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Academic Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Academic Experience?

As a former Academic Executive Officer, I worked hard to address timetabling issues, reinstate free personal Adobe licenses for ADH students, and investigate the factors impacting student attendance- but there's still more to be done! Students continue to face new and evolving challenges. I'm running to continue representing you and pushing for change, ensuring DMU delivers an academic experience that truly supports your success.

If elected, what are your top 3 academic priorities, and how do you plan to address them?

Bridge the Gap Between Students & Academic Support - Introduce faculty-specific academic advisors for tailored guidance. - Make support services more visible and proactive, so students don't have to chase help. - Push for hybrid learning options for students with health conditions, disabilities, or extenuating circumstances. 2) Enhance Teaching Quality & Assessment Fairness - Advocate for interactive, discussion-based teaching over passive content delivery. - Improve marking transparency so students know what's expected. - Push for longer extensions so students aren't disadvantaged when they need them. 3) Ensure Courses Use Industry-Standard Software & Tools - Ensure courses regularly review their software to stay aligned with industry standards. - Improve accessibility & usability of DMU's online learning platforms (e.g MyDMU). - Enhance tech support & training, including guidance on using AI as a learning tool without committing an academic offence.

Why should students choose you to represent their academic interests and concerns?

During my time as an Academic Exec, I built a strong working relationship with DMU and delivered real change—fulfilling my promises where possible. For example, the number of high-spec computers in the library has increased, and over 50% of courses are now timetabled only three days a week. If you want a representative who listens, takes action, and knows how to navigate the system- vote for me to be your Academic Experience Student Voice Leader! :D

Ennah Feng

Academic Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Academic Experience?

As a master's student in Design Innovation and Management, I know student challenges. My leadership, especially in the national school nutritionist capacity-building program with the Taiwanese government, honed my project management and collaboration skills, empowering me to work effectively with faculty and peers to enact meaningful change. Consequently, I'm confident working with DMU's faculty, staff, and students. By amplifying student voices, we can create a dynamic learning environment.

If elected, what are your top 3 academic priorities, and how do you plan to address them?

These initiatives will create a dynamic and inclusive environment for students to thrive academically and professionally. 1. Academic Exchange Hub: I'll expand peer mentoring to connect experienced students with freshmen for tailored guidance. Also, seek global university active partnerships to offer more short-term exchanges, research collaborations, and joint-degree opportunities. 2. Interdisciplinary Project: In today's complex world, solving real-world problems requires knowledge from various disciplines. I will establish cross-department projects that break down silos and inspire collaborative problem-solving and encourage collaboration among students from diverse fields. 3. Practical Training: I will enhance practical skills training by collaborating with the Student Voice Leader of Employability to offer discipline workshops and co-op opportunities with industries. This approach will ensure that students gain essential real-world experience.

Why should students choose you to represent their academic interests and concerns?

Choose me for my proven leadership and expertise in project management and stakeholder engagement. As a Master's student in Design Innovation and Management, I understand academic challenges and excel at transforming student feedback into actionable, impactful change. I will use student-centred strategies to enhance curriculum, teaching, and assessment. My commitment to transparent, inclusive, and dynamic academic representation ensures every student's voice shapes our future.

Hari Babu Jarabala

Academic Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Academic Experience?

I want to be the Student Voice Leader for Academic Experience because I believe every student deserves a learning environment that supports and challenges them to grow. As someone who is passionate about education, I want to make sure that students' voices are heard when it comes to shaping academic policies, resources, and experiences. I believe that by working closely with students and faculty, I can help bridge any gaps in communication and advocate for changes that truly benefit the students

If elected, what are your top 3 academic priorities, and how do you plan to address them?

1.Improving Access to Academic Support Services 2. Advocating for Flexible Assessment Options 3. Promoting Mental Health and Well-being in Academic Life By focusing on these three priorities academic support, flexible assessments, and mental health I will deliver tangible improvements that help students succeed in a balanced, fair, and supportive academic environment. My goal is to create a culture where students can thrive without compromising their well-being, and I will work hard to ensure that these goals become reality if I am elected. I believe in action, not promises, and I am fully committed to delivering these changes if elected.Your voice matters, and I will make sure that it's heard, loud and clear, at every level of decision-making. Together, we can make the academic environment one where every student feels empowered, supported, and set up for success.

Why should students choose you to represent their academic interests and concerns?

If elected as your Student Voice Leader for Academic Experience, I'm committed to representing your academic interests with dedication and action.I Listen to You. I'll actively seek feedback through surveys and discussions, ensuring your concerns are heard and addressed. Whether it's accessibility, workload,or assessment methods, I'll make sure your voice is heard in decision-making.Electing me means choosing a leader who listens, takes action, and delivers real change. Thank you for your trust!

Karshna Thirunaukkarasu Indrani

Academic Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Academic Experience?

A desire to improve academic experience for all students A passion for student representation and empowerment A commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion A belief in the importance of student leadership and advocacy

If elected, what are your top 3 academic priorities, and how do you plan to address them?

Achieving Academic Excellence Plan: Attend all lectures, actively participate in seminars, and utilize university resources such as the library and academic support services. I will create a detailed study schedule to ensure consistent preparation for assessments and stay ahead in coursework. Developing Practical Skills and Industry Connections Plan: Engage in internships, placements, and extracurricular activities offered by DMU. I aim to build my professional network by attending career fairs and workshops and connecting with alumni for guidance. Enhancing Research and Critical Thinking Skills Plan: Take advantage of research opportunities, collaborate with faculty on projects, and contribute to academic publications if possible. I will regularly attend guest lectures and use critical analysis to deepen my understanding of the subject.

Why should students choose you to represent their academic interests and concerns?

Empathy and approachability commitement to advocacy proactive problem solving

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Maria Umar

Academic Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Academic Experience?

Throughout my academic journey, I have always been passionate about creating an environment where students feel heard and empowered. My current role as a Course Rep reinforces that empowerment. I have worked on betterment of academic experience of students in my course by raising ongoing concerns. Also as a Career Ambassador, I get opportunity to talk to many students, raising their concerns too. This motivates me to work for the university as a whole, to try and make it a better experience.

If elected, what are your top 3 academic priorities, and how do you plan to address them?

If elected, my top 3 priorities would be: 1. Work on the timetabling issue. 2. Work on the library project. 3. Strengthening Feedback & Communication Between Students and Faculty. 4. Build stronger links between Academic and Extracurricular Growth.t

Why should students choose you to represent their academic interests and concerns?

As a third Year student at DMU, I understand the importance of academics for the students. I have been a: 1) Course Rep 2) Career Ambassador 3) Student Council Member 4) Treasurer PakSoc 5) Social Media Rep PakSoc throughout my journey. These experiences will help me deliver my best in this role for the students. contact me: P2661664@my365.dmu.ac.uk

Precious Ogechi Ikechukwu

Academic Experience

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What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Academic Experience?

As a Faculty Rep, I've worked with course reps, the Student Officer, and DSU's Student Voice team. I have directly collaborated with the Academic Student Officer while course reps worked with me to raise concerns. Through this, I've seen both strengths and gaps in how student feedback is used. I want to bridge these gaps by advocating for inclusive policies, ensuring students feel heard and supported. With my proven track record, I'm committed to driving real academic improvements.

If elected, what are your top 3 academic priorities, and how do you plan to address them?

Enhancing Feedback Integration: I'll ensure that student feedback actively shapes teaching and assessments by establishing regular student-faculty forums, structured feedback reports, and actionable follow-ups. I'll push for transparent communication on how feedback leads to tangible change. Improved Academic Support: I'll advocate for increased access to tutors, workshops, and academic resources, especially during assessment periods. I will push for expanded office hours, clearer academic guidance, and enhanced staff training to support students facing academic challenges. Inclusive and Flexible Learning Opportunities: I'll champion more flexible deadlines, alternative assessment formats, and learning adjustments tailored to diverse student needs. Additionally, I will work to improve support for international students, home students, and those with disabilities, ensuring inclusive teaching practices and accessible academic assistance.

Why should students choose you to represent their academic interests and concerns?

I have a proven track record of advocating for student needs, collaborating with course reps, the Student Voice team, and academic staff. I've addressed issues like feedback integration, academic support, and inclusivity, ensuring student voices are heard and acted upon. Committed to making policies more responsive and inclusive, I will translate concerns into positive, actionable outcomes. Every student's voice will drive the change needed for a more supportive academic experience.

Ramish Ayub

Academic Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Academic Experience?

As the current Academic Executive Officer, I've seen firsthand how important it is to advocate for students' academic needs. I want to continue this work on a broader scale, ensuring students' voices are heard and making real improvements in their academic experience.

If elected, what are your top 3 academic priorities, and how do you plan to address them?

Access to Resources: Expand tutoring and academic support services for students. Student Feedback: Create clearer channels for students to voice concerns about courses and assessments. Fair Assessments: Advocate for transparent grading practices to ensure fairness across all departments.

Why should students choose you to represent their academic interests and concerns?

During my time as an Academic Exec, I built a strong working relationship with DMU and delivered real change—fulfilling my promises where possible. For example, the number of high-spec computers in the library has increased, and over 50% of courses are now timetabled only three days a week. If you want a representative who listens, takes action, and knows how to navigate the system- vote for me to be your Academic Experience Student Voice Leader! :D

Vishnu Suggala

Academic Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Academic Experience?

I was motivated to run for Student Voice Leader Academic Experience to enhance the academic journey of my peers. As a Course Representative at De Montfort University, I gained experience in addressing student concerns and collaborating with faculty to improve resources and teaching methods. I aim to foster inclusivity, ensuring all voices are heard and acted upon. My passion is problem-solving which drives me to create a positive, supportive, and innovative academic environment for all.t

If elected, what are your top 3 academic priorities, and how do you plan to address them?

if I am elected, my top three priorities are firstly, I would work with faculty to ensure feedback on assignments where it is more constructive, detailed, delivered promptly and helping students to improve their academic performance. I will make regular discussions with course leaders and Every week feedback sessions this would ensures my top priority. Secondly, I aim to improve the availability of academic tools and study materials for both online and on campus where students can get the resources what they are needed . I will collaborate with library services and IT teams to address gaps and expand resource availabilities. Thirdly, I would support all students with regardless of any background and I will support as a brother in their entire academic journey. I would identify challenges and develop solutions that address the diverse needs of students, fostering a more inclusive academic environment. These priorities show my commitment to improving academics and amplifying student.

Why should students choose you to represent their academic interests and concerns?

Students should choose me to represent their academic interests because I am dedicated, approachable, and experienced in advocating for their needs. As a Course Representative, I've worked with faculty to improve resources and teaching quality, always prioritizing inclusivity and ensuring all voices are heard. My problem-solving skills and proactive approach will help me tackle challenges and implement meaningful changes, creating a better academic experience for everyone.

Zain Imran

Academic Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Academic Experience?

As a dedicated Computer Science student and an active member of DMU's Scrutiny Panel, I am passionate about advocating for students and enhancing their academic experience. My motivation stems from a deep commitment to improve teaching quality, streamlining feedback and assessments, bridging communication gaps, and strengthening academic support and wellbeing. By championing student-led reforms, I aim to create a more inclusive, effective, and student personalised learning environment.

If elected, what are your top 3 academic priorities, and how do you plan to address them?

1.Enhancing Teaching & Learning Quality - Awareness for more interactive and student personalised teaching methods. - Promote regular lecturer training and a structured feedback system to uphold high teaching standards. 2. Improving Feedback & Assessments - Ensure timely, constructive, and transparent feedback to support student growth. 3. Strengthening Academic Support & Wellbeing - Expand academic mentoring, peer support networks, and study resources. - Awareness for enhanced access to wellbeing services to support students facing academic challenges. Through proactive collaboration with students, faculty, and university leadership. Your voice matters—I will make sure it's heard. Vote for action. Vote for change. Vote for me

Why should students choose you to represent their academic interests and concerns?

As a student, member of student council and member of Scrutiny Panel, I am aware of the problems and challenges student faces in the university academically. This drives me to bring a change and help my peers. I will: *Enhance teaching quality by ensuring student feedback leads to tangible improvements. *Ensure fair and transparent assessments that reflect student effort. *Strengthen academic support with better resources, guidance, and mental health services.

Communities

Candidiate List

Roz MacGregor-Devlin

Kelly Edward

Linus Anton Jeyaraj

Oscar Hill

Twig Smalley

Vaidik Bharatbhai Kakadiya

Aroosa Siddiqui

Roz MacGregor-Devlin

Communities

What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Student Communities?

Hey There! I'm Roz a third year Music Production student and I wanted to run for this role to continue my work in building a student based events business through the SU, as well as running my own events and festival company, I like to spend my spare time organising gigs at the SU and have now orgainised the entertainment for both the Freshers and Sessions in the LvL 1 venue for two years running. I love the community around DMU and I want to create opportunities for everyone here to thrive!

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If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for enhancing Student Communities, and how do you plan to achieve them? (E.g Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising etc.)

I want to create a way for societies to get more involved with each other by starting a monthly society social, aimed at inviting students from ANY society to meet and play games, get to know each other and find out ways for societies to collaborate easier. I want to continue my work with the LvL 1 sessions and turn the LvL 1 venue into a fully functioning bar, open at least three nights a week, giving job opportunities to a large range of students including bartending, audio and lighting engineering, DJs, Bands and the marketing and promotions of the space. I want to try to get to the bottom of why societies find it so hard to interact with the SU and bridge the gap that societies seek to see genuine help for themselves by starting a student led peer assesment group to advise committee members on their roles and come up with new and innovative fundraising ideas. I see societies more as mini Not For Profits and I think that as time evolves so should we.

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Why should students vote for you to represent their interests within Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising and any other extra-curricular Student Community activity?

As well as having run on three roles for society committees and running events at the union over my degree, I also have connections from living in Leicester my entire life, I can quite confidently say I know most of the venues and organisations that support societies and I want to put them and you at the forefront of how the SU runs and make the community of DMU a more connected place with all the opportunities it can offer brought to attention.

Kelly Edward

Communities

What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Student Communities?

DMU is more than a university—it's a community where friendships, passions, and opportunities thrive. But a strong community needs a voice. That's why I'm running for Student Voice Leader – Communities—to ensure societies, sports, volunteering, and student-led initiatives aren't just supported, but celebrated. As a Scrutiny Panel member,I've seen how decisions are made, and I know how to make your voice count. Vote Kelly Edward, and let's build a DMU where every student and community is heard.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for enhancing Student Communities, and how do you plan to achieve them? (E.g Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising etc.)

Increased Funding & Support for Societies & Sports Clubs I'll advocate for accessible funding for all societies and sports clubs, ensuring they have the resources for events, travel, and equipment. I'll streamline the funding process for transparency and fairness. Expanded Volunteering & Leadership Opportunities I'll create more volunteering opportunities in various causes, from local sports events to sustainability projects. I'll also introduce leadership programs within societies and sports teams to help students build valuable skills. Improved Communication & Collaboration I'll establish regular forums for student community leaders to collaborate and share resources. A centralized communication platform will ensure every student is informed about available opportunities, events, and initiatives. I'm committed to delivering on these priorities, and I'll be accountable to students by making regular updates on the progress of these initiatives.

Why should students vote for you to represent their interests within Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising and any other extra-curricular Student Community activity?

Students should vote for me because I'm committed to ensuring all student communities, including sports, are heard and supported. I'll raise DMU sport's national profile by securing more funding, encouraging participation in national competitions, and creating a culture of sporting excellence. By providing better resources and stronger connections with alumni and national sports organizations, we can attract more recognition for DMU and create opportunities for student-athletes to do better.

Linus Anton Jeyaraj

Communities

What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Student Communities?

I'm excited to declare my run for Student Voice Leader – Student Communities! What fuels my enthusiasm for this position is a deep commitment to creating a genuinely dynamic and inclusive campus where each student feels appreciated, listened to, and empowered! I am confident that our university can be much more than merely an educational institution; it can be a vibrant center of connection, assistance, and infinite opportunities for both personal and communal development.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for enhancing Student Communities, and how do you plan to achieve them? (E.g Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising etc.)

As an enthusiastic supporter of student involvement and personal development, I am excited to present my ideas for improving our university's societies and sports teams. These groups are essential to our campus community, providing unmatched chances for students to pursue their passions, acquire new abilities, and build enduring friendships. My aim is to establish a setting where each student can discover their strengths and excel, both in their studies and in life. First and foremost, I believe in the strength of diversity and inclusiveness in our communities and sports organizations. Our campus is a blend of cultures, ideas, and viewpoints, and our student groups ought to mirror this vibrant diversity. I intend to collaborate closely with cultural and religious groups to foster cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

Why should students vote for you to represent their interests within Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising and any other extra-curricular Student Community activity?

Students ought to support my candidacy as I am genuinely dedicated to fostering a vibrant, inclusive, and energetic student community where each person can excel. Communities, athletic organizations, service work, fundraising events, and various extracurricular pursuits are the essence of university existence—they're where bonds are created, interests are uncovered, and moments are cherished.

Oscar Hill

Communities

What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Student Communities?

I was inspired to run for this position because I am a socially committed person. I care about people and the passions they want to pursue and being in this position would mean I can help facilitate those communities. I will take this responsibility seriously because I know how much these communities mean to the people involved and I want to be there to support them the best I can.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for enhancing Student Communities, and how do you plan to achieve them? (E.g Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising etc.)

I would personally enhance the student community experience by being an active player. If people need something done or looked over I want them to know that their concerns matter and will be here to sort them. I will find more avenues to advertise societies, the fresher and refreshers fairs are effective, however they can be overwhelming and personally I've missed booths before due to the crowds, so as well as the usual events I will strive for other public means to advertise the communities on offer, as well as volunteering opportunities and sports clubs that'll make them more accessible to everyone, especially disable students. Accessibility is my top priority, I will strive to make sure events hosted by DMU and DSU are as accessible as possible. I'm a disabled student myself, and personally understand the struggles of attending certain events even with "disability friendly hours", I am here to listen to your needs and strive to create spaces for every DMU student

Why should students vote for you to represent their interests within Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising and any other extra-curricular Student Community activity?

I mentioned before I am a disabled student. It would be untrue to say I have never let that stop me from experiencing everything DMU has to offer and sometimes that's just the way things are. However, if I can make things easier, more accessible, less daunting for anyone who wants to do something but do not think they can then I will. I will be there to help figure things out, to problem solve and work together to get everyone involved, because I value every student at DMU and that includes you.

Twig Smalley

Communities

What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Student Communities?

As Chairman of Basketball, I've seen how strong, inclusive student communities foster belonging & growth. I'm passionate about ensuring every student at DMU feels their voice is heard. Mental health is key for me, due to my personal experience & informed by my degree in psychology. I believe open communication and inclusivity are vital to creating a supportive environment. If elected, I'll amplify student voices and strengthen links between DSU, societies, sports, and community initiatives.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for enhancing Student Communities, and how do you plan to achieve them? (E.g Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising etc.)

1. Enhancing Inclusivity & Redefining Elections: I will work with Societies & Liberation Officers to remove barriers, aim to introduce subsidised memberships, & organise diverse, accessible events, including mental health workshops. By redefining committee elections with clear, transparent guidelines and robust training, we can avoid "Save A Soc" crises and ensure leadership teams truly reflect DMU's diversity. 2. Strengthening Collaboration & Representation: I will bridge the communication gap between DMUSport & the SU by increasing communication & liaison, organise regular joint meetings, & use digital platforms for idea-sharing. Introduce a "Collaboration Fund" to support joint initiatives that empower student voices in decision-making. 3. Fostering Open Communication & Awareness: I will ensure every student is heard through regular consultations, forums, and active engagement via social media and drop-in sessions, using "You Said, We Did" to demonstrate progress & accountability

Why should students vote for you to represent their interests within Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising and any other extra-curricular Student Community activity?

Students should vote for me because I have the experience, dedication, and vision to represent their interests. As Chairman of the Basketball Society, I've led initiatives to promote inclusivity, wellbeing, and engagement. I'm committed to working with DSU and DMU leadership to ensure every student's voice is heard. I'll advocate for collaboration, inclusivity, and opportunities that empower all students, creating a DMU community where everyone feels valued and can thrive.

Vaidik Bharatbhai Kakadiya

Communities

What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Student Communities?

As an international student, I understand how important student communities are for feeling connected and supported. Many struggle with finding or engaging in societies and activities due to lack of awareness or confidence. I want to change this by improving communication, increasing inclusivity, and making activities more accessible. With my background in marketing and community-building, I aim to create a welcoming environment where every student feels valued, engaged, and part of DMU.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for enhancing Student Communities, and how do you plan to achieve them? (E.g Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising etc.)

1. Increasing Awareness and Accessibility Many students miss out on societies, sports clubs, and volunteering due to lack of awareness. I will introduce a Student Communities Hub, a digital platform where students can easily explore and join activities. I'll also launch "Try Before You Commit" sessions, allowing students to experience societies before joining. 2. Enhancing Support for Societies and Clubs Societies struggle with funding and engagement. I'll push for increased funding and sponsorships, introduce a mentorship program for societies, and organize an Annual Community Fair to boost participation. 3. Making Communities More Inclusive I'll promote cultural exchange events, ensure mental health support is integrated into student activities, and create safe spaces for discussions. By making student communities more accessible, supported, and inclusive, I will ensure every student finds a space where they belong and thrive at DMU.

Why should students vote for you to represent their interests within Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising and any other extra-curricular Student Community activity?

I am running for Student Voice Leader – Communities to make student life more inclusive and engaging. Many students miss out on societies, sports, and volunteering due to lack of awareness or support. I will improve communication, push for better funding, and promote cultural exchange events to ensure everyone feels welcome. With my experience in marketing and community-building, I will take real action to create a stronger, more connected DMU. Vote for me!

Aroosa Siddiqui

Communities

What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Student Communities?

My name is Aroosa Siddiqui. I am a final-year Business and Marketing student, excited to apply my skills and experiences to the Community Officer role. My studies, combined with my teaching experience (in Pakistan), have developed my communication skills, strategic thinking, and passion for building meaningful connections. The work previous executives doing is remarkable and inspired me to play my part for the community which lead me to stand in the elections

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for enhancing Student Communities, and how do you plan to achieve them? (E.g Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising etc.)

The things I want to work on: 1. I want to continue the work of the previous officer and put my effort in addition to it. 2. I want to work with sports to ensure better collaboration. 3. I want to provide a good network to the societies. 4. I will work to increase the number of societies to provide more opportunities for students. 5. I would also work on the collaboration between sports club and the societies.

Why should students vote for you to represent their interests within Societies, Sports Clubs, Volunteering, Fundraising and any other extra-curricular Student Community activity?

I'm truly passionate about the Community Officer role because it allows me to build meaningful connections, drive growth, and make a lasting impact. I thrive in dynamic environments where I can encourage collaboration, explore new opportunities, and help others achieve their full potential. Witnessing the positive results of bringing people and ideas together is incredibly fulfilling for me. Feel free to reach out to me via email if you'd like to learn more about me. P2767977@my365.dmu.ac.uk

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International Experience

Candidiate List

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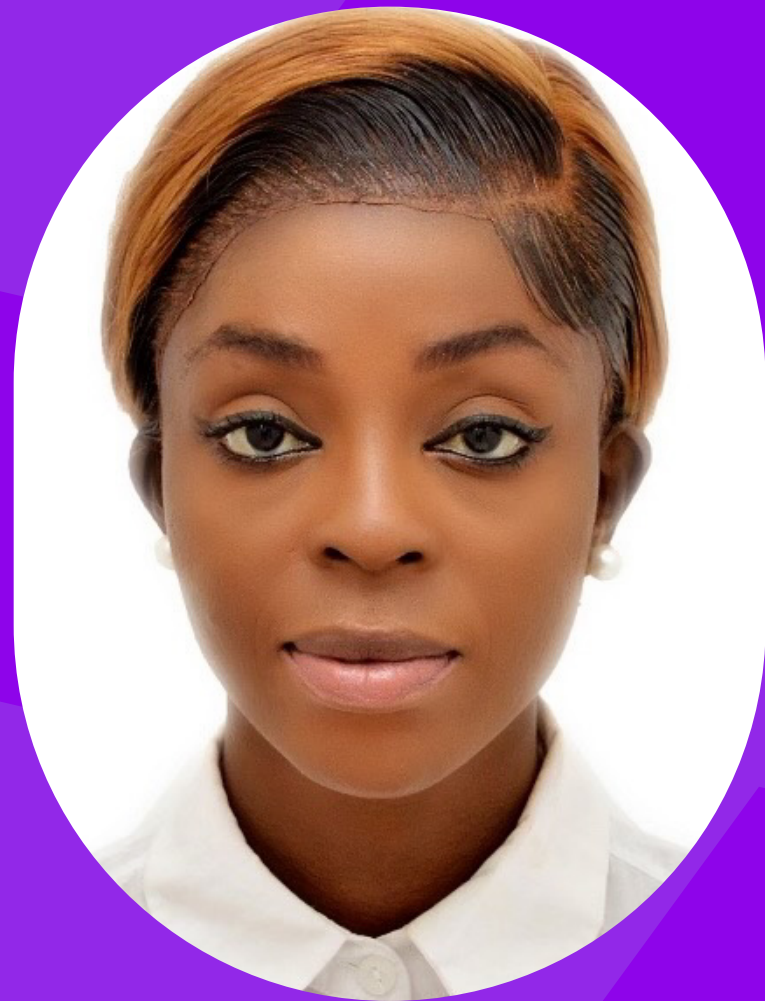
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International Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader - International Student Experience?

As an International student at DMU, I have encountered both the excitement and challenges of studying abroad . I am inspired to pursue this position because I believe that every international student should feel welcomed , appreciated and empowered to thrive both academically and personally . I have witnessed how cultural differences, language obstacles and the need to adjust to new academic standard can feel overwhelming. I want to ensure that no student must navigate this journey alone.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for improving the international student experience, and how do you plan to address them?

If I am elected as the student voice leader for International student Experience, I will prioritize the following 3 areas to ensure that international students feel supported , appreciated and empowered during their time at DMU. 1) improving Academic Support for International students: International students often encounter difficulties adjusting to UK's educational system , like comprehending assessment methods , enhancing academic writing. The introduction of block teaching has made a drastic impact in making students have a better grade . I will advocate for more accessible and customized support services like face to face mentoring , academic writing etc . 2) Cultivating a Community for International Students : Adapting to a new cultural setting can be isolating for some students. I will recommend a regular forums for international students to voice their concerns and suggestions . 3) Enhancing Access to Career Development: I will enlighten them on how DMU career helps with cv

Why should international students vote for you to represent their interests and needs?

International students should vote for me because I am passionate about ensuring that every students feel welcomed, supported and valued . I have experienced the hurdles of adjusting to a new education system, cultural differences, and building a sense of belonging in foreign environment. These challenges have inspired me to advocate for better support services, stronger community connections and more opportunities for international students to thrive both academically and personally .

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Amira Mohamed Taher

International Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader - International Student Experience?

As an international student myself for the past three years, I understand the challenges of adapting to a new culture, education system, and regulations. I'm running for Student Voice Leader to ensure international students feel supported, heard, and empowered. My goal is to advocate for better resources, clearer communication, and more opportunities for cultural exchange and career development. I'm committed to making a real difference in enhancing the international student experience.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for improving the international student experience, and how do you plan to address them?

Enhanced Communication – I would set up regular forums and an anonymous online platform for international students to voice concerns, ensuring their issues are heard and addressed. Cultural Integration – Organising cultural fairs, and language exchanges to foster connections and make students feel more at home. Support Networks – Creating peer support groups and mentorship programs to help new international students adjust and find guidance. Mental Health & Well-being – Push for culturally inclusive mental health support, easier access to counselling, and peer-led well-being initiatives to support students' emotional well-being. I am committed to making the international student experience more inclusive, supportive, and fulfilling.

Why should international students vote for you to represent their interests and needs?

International students should vote for me because I understand their challenges firsthand. Being away from home and adapting to a new culture isn't easy, and I am committed to advocating for their needs. My priorities include better communication, cultural integration, academic support, and accessible mental health resources. With passion and dedication, I will work to make their university experience fulfilling and enjoyable. Trust me to be your voice!

Fad Adelakun

International Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader - International Student Experience?

As an international student at De Montfort University (DMU), I have personally experienced the excitement, challenges, and uncertainties that come with studying in a new country. From navigating visa processes to adjusting to a different academic and social environment, I understand firsthand the difficulties many international students face. These experiences have shaped my deep commitment to advocating for a more inclusive, welcoming, and supportive environment for all international students.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for improving the international student experience, and how do you plan to address them?

If elected, my three priorities will be strengthening international student support services, fostering cultural integration, and improving employability opportunities. I will introduce a comprehensive induction pack, monthly support drop-ins, and a peer mentorship program to ease international students' transition to DMU. I'll promote cultural exchange through events like "Global Fusion Week," buddy schemes, and society collaborations to build a stronger, inclusive community. To boost employability, I will work with DMU Careers to offer tailored career workshops, an international alumni network, and advocate for more internships, ensuring international students thrive academically, socially, and professionally. To ensure my goals are in line with their needs, I will routinely consult with international students via open forums and monthly feedback questionnaires. I'll be holding myself to my commitments by providing open and honest progress updates on the DSU website and social media.

Why should international students vote for you to represent their interests and needs?

As an international student, I understand the unique challenges faced when studying in a new country. From navigating complex processes to adjusting to a new academic system and overcoming feelings of isolation, I have personally experienced many of the struggles that international students at De Montfort University encounter. These firsthand experiences drive my passion to be a voice and create a real, positive change, ensuring every international student feels supported, valued, and empowered.

Jasleen Kaur Nirmal Singh Kalyan

International
Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader - International Student Experience?

As an International student, I deeply understand and empathize with the challenges and opportunities that arise with studying in a new country. My motivation to run this leadership position stems from my deep commitment to support my peers and enhance their experience as students at DMU. Having garnered invaluable insights and experiences as Course Rep, Frontrunner, Student Ambassador and I want a platform to inculcate those core competencies and skills amongst my fellow international peers.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for improving the international student experience, and how do you plan to address them?

1) Enhanced Support for Academic & Career Success- I shall work with the university and set up workshops to assist international students to tailor their CV, hold interview coaching sessions and encourage attending employer networking sessions. Push for internships and placement opportunities to ensure a smooth transition to UK job market. 2) Improve Student Well-being- I shall work upon to ensure international students have access to mental health & well being resources to address issues such as home sickness, financial constraints and visa concerns, by pushing for transparency with financial aid and part-time job opportunities. 3) Build a strong community- I shall organize cultural events to aid students to stay connected to their roots and advocate for more university-led activities celebrating varied cultures and traditions. Formulate a buddy system for students for guidance and smooth transition. With set priorities, I shall ensure to support, empower and celebrate my peers.

Why should international students vote for you to represent their interests and needs?

I am a lawyer by profession. I believe that just and equitable opportunities are transcendental for upliftment. Having already advocating for members of my cohort as Course Rep & Postgrads as Frontrunner with DMU's leaders, I have tirelessly advocated for better opportunities, access and built awareness for resources available for my peers. By voting for me, students are choosing a leader who propagates empowerment and build a stronger, richer student experience for all as a distinct collective.

Judith

International Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader - International Student Experience?

As an international student, I understand the challenges of studying in a new country, from visas to finding a sense of belonging. My passion for advocacy and experience as a Union Development Officer drive me to ensure every international student feels heard, supported, and empowered. I will enhance cultural integration, improve communication, and advocate for better services, creating a more inclusive and enriching experience for all international students at DMU."

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for improving the international student experience, and how do you plan to address them?

1. Championing Your Voice I will advocate for policies that support international students' academic success, social integration, and financial well-being. I will ensure that your concerns are actively represented in key university meetings, decision-making bodies, and policy discussions, making sure that international students are not just heard but also prioritized. 2. Building Stronger Communities I will work to enhance the visibility and accessibility of international student support services. By collaborating with student societies, cultural groups, and support networks, I will create a welcoming environment where international students feel at home and connected. 3. Expanding Growth Opportunities I will strengthen partnerships with overseas institutions to provide international students with more exchange programs, career development opportunities, and global networking platforms, fostering a truly inclusive and globally connected DMU community.

Why should international students vote for you to represent their interests and needs?

International students should vote for me because I understand their challenges and have a clear plan to address them. I will advocate for cost-of-living support, academic fairness, and better social integration. I'll strengthen support services, expand career opportunities, and promote cultural exchange. My goal is to build a more inclusive, connected, and empowering experience for all international students at DMU, ensuring clear communication and strong representation at every level

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Mohammad Anwar

International Experience

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader - International Student Experience?

My goal stems to bridge cultural gaps, foster a sense of belonging, and ensure that the concerns and aspirations of international students are heard and addressed effectively. I believe that every student deserves to feel valued, supported, and connected, regardless of their background. I aim to advocate initiatives that improve academic support, cultural integration, and overall student well being I am committed to being an active listener, a strong advocate, and a proative leader.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for improving the international student experience, and how do you plan to address them?

Comprehensive Needs Assessment: Within my first month, I will launch a survey and host focus groups to accurately identify the key challenges and opportunities facing international students. This will create a strong foundation for informed decision-making. Enhanced Orientation and Mentorship Programs: I will work with university staff and student organizations to revamp the orientation process. A dedicated mentorship program will be established pairing new international students with experienced peers to ease the transition and foster early connections. Cultural Integration and Community Building: By coordinating a calendar of intercultural events—from language exchange nights to cultural showcases—I aim to create a more inclusive campus environment where every student feels celebrated. This is not just a set of ideas; it's a plan with clear steps and deliverables. I am fully committed to making these changes a reality and will be held accountable for every promise if given.

Why should international students vote for you to represent their interests and needs?

International students should vote for me because I not only understand the unique challenges you face—having navigated the transition into a new culture and academic environment myself—but I have a concrete, actionable plan to ensure your voice is heard and your needs are met. I am committed to making these promises a reality. With your vote, I will use my proven leadership, empathy, and commitment to deliver a more supportive, inclusive, effective environment for every international student.

Employability

Candidiate List

Arbaz Khan

Badhri Sai Purnima Raj Durgapu

Hayley Gule

Muhammad Ibtesam

Arbaz Khan

Employability

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Employability?

I nominated myself for Student Voice Leader - Employability because I am dedicated to ensuring that every student has the skills, contacts, and confidence to succeed in their chosen professions. As a third-year international student, I understand how tough it is to find job. My goal is to close the gap between school and work by advocating for better internships, mentorships, and hands-on career assistance for all students.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for enhancing DMU students' personal development and future career success and how do you plan to achieve this?

If elected, my top three priorities for improving DMU students' personal and professional growth are: Industry-Led Workshops: I will organise workshops with industry experts and alumni to teach in-demand skills including leadership, communication, and data analysis. These sessions will guarantee that students develop the competencies that employers value. Internship and Job Experience Support: I will lobby for more structured internship and job experience programs, collaborating with organisations to provide students with internships, job shadowing, and hands-on projects that will improve their employability. Mentorship and Networking: I will launch a mentorship program that connects students with DMU alumni and professionals. I will also focus on organising career fairs and networking events to give students direct access to possible employers and employment prospects. These initiatives will equip students with the skills, connections, and experience needed for career success.

Why should students vote for you to represent their employability interests?

Students should vote for me because I am dedicated to ensuring that every DMU student has the skills, experience, and contacts they require for professional success. As an international student, I understand the difficulties of transferring into the workforce. My strategy includes industry-led workshops, internship support, and a mentorship program that connects students with professionals. I will be a strong champion for students, ensuring that employability materials are useful and accessible.

Badhri Sai Purnima Raj Durgapu

Employability

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What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Employability?

I am passionate about helping students unlock their potential and succeed in their careers. At DMU, I've seen challenges in accessing career opportunities, skill development, and employability support. I will enhance partnerships with employers, advocate for tailored training programs, and improve communication of available resources. Inclusivity is key, and I'll ensure equal support for all. Together, we can create a future where every student feels confident and empowered to achieve their goal

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for enhancing DMU students' personal development and future career success and how do you plan to achieve this?

1. Expanding Career Opportunities Plan: Partner with industry professionals, alumni, and career services to bring more internships, placements, and graduate roles to DMU. Host employer networking events and create stronger connections with hiring organizations. 2. Enhancing Skills Development Plan: organize regular workshops and training sessions on CV writing, interview preparation, and networking skills. I will introduce peer-led initiatives to share experiences and practical tips and work to align training programs with industry trends. 3. Amplifying the Student Voice Plan: Conduct surveys and focus groups to understand students' needs and feedback. Represent these insights in university meetings and advocate for tailored, inclusive employability support, especially for international students. These priorities will ensure students are equipped with the tools and confidence they need to achieve their career aspirations.

Why should students vote for you to represent their employability interests?

In my role as International Liberation Part-Time Officer, I have been working on improving student employability through projects and collaborations. I've gained skills, connections, and a vision to represent your interests. I will create inclusive opportunities, advocate for tailored skill programs, and ensure better access to career resources. With your feedback, I'll enhance initiatives to support all students. Vote for me—your future, your voice, your success!

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Hayley Gule

Employability

What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Employability?

My intention is to create a wider variety of opportunities. I intend to do this by creating more events such as a networking ball to create an open space for students to ask questions about their future careers to people who are in these fields. I also find it vital to understand that not all student want the career their degree is based on, so I would introduce a alternative career fair so students feel like they used their years at DMU effectively.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for enhancing DMU students' personal development and future career success and how do you plan to achieve this?

I know as black woman how had it is to be looking for a job in this current market and I don't want anyone to feel like they cant do it, together we can. Some events that i can think can enrich a student cv are: - Networking ball - Volunteer fair with charities - Alternative career fair - Career fair

Why should students vote for you to represent their employability interests?

I believe that having experience is more important than the actual degree as employers nowadays want employees with more experience, and I want to ensure that us as students have this experience to enrich our employability. Being a student my self and starting to look at the job market I've seen first hand how important it is to have other experience besides my degree and I want all students to have the upper hand against other competitors.

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Muhammad Ibtesam

Employability

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What motivated you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader – Employability?

This is a new role and I am excited to take on this opportunity and bring a change for the students in the university. I have been involved with the DSU since my first year, which motivates me to stand for this position and make students aware about the opportunities in the university and student union.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for enhancing DMU students' personal development and future career success and how do you plan to achieve this?

My priorities are: 1. Awareness about the employability opportunities available in the university. 2. Collaboration with different departments to produce more opportunities in terms of employability. 3. Exposure of the opportunities to international students provided by the university. 4. Create opportunities to gain experience by collaborating with DMU Global, DMU Enterprise, DMU Placements and DMU sustainability team.

Why should students vote for you to represent their employability interests?

As a final year student here at DMU, I understand the importance of employability for the students. I have been a: 1. Course representative. 2. Scrutiny panelist. 3. Student council member. 4. NUS delegate. 5. Student Ambassador. 6. Telemarketing Ambassador. throughout my journey at DMU. This whole experience will help me to do my best in this role for the students. "We may have all come on different ships, but we are in the same boat now" contact me: P2769948@my365.dmu.ac.uk

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Inclusion & Wellbeing

Candidiate List

Ayush Singh

Daniel J. Duke

Dilpreet Kaur

Hafiz Muhammad Ali

Libs Morris

Manav Madlani

Ayush Singh

Inclusion and Wellbeing

What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader -Inclusion and Wellbeing?

University life brings challenges that impact mental health and inclusion. I'm running for Student Voice Leader – Inclusion and Wellbeing to ensure every student feels valued and supported. I will advocate for better mental health services, improved accessibility, and stronger student support. My goal is to foster a more inclusive, diverse, and welcoming environment. With my leadership skills and passion for change, I will work to make student wellbeing a priority for all.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for improving inclusion and wellbeing, and how do you plan to achieve them?

Enhancing Mental Health Support: I will advocate for increased funding for counseling services to reduce wait times, introduce peer support groups, and organize mental health awareness campaigns to reduce stigma. Improving Accessibility and Inclusion: I will push for better accessibility for students with disabilities, work with cultural societies to promote diversity, and ensure all student voices are represented in decision-making. Strengthening Student Support Systems: I will establish clear feedback channels for student concerns, promote wellbeing workshops, and collaborate with the university to provide more financial and academic support resources.

Why should students vote for you to represent their inclusion and wellbeing needs?

Students should vote for me because I am committed to creating a university environment where everyone feels included, supported, and valued. I understand the challenges students face, from mental health struggles to feeling unheard, and I am determined to bring real change. With my leadership skills and problem-solving mindset, I will advocate for better mental health support, improved accessibility, and stronger student representation. If elected, I will ensure your concerns are heard and acte

Daniel J. Duke

Inclusion and Wellbeing

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What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader -Inclusion and Wellbeing?

My inspiration stems from recognizing my own privilege and wanting to help students find a safe landing at DMU. Serving as BAME Liberation Officer made me deeply aware of the barriers many students face Like financial struggles, inadequate mental health support, and the feeling of being unheard. Seeing these challenges firsthand inspired me to step up, not just to represent students, but to push for real, lasting change that makes inclusion and wellbeing a priority, not an afterthought.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for improving inclusion and wellbeing, and how do you plan to achieve them?

Accessible, Culturally Competent Mental Health Support – I will push for more diverse counsellors and specialized wellbeing services that reflect the lived experiences of DMU's diverse student body. This means expanding partnerships with external mental health organizations and ensuring resources are visible and easy to access. Flexible Financial Support – Building on the Flexible Futures Initiative, I will advocate for better tuition payment structures, emergency financial aid options, and increased transparency around hardship funds, ensuring students facing financial strain have real, accessible support. True Inclusivity in University Policies – I will work to review and challenge university policies that fail to reflect the realities of our diverse student body. This includes advocating for inclusive curriculum representation, more diverse hiring, and stronger protections for marginalized students, ensuring DMU is not just diverse but truly inclusive.

Why should students vote for you to represent their inclusion and wellbeing needs?

Students should vote for me because I don't just talk about change, I make it happen. As BAME Liberation Officer, I've fought for real solutions, from curating the Reflections of Identity exhibition to launching Flexible Futures for financial relief. I understand the challenges students face because I've listened, engaged, and taken action. My leadership is rooted in collaboration, experience, and a genuine passion for student advocacy.

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Dilpreet Kaur

Inclusion and Wellbeing

What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader -Inclusion and Wellbeing?

As a student at DMU, I have seen students struggle to feel involved. This may be due to different backgrounds, cultures, values, special abilities (not a disability), and religious beliefs. I feel that university is where every student needs to be heard and valued. Unfortunately, many students struggle in silence. I want to break this silence and be someone who makes them feel heard. Whether first year or final year, every day of uni life matters and every student matters.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for improving inclusion and wellbeing, and how do you plan to achieve them?

Easy access to mental wellbeing facilities, more campaigns mean more education and lastly, you say it we do it which means acting upon student voices.

Why should students vote for you to represent their inclusion and wellbeing needs?

YOUR VOICE MATTERS- MAKE SURE ITS CLEAR & LOUD. I want to be a part of change and a strong voice to empower and value students. This is not just a leadership role for me but a personal mission to accomplish. You're choosing a leader who listens, cares and takes action.

Hafiz Muhammad Ali

Inclusion and Wellbeing

What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader -Inclusion and Wellbeing?

I know how difficult it can be to adjust to university life as an international student, from feeling ignored to experiencing financial difficulties and mental health issues. I want to make sure that many pupils are aware of the support resources available to them. By enhancing financial aid access, foreign student counselling, and mental health resources, I hope to make sure all students feel supported, included, and appreciated. I'm determined to make DMU a more secure, welcoming, and powerful

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for improving inclusion and wellbeing, and how do you plan to achieve them?

1.Improved Mental Health Support – I'll advocate for peer support, counseling services, and awareness campaigns to make mental health resources more accessible. I'll also push for culturally appropriate services to ensure international and minority students feel safe seeking help. 2. More Support for International & Marginalized Students – I'll work to improve guidance, integration programs, and create inclusive spaces for students from all backgrounds. 3.Tackle Housing & Living Costs – I'll fight for fair housing policies, more financial aid, and part-time job opportunities.

Why should students vote for you to represent their inclusion and wellbeing needs?

I am aware of the difficulties students encounter, including feelings of being ignored, financial strain, and mental health issues. Real change, not just platitudes, is what I'm devoted to. I'll advocate for improved mental health care, greater integration for under-represented and international students, and assistance with living expenses. I'll make sure your voice is heard and taken into consideration by maintaining an open door policy.

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Libs Morris

Inclusion and Wellbeing

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What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader -Inclusion and Wellbeing?

As someone who faces adversities, I understand it feels like not wanting to participate in activities in fear of being difference. My personal experiences helped me to understand the impacts that the fear of being different comes with. This has inspired and strengthened my desire to run for this position. So I can continue to help others by building a supportive network, where students can be comfortable no matter Ethnicity, Gender, Sexual Orientation or Beliefs.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for improving inclusion and wellbeing, and how do you plan to achieve them?

1. Drop in / Check in sessions - I'd communicate with faculty reps and other officers to advertise this session that would happen 1/2 times a month. Before the session I'd make a video with reminders and coping strategies for students with a brief summary about the sessions. 2. Improving accessibility and inclusion at events - as an ambulatory wheelchair user I understand the stress and challenges students with additional needs may face. I would go through previous feedback whilst creating a forum where students can feedback their experiences and make adjustments / suggests for the planning of future events whilst making an accessibility checklist that can be used. 3. Build a community- I understand university can be daunting and lonely, I'd have small projects like a pen pal system to help build an inclusive community on campus with an aim of normalising additional needs.

Why should students vote for you to represent their inclusion and wellbeing needs?

It is easy to list reasons why students should vote for me. Instead I want to show the approach I would take. The ideas of how we should act are flooded in society, instead I hope to help students feel comfortable , accepted and normalise asking for help which I've touched on as disability officer. I want to help students understand what wellbeing means to them as I believe not one solution solves all. I'd hope to build trust, reliability and be a voice for the unheard on our campus.

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Manav Madlaniv

Inclusion and Wellbeing

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What inspired you to run for the position of Student Voice Leader -Inclusion and Wellbeing?

My experiences as an Academic Liaison Frontrunner and Faculty Lead Rep have illustrated the student challenges faced and the impact strong representation can create. Collaborating with staff and students to gather feedback has strengthened my passion for ensuring everyone feels valued. As a dedicated Psychology student and a former Project Support Officer Intern, I am committed to creating an inclusive environment where well-being is prioritised and fostering a supportive space for all students.

If elected, what are your top 3 priorities for improving inclusion and wellbeing, and how do you plan to achieve them?

1. Strengthening Student Voices Drawing from my academic and leadership experience, I will hold regular feedback sessions, ensuring underrepresented groups are heard. I will work with DSU and DMU leadership to advocate for meaningful changes, ensuring student feedback drives real improvements. 2. Enhancing Mental Health Support I will promote services like SPA and DSU support through engaging campaigns and accessible platforms. I will establish peer-support groups, well-being workshops, and safe spaces, helping students feel comfortable seeking support. 3. Promoting Inclusion and Belonging I will support initiatives like No Space for Hate and collaborate with societies and Liberation Officers to organize cultural days, diversity workshops, and community events that celebrate diversity and foster a stronger, more connected student community. I will champion as my vision is to create a university where every student belongs, thrives, and feels safe and empowered.

Why should students vote for you to represent their inclusion and wellbeing needs?

My experience representing students in gathering feedback, organising projects, and advocating for student needs has prepared me to enhance inclusion and well-being at DMU. I will be a proactive, approachable, and dedicated student leader, ensuring your voice drives real change. I am committed to amplifying student voices, improving well-being services, and creating a more inclusive campus where every student feels valued. Empowering Every Voice, Supporting Every Mind- Vote Manav!