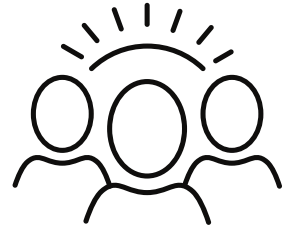


# Manifesto Booklet

## Community and Wellbeing Candidates





## About Me

# HELLO, I'M REED JAMES



I'm running to **#reedvitalise** the Students Union by becoming your next **Community and Wellbeing Officer**. As I'm passionate about making changes for students by bridging the gap between students and the Student's Union to ensure they focus on your priorities to improve everyone's experiences at the university. Until now, I've been just a student, so if I want to continue fighting for you I'm asking you to consider voting for me.

### What I've done so far for you as a student

- Worked in Scrutiny Committee to ask tough questions to our Student Union officers to hold them to account.
- Collaborated with the National Union of Students (NUS) to fight for fairer fees and visas for international students as an NUS Delegate.
- Met with dozens of university societies to ensure their perspectives were represented on societies' council.
- Organised a charity night to raise food for Leicester Community Kitchen for all students who needed it.
- Passed a motion at student council that called for lower food prices.

# MY PRIORITIES

# REEDVITALISE



## Wellbeing:

- Support the creation of a childcare system for students with children.
- Do more to tackle sexual violence by working with the university to deliver proper training and improved facilities to address it.
- Ensure the library has a space with a proper microwave and kettle that is open to all students 24hrs a day.
- Revamping the peer mentoring scheme to be more effective for first students and more rewarding for mentors by continuing the current review of the programme.



## Sustainability:

- Produce a sustainability plan for the Student Union.
- Embed sustainability into the curriculum by funding carbon literacy training for all students who want to become more sustainable.
- Do more to support and promote our voluntary groups like Green Bubble and Food Rescue.
- Make the Green Careers Fair a yearly event.





# MY PRIORITIES

# REEDVITALISE



## COMMUNITY:

- Have open office hours each week so that students can drop in and discuss any issue with me.
- Supporting changing the student union room booking system to be more like the library so they are easier to book and can be done far quicker for student groups.
- Revamp student group training to make it more engaging - such as having an in-person option.

## AFFORDABILITY:

- Lower food prices and have campus food outlets be open for longer to make them more student-friendly.
- Ensuring the free breakfast scheme is delivered every week, and exploring the possibility of expanding it to include other meals and extend the times it is offered for.
- Increase the number of hours international students can work during vacation hours.
- Work to get rents to their lowest possible level and accommodations suitable for student habitation.
- Do more to promote employability by pressuring Leicester Student Partnership to offer more student jobs on campus



# Manifesto Booklet

## Education Officer Candidates



# **My Manifesto as your Education Officer**

**“Building a Brighter Future: Our Vision  
for Progress”**

# SAM WALTER VIJAY KUMAR



## About me

I am Mathari Sam Walter, I am honored to stand before you today as a candidate for the role of Education Officer in the spring student union elections. As a dedicated student pursuing my Masters in Advanced Computer Science, I have been privileged to witness the vibrant energy and diversity of our university community firsthand. Now, I am eager to take on a new role - to serve as a voice for our collective aspirations, concerns, and dreams.

Before embarking on this journey as a student leader, I gained invaluable experience in the corporate world, having worked as a lead at a top multinational company. This professional background has equipped me with strong leadership skills, effective communication abilities, and a keen understanding of organizational dynamics - qualities that I believe are essential for effective representation and advocacy.

However, my decision to contest in the student union election is not solely based on my past experiences. Rather, it is fueled by a deep-seated passion for making a positive impact and fostering a sense of community among my peers. I firmly believe that every voice matters, and as your representative, I am committed to amplifying your voices, concerns, and aspirations on the university stage.

**“Fueling Change with Passion and Purpose”**

# My Pledges

## “Empowering Education: A Vision for Student Success”

### Representation and Engagement:

- I will be a strong advocate for under-represented groups, ensuring their voices are heard and their needs are addressed within the university community.
- I will oversee and enhance the Union's representational and democratic structures to promote wider student involvement and participation.
- Communication will be key - I will actively engage with the entire membership of the Union, listening to their concerns, ideas, and feedback, and ensuring that all activity and outcomes are transparently communicated back to the membership.

### Trustee Responsibilities:

- As a Trustee of the Union, I will ensure that all services are relevant and have a positive impact on students, abiding by the Trustees' Code of Conduct and the Union's Constitution.
- I will promote the purpose, vision, aims, and objectives of the Union, actively working to reduce environmental impact and uphold ethical practices.
- With legal responsibility for the Union's services, I will prioritize Health and Safety, customer care, and equal opportunities Policies to ensure the well-being and inclusivity of all students.

### Advocacy and Campaigning:

- I will represent student views to the University and external bodies, advocating for policies and initiatives that benefit the student body.
- I will promote equal opportunities within the Union and wider community, campaigning for inclusivity and diversity in all aspects of student life

**“Committed to Excellence, Dedicated to Progress”**



# Manifesto Booklet

## Liberation Officer Candidates



# Spring Elections 2024



**AISHWARYA  
KOTE**

For Liberation Officer



## About Me

I'm Aishwarya (she/her), I'm from India, pursuing my MSc in International Business at University of Leicester. I am thrilled to announce my candidacy for the position of Liberation Officer in the Spring Student Union Elections. With a deep-rooted passion for social service, equality, and women in politics, I am committed to advocating for the rights and empowerment of marginalized communities within our university. Through my leadership, I aim to foster inclusivity, amplify diverse voices, and drive positive change on campus.

**“Together, let's work towards building a more equitable and inclusive university community for all”**

 @aishwarya\_kote31

 <https://linktr.ee/AishwaryaKote>



## Explore my objectives as a Liberation Officer outlined in the following section

### ADVOCATING FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS

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- I will be a dedicated advocate for the rights and interests of women within our university community, ensuring that their voices are heard and their concerns addressed. I will actively engage with female students to understand their experiences, challenges, and priorities, advocating for policies and initiatives that promote gender equality and empower women.



### COLLABORATIVE ENGAGEMENT

2

- I will work collaboratively with student unions, liberation societies, and external organizations to amplify the voices of marginalized communities and effect meaningful change.
- I will work with the elected PT Officers acting as lead representatives for the sections and liberation campaigns



### CHAMPIONING EQUITY AND REPRESENTATION

3

- I will be the primary Union representative and point of contact on all matters relating to representation of liberation, providing full-time leadership on the five specified NUS liberation campaigns (Women, LGBT+, Trans, BAME and disabled students)



### CELEBRATION OF DIVERSITY

4

- I will work with faith societies to organize events and activities that celebrate the rich tapestry of religious diversity within our university community.
- Collaborate with academic departments, student organizations, and external experts to explore issues such as cultural competency, allyship, and social justice, promoting a deeper understanding of diversity and its impact on society.



### POLICY ADVOCACY

5

- Advocate for institutional policies and practices that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion, driving systemic change within the university to benefit all members of the community.



### MONITORING AND EVALUATION

6

- Monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts within the university, collecting feedback, analyzing data, and making recommendations for improvement to ensure continuous progress towards a more equitable and inclusive campus environment.



“Liberation: Together We Rise, Together We Thrive”

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## President Candidates





FEELING JADED? VOTE JADE!

# VOTE JADE FOR PRESIDENT

My name is Jade Thomas, I am your current Liberation Officer and I am now running to be your next President! Since starting as a student here back in 2016, I have always endeavoured to leave the University a better place than I found it. My year as Liberation Officer has enabled me to achieve some amazing things for students, however, I want the opportunity to do EVEN MORE as your President. I believe looking at the entire student experience through the lens of Liberation will allow me to champion a University experience that truly is inclusive for all!



## RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS/WINS

- Increased number of **PRAYER FACILITIES** across campus
- Expanded reasons for **MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES** to include specific traumatic events
- Leading the **BLACK STUDENT EXPERIENCE PROJECT**
- Introduced **FLEXIBLE GYM MEMBERSHIPS** in collaboration with the Sports Officer
- Initiated **PEER MENTORING REVAMP** to provide better support for students
- Hosted a number of **LIBERATION EVENTS** across campus, including Black History Month, Islamophobia Awareness Month, and LGBT+ History Month

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Current  
**LIBERATION  
OFFICER**  
**23/24**

Current **TRUSTEE**  
for Leicester  
Students' Union  
**23/24**

Elected **NUS  
DELEGATE** and  
**LEAD DELEGATE**  
for NUS Liberation

# PRIORITIES

## COST OF LIVING

With the UK entering another recession and the cost of living continuing to increase, it's imperative that the University continues to support students financially. If elected, I intend to push for:

- Enhanced food support, including the continuation of **FREE BREAKFAST** as well as the introduction of **FREE BREAKFAST ON THE GO** across campus
- **LOWER FOOD PRICES** on campus, with a promise to only increase prices in-line with increases in student finance
- **FINANCIAL LITERACY TRAINING** for all students during induction period
- **STUDENT HAIRDRESSERS/BARBERS** on campus, with fixed student-friendly prices
- **FIXED-RATE FLEXIBLE GYM MEMBERSHIPS** - ensuring that the current £20 per month membership remains for the foreseeable future

## UNION DEVELOPMENT

The Students' Union motto is 'Your Home Away from Home'. I want to continue to work to make this true for ALL students. If elected, I intend to:

- Introduce **EXECUTIVE OFFICER DROP-IN HOURS** so students have dedicated times to come and speak freely to Executive Officers without needing to book in advance
- Oversee the implementation of suggestions from the current **GOVERNANCE REVIEW**, which is something I have been actively contributing to
- **REARRANGE THE OFFICE SPACE** to make it more inviting and accessible for students
- **ESTABLISH STUDENTS' UNION SPACES** across campus, including staffed hot desks where students can access support from the Students' Union outside of the Percy Gee Building
- Work to ensure **STUDENTS' UNION TEAMS ARE FULLY STAFFED**, with a clear, student-informed plan put in place for when this is not possible



# IF ELECTED, I INTEND TO...

## ...CONTINUE

- Reviewing the **Senate Regulations** and University policies, ensuring education is **inclusive for ALL**
- Working on the **#LeicsDecolonise** campaign, with a focus of decolonising the entire educational experience from the top down
- Working with the University to **expand prayer facilities** across campus, including the **development of suitable ablution facilities**
- Reviewing the University and Students' Union **wellbeing services**, ensuring they suit the needs of ALL students, including pushing for an **enhanced wellbeing hub**
- Continue to assist with the start-up/running of **NIGHTLINE** or the next academic year

## ...LOBBY FOR

- **IMPROVED COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE UNIVERSITY AND STUDENTS** including making it easier and more accessible to report faults/issues around campus
- **SAFE SPACES FOR ALL** - sensory rooms/dedicated quiet spaces across campus, chilled food storage spaces for students bringing food from home, enhanced wellbeing hub within the Percy Gee Building
- **DEDICATED DROP-OFF/PICK-UP ZONE** to allow safer travel to and from campus for students travelling via Uber
- **VISA DROP-IN SESSIONS** alongside the fees and income drop-in sessions to assist International Students

## WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE FOR ME?

Throughout my time as a member of our University Community, I have consciously made it my mission to leave the University a better place than I found it. As a current Executive Officer, I have worked hard to lobby the University and have made great strides to making our campus a more inclusive place. But I'm not done yet.

You genuinely will not find someone who cares more about students and the student experience; if elected, I promise to continue to do my best to make this University a safe, inclusive, and accessible environment for all who come here. With me as your President, this could truly be Your Home Away From Home.

*FEELING JADED? VOTE JADE!*

SCAN TO VOTE:



# Manifesto Booklet

## Sports and Societies Candidates







**VOTE**

# **AJAY REDDY FOR SPORTS OFFICER**

**Why you should vote me as  
YOUR Sports and Societies  
officer!**

- You should #RallyWithAjay because I ensure equal opportunities and facilities for sports enthusiasts.
- I'd ensure a wide range of activities, from sports tournaments to cultural events, for everyone!
- Students have been overlooked I promise to restore trust and provide a vibrant sports scene for all!
- Vote for Ajay to revamp our sports clubs, retrieve sports kits, and energize sports and societies!

**#RallyWithAjay**







## 2. Sports Festivals and Events:

- Hosting sports festivals or events that feature a diverse mix of both competitive and recreational activities to cater to a wide range of interests within the student body.
- Incorporating entertainment, food, and music into sports events to establish a vibrant and festive atmosphere, attracting a larger and more diverse audience.

## 3. Fitness Challenges:

- Collaborating with the university to lower gym membership costs and enhance accessibility, ensuring that the gym is affordable and available to every member of the university community.
- If elected, I am committed to advancing Joe's pioneering initiative of integrating physiotherapists into sports, ensuring athletes receive comprehensive support for both their physical and mental well-being, contributing to a stronger and more resilient sports community."

## 4. Adaptive Sports Programs:

- Developing programs for adaptive or inclusive sports to provide opportunities for every student, regardless of ability, to actively participate in sports activities.

## 1. Inter-University Tournaments:

- Organizing inter-university sports tournaments to instill healthy competition and cultivate a sense of pride among participating students.
  - Arranging on-campus sports tournaments, providing a platform for university students to showcase their skills while fostering opportunities to build new friendships and connections.
  - Organizing summer sports activities and tournaments during the vacation period to actively engage students in physical pursuits and recreational competitions.
  - Providing transportation and logistical support for university teams participating in external competitions, ensuring seamless representation and support for the university's sporting endeavors.
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## 7. Mobile App for Sports Community:

- Developing a mobile app tailored for the sports community, providing a centralized platform for communication, event updates, and virtual interaction among sports enthusiasts.

## 8. Thematic Sports Weeks:

- Organizing thematic sports weeks, dedicating each week to a specific sport or theme to generate excitement and anticipation for upcoming sports events.
- Hosting interactive sports exhibitions, offering students the opportunity to try out different sports, engage in virtual reality experiences, and gain insights into the history and culture of various sports.

## 5. Facility Upgrades and Maintenance:

- Advocating for improvements in sports facilities, ensuring they are well-maintained, accessible, and equipped to cater to the diverse needs of various sports.
- Collaborating closely with sponsorship representatives to ensure that university students receive high-quality sports kits in a timely manner.
- Working towards expanding or renovating facilities based on the evolving needs and demands of various sports, creating a conducive environment for athletes.

## 9. Wildcard Tournaments:

- Introducing wildcard tournaments that showcase unconventional or hybrid sports, fostering creativity and innovation in sports activities while providing unique and exciting experiences for participants.

## 6. Virtual Competitions:

- Introducing virtual sports competitions or esports tournaments to align with the growing interest in online gaming and foster a sense of community with in competitive gaming enthusiasts.



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