

Liberation-Campaign Officer Manifestos

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LGBTQ+ Students' Officer

Thomas Cross
Manifesto

Hi!

I'm Thomas (he/they), 2nd year history and politics student from Lonsdale.

I'm your current Union Assembly Chair and LGBTQ+ Forum socials sec.

I've been a part of the forum for almost 2 years now and I've loved being a part of a community that helped me settle into being a student at Lancaster and helped me become who I am today. So, I'd love to do more help the forum going forward!

So what are my policies?:

A forum that empowers

Ensure locations are accessible- There have been events which are not accessible to all members of the forum which is unacceptable for a forum that should be inclusive for all.

Expand forum collaboration- Recently forums have had turnout problems, running cross forum events and campaigns can encourage a positive collaborative culture between us. Also, by running simultaneous forum elections we can increase awareness and interest.

Ask Postgraduates what they want from their forum- Postgraduates often want very different services and events compared to undergraduates so I would investigate what graduates would like the forum to do for them.

Work with colleges to organise events across campus- Colleges and JCRs are an integral part of university and student life so by working with all of them we can ensure events can occur across campus with JCR support.

Use SU advertising to promote the forum- As an integral part of the SU, the forum should be able to rely on SU comms to promote its events and increase participation.

Campaign on LGBTQ+ rights- As a queer group we should be using the SU to advocate change and protest against the injustices many of our members face.

A forum that cares

Spend more money- Forum budgets are set partly based on how much they spend and if we want to avoid budget cuts, we need to make sure we're spending more money by finding projects students are really excited about and take advantage of SU funding.

Ensure forum membership knows what we do- There is sometimes a disconnect between the executive and members of the forum who don't always understand the forum or its executive so I would more widely publicise who we are and what we do!

Use Monday coffee to provide healthy food- During the cost-of-living crisis the forum should be there to support our community, by providing healthy snacks at Monday coffee we can ensure despite money shortages LGBTQ+ students can eat healthily.

Run further awareness campaigns- As a forum we can be running campaigns around addiction including alcoholism which often affects the queer community. As well as more specifically LGBTQ+ areas like 'they matter' and 'across the bay'.

Continue to hold the university to account on trans-inclusion policies- Lancaster University has an effective EDI team and is generally a good university when it comes to LGBTQ+ issues but there is always room for improvement especially regarding the conduct of staff.

If you've got any questions or want to hear more about more of my pledges, click on the link to my Instagram www.instagram.com/tecross17

For a Student Union that:

Empowers its members

Protests against injustice

Cares for its community

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