds are adequately represented and given consideration.

It's crucial to foster a welcoming environment where a variety of viewpoints are recognised and accepted and where no one is afraid to speak out and to see this happening will be at the top of my agenda as a community and inclusion officer.

My definition of inclusion and diversity includes accepting and appreciating our differences since they are what make us unique and colourful. I am genuinely motivated toward equality and diversity, and I believe that my work will succeed when it embraces intersectionality and is respectful to the varied perspectives of individuals.

We need more services geared toward their student experience as well as policies to facilitate and aid in their integration into our larger student body as our international community expands and I would like to work with the college to provide this.

Democracy and Finance Officer

Ryan Eagles Manifesto

Hi Pendle! I am Ryan Eagles, a third-year student studying Physics and Astrophysics and I will be re-running for the position of Democracy and Finance officer within the JCR. I was elected into this position in the JCR by-elections earlier this term and have loved my time

being part of the council so far. I hope to continue being a part of this council and to continue to see Pendle grow and improve as a college.

My main aim as Democracy and Finance officer will be to run the weekly JCR meetings as smoothly as possible, making the meetings as efficient as possible. To do this I will create a concise agenda for each meeting to ensure everything that needs to be covered, will be.

I feel due to COVID there was a growing disconnect between the JCR and the members of our college and I hope to remedy that slightly by ensuring the JCR is completely transparent with the college. To do this, I will make sure the minutes of our meeting will be posted onto Instagram as well as Facebook. This way, we can reach as much of the college as possible, allowing you to know exactly what is going on and what we are working on. This then gives the opportunity for everyone to get involved in the exciting projects we would be working on, as well as, voicing your opinion on the goings on of the JCR.

I think the JCR would be at its best, if it was a true representation of all its members of the college. It should be discussing and working on events and initiatives which would be truly valued and appreciated by the college, so it is imperative that we get as many people involved in the meeting discussions as possible.

The cost-of-living crisis is a major issue effecting everyone right now. As Democracy and Finance officer, I would make sure there is enough room in the college budget to offer several free meals throughout term, similar to what was offered during COVID. I believe this would be a good way to alleviate some costs to students.

I would also like to be involved in trying to find other ways to help Pendle students during this time and would push this in meetings going forwards.

Thank you for reading my manifesto!

Events Officers

Adam Gregson Manifesto

Hello, I'm Adam, and I am a third year Geography student here at Pendle College.

I am putting myself up for election as a Pendle JCR Events Officer because I have had 2 years of prior events related experience on Pendle JCR already, and I really want to continue working with my fellow JCR members in planning, organising and running events.

From December 2020 until December 2021, I was an Events Officer, and I really enjoyed my role. Whilst most of the events were online due to the Covid-19 lockdowns, to me it still felt worthwhile being an Events Officer as I helped plan and host weekly events throughout the year, in order to entertain and also maintain a sense of community amongst Pendle

students, because some students were isolated on campus, whereas others were stuck at home. Events included online pub quizzes, bingo and Pendle Live music events.

In the second year I decided to branch out and became VP Events for Pendle JCR (December 2021 until December 2022) because in the first year I was unable to do any in-person events therefore I wanted to remain on the JCR to physically experience these. Further still, in the VP Events role, I was able to expand the repertoire of events we offered to include scavenger hunts, party game nights and themed club nights in Lancaster (e.g. 80s night at Generation), all of which were well attended by students, suggesting a high level of engagement with Pendle which was very rewarding to see, especially as I was concerned the lockdowns would lead to decreased enthusiasm.

Recently I have been involved with organising some large-scale events, in particular the Pendle Extrav event at the end of the academic year. Working on Extrav considerably improved my teamwork, leadership and delegating skills as there were several instances where we, the JCR, had to deal with unforeseen, last-minute setbacks and thus quickly adapt our plans. Perhaps the main example was when a 2 ton order of sand was not delivered, leading to us having to do shuttle runs to local building supply shops and buying individual bags of sand, which was very time-consuming, but we did rectify the problem. Also, dealing with music acts for Extrav was significant because it enabled me to better understand financial and contract proceedings as well as how the student union, specifically the monetary aspect, works.

Going forward, I would like to remain on the JCR as an Events Officer as I like working with like-minded students, who want to make the Pendle College experience as fun and welcoming as possible, experiencing the events I have organised, as I gain satisfaction from putting on events I enjoy running along with seeing other students enjoying themselves too, and introducing new events, in order to diversify college life and accommodate people's interests and passions.

Jack Drummond Manifesto

Hello there, my name is Jack! I am a first year BA Economics student and I would like to be one of your events officers here at Pendle. I have actively been involved with student representation since the latter years of my high school career, as well as being a member on the students representative committee at my former college. One achievement of mine here included the continued roll out of sustainable and recyclable cutlery across college campus. A bit more about me: I like sports and have played football since I could run and I have also competed in cycling events at a regional level. Outside of sport I have a other interests such as googling historical events at weird times at night, searching for a good place for a pint on a night out and going on long walks.

- As an events officer I will aim to introduce a new range of events ○ These will include events held at the Pendle brew and here are a few examples

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- Arts and crafts event
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- Games tournament. Whether they be board games or games on the nintendo switch such as Mario Kart
 - Mini bar sports tournaments
 - Charity events that range from a quiz, bingo, karaoke, etc. These events may be held jointly with Lancaster University charity related societies
 - Other events may take place outside of the Pendle brew and across the wider campus or Lancaster City Centre
 - Charity events such as a sponsored pendle run (or other sports such as netball, football or tag rugby matches (Open to all))
 - The possibility of a themed bar crawl in Lancaster ○ I will aim to make the events offered inclusive to those who do drink alcohol and those who do not
 - I will aim, along with other committee officers, to offer events for free. Should a cost be incurred for events then I will make sure to minimise the total cost paid by you
 - I will also work to make sure events receive wider publicity through the use of a wider range of social media and not just Instagram
 - Safety is key for social events. Especially at night. Thus I will ensure that all safety procedures are followed when planning events. I will also look into providing emergency contact numbers (such as campus security, Pendle College porters, Nightline and LUSU information) to students to ensure you have someone to contact in the event these numbers are needed when participating in an event Thank you for reading my manifesto and please vote Jack Drummond

Media and Communications Officer

Oscar Roberts Manifesto

Hello, I am Oscar Roberts. I am a first year Design major and taking Fine Art as a minor. Through out my life I have always been interested in the arts, being intrigued in the real world applications they can serve, ranging from kids animated shows that spark the imagination to clever advertisements that peak interest. This is why I did GCSE and A-Level Fine Art, these past 5 years developed my ability to create compositions and be inventive with my way of thinking. Although I got a 9 in GCSE and 1 mark off an A* in A-level and really enjoyed these art courses, I was more fascinated by how to apply these skills into a wider range of functions.

This fascination is what lead me into Design in Lancaster University, the course develops skills to go down various design paths like product or graphic design. Having only been here for 6 weeks, I would say that I have learnt quite a lot already; I am able to recognise what

sorts of designs are appropriate for certain tasks and how to display information in an attractive and efficient manner.

I believe I have enough of a background to be suitable in this role and I want to gain more experience. In order to become a better Designer I think it would be good if to take any opportunity possible that helps me expand my skills and creative mindset. Currently, I am in the Design Society where I hope to gather a diverse range of opinions and perspectives to continue to widen my approach to designing, but I would also love to join the Pendle JCR as Media and Communication officer so I can both assist with the design aspects of providing information to the college and work on my own abilities. I can work well both individually and in a team, if I get this role I will meet the deadlines of tasks set: treating the role as part of my course.

Sports Officer

Joshua Olufowobi Manifesto

My name is Joshua Olufowobi - though u can call me Josh!

- I am currently a second-year student studying BSc Business Economics. I am currently a member of the Pendle College football team. I have a passion for various sports such as football, basketball and even chess. Yes, chess is a sport!
- As the sports officer I will encourage more students to join a team, which I believe will help us as Pendle students to build a stronger community together.
- I hope that I can get as many pendle students as possible involved in sports activities in the college because I hope it can have the same positive impact it had for me when I was in my first year, where I had to adapt to living away from home
- Sports helped cheer me up and boost my mental health and make new friends and I believe it can provide invaluable experience to us as uni students.

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- Sports is something that can help us as students with our mental health, especially if you are like me where I am not the best at talking about it.
 - I hope that you will let me be your bridge between us as Pendle Students, our sports teams, and the student union regarding all your ideas
 - I am driven to deliver satisfaction to you all and together I hope we can transform Pendle College into the best and most welcoming college for sports on campus
 - Therefore, I am counting on you guys to vote for me, so that I can try my best to ensure sports at Pendle provides an opportunity to make new friends, an outlet to have fun and positively impact on student's mental health
 - So yeah, vote for me!
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Heath Murphy Manifesto

To Be Added.

Vice President Welfare and Education

Adit Kaleka Manifesto

I've been asked a number of times as to why I'm on the JCR, I'm often told "it seems like so much work!". The truth is that it is. But I still love it!

My name is Adit, I'm a second-year accounting and finance student. I'm a keen, enthusiastic and passionate individual. I believe I am the best person for the job as I have been in the position for the past year and have been a major part of the JCR in general, on top of welfare events, from my involvement in Welcome Week and input in other JCR projects. I think I have consistently gone above and beyond in my position. One of my proudest achievements on the JCR was my first fundraiser, the cancer research campaign, where I pledged to run a 10k every day in February and managed to raise £1,000 on the very first day from the generous support of this college. I have also fostered relations with both other colleges and various societies during my tenure, whom I have held collaborative events with, and this is something I plan to build on in the coming year.

Moreover, I have been acutely involved in the foundation of both the accounting and Sikh societies and have managed those responsibilities alongside the JCR. I have thorough experience and confidence in my aptitude for leadership, project management as well as community building. Winning faith and cultural My continuing involvement in these societies also allow me to provide insights that greatly benefit the JCR. For example, I have been involved with the Diwali ball and will be involved with a management school societies ball and so can continue to be a great asset in regard to the planning of the Pendle Winter Ball this year. Furthermore, as a representative of an ethnic minority, I believe I can also help involve international students further in events like the international nights that we held last year in collaboration with Cartmel.

A significant part of my manifesto last year was regarding mental health. Something I believe I have delivered on, to a large degree. During quarantine I was intimately involved in several youth support charities as the immense scale of the impact covid-19 has had on people our age, directly and indirectly, is almost unfathomable. One charity I am especially proud of is The Mix. I have seen, firsthand, how ineffective traditional support for mental health can be and I want to make a difference. I understand how difficult it can be to even identify and hope to promote discourse around this issue. The incredible training and experience I have received from these charities have moulded and inspired me to do what I can wherever possible. Developing my emotional intelligence and making use of signposting in extreme situations where I am understandably underqualified are key skills that I have learnt to make use of. Knowing how and where I can help ensures that I won't overextend myself or those working as part of the welfare team. This position will allow me to channel my deep passion for supporting those around me through the college facilities.

This college has given me so much and I see this as my opportunity to give back to the student community. With my background in leadership roles across the university and involvement in peer support services during quarantine, I think I am perfectly suited to continue in my role and complete my tenure on the JCR. I have found my experience on the JCR to be incredibly fulfilling. There's a high likelihood you saw me running around during freshers week if you joined us this year. Having much of the JCR graduating with very few of us left, that week was a hectic time for us all. But we got through it, together, and everyone seemed to have really enjoyed it this year. I remember how it was last year and I wanted it to be different this time and I believe I was a big part of why it was!

I know how important this role is for the student community in this college and I hope that I've been able to make a positive impact on many of your university experiences. If you think that I have done that for you or think I can do that again then please vote for me to remain your VP Welfare and Education!

Welfare Officer (Self-defining men or non-binary)

Sam Tellyn Manifesto

I'm Sam. I'm a 2nd year Nat Sci student.

I want to be a Welfare Officer because I really enjoyed helping as a Welcome rep in freshers week and I would like to contribute something to college welfare throughout the year.

Plans if elected:

- Be a friendly face for any in Pendle to chat to about any concerns or welfare issues
- Improve welfare coordination among welcome Reps for freshers week • Run more welfare campaigns targeted in particular at struggling young men.

Welfare Officer (Self-defining women or non-binary)

Namitha Manifesto

I'm Namitha (she/her), a first-year accounting and finance student. I'm running for welfare officer because I believe I offer Pendle college the most support in this area.

I understand how important university is for some individuals and it makes me want to take on this position because I want to help students manage their mental health.

So why me?

Feeling secure and at home in college is extremely difficult given the change of environment, and I want to make this transition easier. I've realized that welfare officers not only organize talks and drop ins but are also often the first line of contact for students. I can communicate effectively (in fact I talk a little too much) whilst being non-judgemental. I am punctual, so you can rely on me to be there at meetings to present any suggestions or concerns students put forward. I am confident that I can carry out the responsibilities of a welfare officer as I am experienced in identifying and addressing students' issues, while incorporating students from various cultural backgrounds.

As an international student, I am aware of how difficult it can be to adjust to university life, particularly if you are from abroad; this helps me connect with my peers better. As a welfare officer, equality and wellbeing will undoubtedly be at the core of my ideals.

Making sure Pendle college is a safe place for everyone is a priority and I shall ensure that everyone's opinions are accounted for. I will concentrate on improving our support system and providing more mental health services and if anyone contacts me regarding anything, I'll respond. I want to work further towards ensuring overseas students are given enough help and guidance so they will neither be academically disadvantaged nor overwhelmed.

Helping people is the one thing I've always wanted to do. I want to work as a welfare officer because bringing change to people's lives is very significant to me. I enjoy being around people and I want to learn about their problems and offer solutions. Students encounter

various challenges in daily life and I want to be there for them. As it is said, a service is only as excellent as the person who provided it.
