

Students' Union Election Winter 2011

What is the Students' Union (SU)? The Students' Union is run by students for students to: represent students; improve student life, promote student wellbeing, run clubs, events & more!

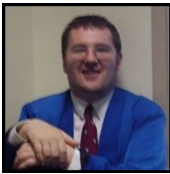
Students' Union Officers run the Students' Union and are elected by you—**you decide who you want to represent you.**

Check out the nominations below and over the next few pages and make sure you vote!

Vote: Thursday 24th November—Wednesday 7th December on Moodle.

President

**Overall responsibility for the Students' Union and the spokesperson for LMC students.
An automatic Student Governor.**

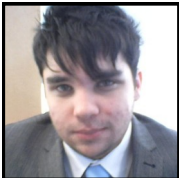


Stephen Taylor—Skills for Life

Hello, my name is Stephen Taylor and maybe, hopefully... I'm going to be your President. I have also been Finance Officer for 4 years so have the knowledge and experience of working with the Students' Union. The main points I would look at are:

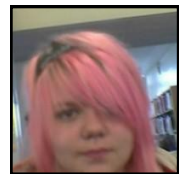
- To get all students more involved in the union from all areas of the college.
- I will listen to all students and your opinions, no matter how big or little and I will do my best to sort them out.
- LMC Students' Union needs to be visible and accessible to all. I want to set up a twitter feed for Student Council so that members know what decisions are being made on their behalf—when they are made by who and why.
- I will continue to fight against the government cuts to education.

And if I get elected, I will fight for students and continue to fight for students at LMC, and I'm just going to get out there and go for it.



Marcus Baron—Cabin Crew

My name is Marcus Baron and I'm 17 years old and currently training for air cabin crew. I've previously been in school councils throughout primary, secondary and sixth form. I'm aware of the problems or things to be improved from feedback from other students and I'm not afraid to stand up in discussions and talk for the students. I would like the position of President because I'm determined to get your ideas into plans and plans into making it happen.



Danielle Tyson—E2FE

I'm Danielle but I prefer to be called Danzie. I'm 18 and have been at this college for 3 years now. I'm a confident and outgoing person who likes to help everyone in anyway I can.

I am running for the position of President as I want to make a difference to the college and keep the students and student officers happy and motivated.

I think I would make an excellent President as I am an extremely motivated person, a good listener, and very open minded. I'd also like to think I'm a very creative, fair, friendly and funny person.

If I am elected President I will take time to talk to students personally and get fully involved with all events as well as presenting our colleges needs in an organised and appealing manner. I would also like to look into things such as the bully reporting system and see if they can be made simpler for the benefit of our students.

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Education Officer

Works with class reps to increase the student voice and improve the student experience.



Kat Mills—Games Development L3

I'm Kat from Games Development, and I'm running for the position of Education Officer. I believe that the way education is viewed in the eyes of the government is wrong and immoral. Students need to stand up and fight for their right to a well educated future. University fees are rising, EMA and ALG are abolished, and it's getting harder to find a place of work to help compensate the costs of learning. What can we do in this situation the current government has placed us in? We can campaign. We can fight.

I can help you do that.

What about more local difficulties within the college? Is your course what you expected it to be? Do you have a different way of learning to what the tutor is teaching? You are not alone. Did you know that approximately 30% of students in FE are Kinetic learners? This means that they learn by doing something practically, as opposed to listening, reading or speaking. I can help you achieve your full potential by assisting your identification to how you learn best.

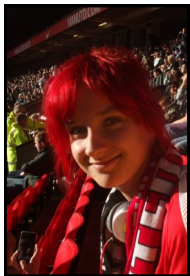
I'm hoping to co-develop a "Uni?" club, which may help you in deciding if University really is something worthwhile in your particular future, and which Uni would be best suited for your needs.

I've attended numerous national conferences around the country in the past year and through these, I have spoken for this college to hundreds of other student officers around the country. I'd like to speak up for you again, and again, and again. I'd like to make a change to education for you, because it's your future, your life, and you should have the opportunity to live it how you have dreamed to.

Please, I encourage you to vote for me if you would like your education to change. Thank you.

Sports Officer

Promotes and develops sports opportunities in college.



Natasha Pearson—Sport L3

I wish to be Sports Officer as I believe that I can help bring sport to all students in college and hope to inspire others to be as passionate towards sport as myself. I am hard working, dedicated to the job and a strong believer in that you can be what you want to be if you work hard for it.

Unlike most politicians I won't make any unrealistic promises to gain voters, and then not deliver. Any ideas or promises I make, I will not back out of, I always fulfil my promises. I am the girl who never backs down from a challenge no matter what it is, and I always try to ensure that the right thing is being done.

Within the local area there are lots of opportunities to take part in sports, I will promise now to ensure that I will do my best to make sure everyone gets to experience these.

Not everyone thinks that sport is fun, I wish to change this attitude, and transform it into a positive attitude towards sport. Some people think that sport isn't for them as they believe they are no good at it. However, I strongly believe that everyone has a place in sport, regardless of ability, age or race. To me sport is about having fun, trying new sports and they feeling you get when you succeed. I wish to inspire these beliefs to all students in college. I want people to know that sport is open to anybody.

If I was to get elected I will do my best to give people what they want, this role is as much about the students as it is me.

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Finance Officer

Oversees the Students' Union budget (£9,000) and helps to increase SU funds.



Pete Paton—Skills for Life

My name is Pete and the position I am standing for is Finance Officer. I have knowledge of cash handling and developed money skills when I worked at the Abbey National for work experience.

I have been a class rep at college and since a non-portfolio student officer.

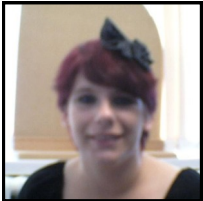
The main points I'm going to look at are:

- To inform all students about the £9,000 budget for this academic year.
- I will let all students know by the college email, posters and other ways the information they need.
- I will make sure the budget is spent wisely.

So vote Pete Paton as your Finance Officer.

Equality & Diversity Officer

Promotes equality of opportunity and diversity



Kylie Miles—Music L2

I'm Kylie Miles, I'm studying music L2, I'm 22 years old and my interests are singing which I have a real big passion for.

Here's my manifesto:

- I would like people to know what LGBT means (lesbian, gay, bisexual & trans)
- I'd like to help people come out with their sexuality.
- I'd let people know that just because some one is gay doesn't mean they are a bad person or strange.
- I'd give someone who is confused about their sexuality someone to talk to.
- I'd put some fun activities for the LGBT community to talk part in e.g. Night's out, days out, DVD nights etc.

Please vote for me because I want to help others and will make a difference.

Fundraising Officer

Coordinates student-run fundraising events for local and national causes.



Tracy Lord—Hospitality NVQ 1

Hi, my name is Tracy Lord on Hospitality, and I would like to be the Fundraising Officer. The reason being is I like help raising money for local and national charities. I would like to set up a club to help promote fundraising in college.

I see myself as outgoing, fun, helpful and would like to learn new skills.

So vote Tracy as your Fundraising Officer. Thank you—and vote!



Sophie Dixon—Business with Tourism L3

I am a Business Studies student with a passion for fundraising. I currently volunteer with St. Johns Hospice helping their fundraising and events team, and I have been involved in fundraising for various national charities over the past few years such as Children in Need, British Heart Foundation and Help for Heroes. I have also completed an internship over summer organising the Freshers' Fair so I have experience in organising events.

During my time in this position I would organise fundraising opportunities around college for charities students feel are most important and I would liaise with other officers and students to include their ideas and visions for fundraising at LMC

Wellbeing Officer

Responsible for raising awareness about wellbeing issues that affect students.



Johnathon Duffy—Hospitality NVQ 1

Hi, my name is Johnathon Duffy and I would like to speak out for you to have a voice. Communication is important. As part of the Students' Union I would like to speak to all students, listen to what interests them and what you are interested in.

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Communications Officer

Responsible for student media e.g. SU website, publicity, magazine, social networking etc.



Chelcie Clarke—Business L3

Hi, my name is Chelcie and I am running for the position of Communications Officer. I've just turned 18 and I'm currently in the first year of the Level 3 Business course which I'm really enjoying doing. This position would be a great opportunity for me to gain experience as I want a career in marketing and communications in the future.

I think I would make a good communications officer as I am reliable and very easy to talk to. If I were to be elected, I would make sure you are all kept up to date with the latest SU information as and when it happens. My main aim would be to improve the way the Students' Union communicates with you as I want to get the word out there about the latest news, events and clubs and make sure every student gets to hear about it and has the chance to be involved.

I am very sociable and would love to be an officer and speak to some of you in person as I would like to hear your opinions.

Finally, I'd like to say thank you to anyone who takes the opportunity to vote for me and I hope to see some of you around college in the future.



Catherine Huddleston—Business L3

My name is Catherine Huddleston, I'm 18 years old and I study Business Extended BTEC Diploma Level 3. I have developed my planning skills throughout the few short weeks I have been on the course and I feel I know some of what it takes to make an organisation a success.

In my free time I enjoy a variety of activities, ranging from; socialising and shopping with friends to camping, hiking, launching glider planes, speed boating and some water sports. I am an active, confident person and I am passionate about anything that I believe is worthwhile. And after all what is more worthwhile than a student's engagement with the more light hearted side of college.

I am running for the position of Communications Officer, there are many reasons why I'd like the position of communications officer, firstly I always believe you should give something back to the people who help you, secondly I'm passionate about promoting as I voluntarily help promote Lancaster University's Gliding and Hiking clubs through Facebook, making advertisements, talking to possible members, creating and putting up posters and generally just talking to people about the clubs and what they do. Even in my part time job I am promoting; I am a part time sales assistant for Trespass outdoor clothing and I am aware the impact the running of an organisation can have on the benefits for all interested. All this considered I feel that I have the experience to be able to handle this position efficiently and with the required motivation.

I already have some ideas of the things I would do if I was elected as communications officer, I would try to encourage all students to engage with the students union in some way or another, in a way that is beneficial not matter what course they are on. I am a social person and I wouldn't be afraid to ask people what they'd like to see happen in the Student Union and I'd be their link to the Union to see if their ideas are viable. I would also set up a notice board in the social space in order to communicate information between the students union and the students themselves.

Overall, I would be a confident, passionate speaker for the Student Union and I have the experience to develop the great foundations already in place.

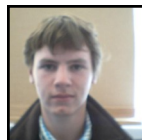
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Student Officers (non-portfolio)

Work on projects as tasked by the Student Council—they don't have a specific remit so they respond and work on new student projects e.g. events, campaigns, welfare.

There are 10 positions and 11 students nominated. Have a look at their manifestos, talk to them if you see them in college, and vote for your team of 10 Student Officers (non-portfolio)!



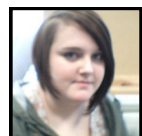
Christopher Myers—Welding & Fabrication

My name is Christopher Myers, I'm 16 years old and I'm on the welding & fabrication course. Some of my interests include playing musical instruments, and I'm also a member of the air training corps.

The qualities I will bring to the position include my reliability and my motivated character. As well as this, my time in the air training corps has given me considerable experience in team management and has taught me how to act in this kind of position.

If I am elected I will try to make sure that events happen for the students that are interesting. I will also help the other officers complete their tasks.

So why vote for me? I'm a reliable, self motivated person who has had experience of this kind of experience before.



Ebony Thurston - L2 Hairdressing

Hello, my name is Ebony Thurston. I'm 18 years of age and currently studying on the Hairdressing diploma level 2 course. I am a very happy and outgoing person who enjoys music, films and just hanging out with family and friends. I wish to run for this position as I believe my different qualities and attributes will suit this role.

Meeting new people is always something I enjoy. Just experiencing the different backgrounds and cultures people have been brought up with is really interesting. Although people have different views and opinions I believe everyone is equal. I think that my open mind is a good attitude to have when applying for a student officer position.

Good communication skills are a must when applying for all officer roles. People have told me I have good listening skills and good communication skills in general. I take other peoples feelings and opinions into consideration which every student officer should do.

If I were to be elected I would firstly like to hold a few events each focusing on a different culture, religion and other diversities. This will let the college experience other ways of life and hopefully change the minds of people who may discriminate towards different ways.

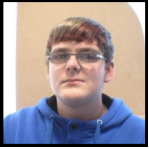
Secondly, I would like to work closely with the Fundraising Officer to organise events to raise money for different bullying campaigns and charities who work with less fortunate countries.

Thirdly, I would just like to be a friend. Someone they can trust who will be there to talk about anything, no matter what the problem.

Students should vote for me as I'm confident, outgoing and will always be there when they need a friend. I will put all my efforts into solving any problems they have and will work with other student officers to promote diversity and equal opportunities.

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Student Officers (non-portfolio) Continued...



Joe Holmes—L3 Business

My name is Joe Holmes, I'm 17 and I'm applying for the Student Officer (non-portfolio) position.

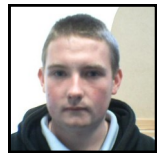
I am an outgoing and ambitious young man who is willing to work with staff members for the benefit of fellow students.

I am currently doing the level 3 business studies course which I am enjoying very much albeit a demanding course.

I have good computer skills, people skills and can think things through before carrying out a task. I am a good forward planner and think ahead of possible outcomes or consequences.

I would listen to what students would like to see in college and help make it a place they enjoy and look forward to coming to.

I feel I am an easy person to get along with, and am an approachable person for students to come and chat to. Being a Student Officer is a responsible position and I would take it very seriously, and do my utmost to the best I possibly could for the benefit of students and college.



Ryan Ashton—L3 Sport

I am Ryan Ashton, I am studying sports level 3 and I love sports.

I am reliable, I am a good communicator and I am for the people.

I will:

- Follow what most people want
- Not make promises I can't keep—as such I'm not going to make any promises here.

I will listen to everything you have to say—so if elected, please come and see me and I will see what I can do.

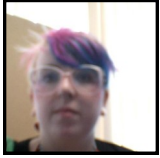


Sarah Barnes—NVQ 2 Hairdressing

I would make a good candidate because I have a lot of experience and am willing to represent students at the college. My ideas vary from trips to ways to make the college better for all students.

I am open to ideas and also have a lot of ideas to put forward. I'm a very committed person with a good personality and I have a good understanding of other peoples needs.

Student Officers (non-portfolio) Continued...



Elizabeth Blundell—Art & Design L3

Hello I'm Lizi, I would love to be voted for by you to become one of your student officers as I, like many of you have strong valid opinions about the welfare of this college, and I would add a unique spark back into your voice.

If you don't know me by name, you would probably recognise me anywhere as I am very confident and noticeable as you will see.

I am a very motivated and expressive person which will help me fulfil this role to the best of my ability. I will try and push forward points you bring up, from our environmental footprint to needing a hop scotch for lunch times.

Thank you.



Sarah Preisner—Access to University

Hello! My name is Sarah and I'm currently on the Access to University course.

I'd like the opportunity to volunteer in a position that affects mature students in a positive way, now and in the future, and to also have a positive effect on the college as a whole :-)



Aiden Packham—Art & Design L3

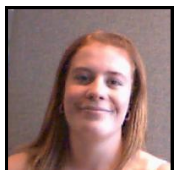
Equal rights and treatment for all students

More choice for vegetarians!

Bring politics into discussion e.g. Student fees and future issues.

I will always listen to any viewpoint and will be non judgemental.
I will fight with passion for the voice of the students.

Viva la Revolution!



Claire Webb—Skills for Life

I have done in the past the REPort Mag and now I would like to do something different this year.

I would like to help out everyone and help organise events or do posters.

I have taken loads of photos of most of the Students' union events and they are up on the website.

Vote for Claire Webb!

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Student Officers (non-portfolio) Continued...



Claire Flower—Access to University

I am a mature student returning to college, I am passionate about education and think the Students' Union is a great way to get people involved and empower people.



Michelle Logan— Business with Tourism L3

I am running for the position of non-portfolio officer, my name is Michelle Logan, I am 20 years old and I am interested in events and bringing people together . The qualities I will bring to this position are motivation, I am a very motivated, hard working person and when I start a task I am dedicated to completing it. I am a reliable person which means students and other officers can rely on me. If I was elected, I would help to support other officers whilst running my own projects as well.

Students should vote for me because I'm friendly, easy to talk to, hard working, and dedicated to everything I do, I always give 100%.

Now it's time to vote!

Vote on Moodle between Thursday 24th November—Wednesday 7th December inclusive.

Results, and your new Student Officer team, will be announced at Student Council on Thursday 8th December, 12-2pm in D282.

More info on the Students' Union and opportunities in college can be found at our very own student website:

www.imcsu.com

Thanks!