

Union Development Zone Committee Candidates

The following candidates are standing for election to this Zone Committee

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Eva Crossan Jory **Goldsmiths Students' Union**

Union Development Zone Committee
Standing for NEC place for this Zone Committee

Hi, I'm Eva, President of Goldsmiths SU . I'm running to be your UD NEC Place and on UD Committee because NUS is failing to give officers the support we need in a way that works for us.

I currently sit on the NUS Student Opportunities Charity Advisory Group making sure student opportunities are best they can be and both accessible and affordable.

As one of the first LGBTQ woman presidents at my SU, and the first female activities officer for far too long, I helped organise the first This Girl Can campaign at my SU and got every team on campus involved in the Stonewall rainbow laces campaign.

As a second year officer i've seen the effects this job can have on our mental health, The UD zone must fight for what students really want. When there is a student mental health crisis, where is our officer support?

We need a UD Zone that helps officers not only in their professional jobs but helps them fight and win for students. On my campus we've introduced housing advice, become a hate crime reporting centre, actively tackled Sexual Harassment on campus and helped students win over £650,000 in rent repayments. As officers we fight for our students every day but imagine how much more we could do together with better support from our union.

Students turn to their SUs for help - we should have the same relationship with our national union.

The UD Zone has a reputation as a bit of a lads' club, but I'm here to say that a woman's place is in her union, a woman's place is in the UD zone, a woman's place is in the revolution.

For a fighting, transparent, supportive, and accessible UD Zone, vote Eva #1 for NEC Place.

Natasha Crump **Staffordshire University Students' Union**

Union Development Zone Committee

Hi!

I'm Tash Crump, currently VP at Staffs Uni SU and running to be on your UD Zone Committee!

Since coming to Uni I have been part part of the Netball 1st team and also I had a go at American Football, and since then I've been one of about 5 females in a male dominated sport. Being part of this helped me develop to who I am today, The American Football team led me to playing at a higher and higher standard to now where I am playing for Team GB Dev Flag Football.

So when I graduated, I wanted to give back a little to staffs, so I ran to be a Sabb, Before being a sabb NUS was a card you could get to get discounts. So when I came to SU17 and hearing all the great things NUS can do, I wanted to find out more.

I've since been elected West Midlands BUCS Chair where I represent all Unis in the West Midlands that are affiliated to BUCS , and I have engaged in representing students in my area to the best I can.

But there's an overall issue of Universities taking Sport from their SUs and I have found there has been very little support from NUS available on this.

This has happened to us at Staffs and for us in the Students' Union, we have had to develop a new Sports representation executive, and are still struggling to get this in place as we need to work with our Uni on setting it up.

I want UD to be able to offer support for Unions in this, through either fighting to keep Sport or helping create appropriate representation structures for university teams in their Unions.

Please Vote Tash Crump in the UD Zone Committee!

Ben Edwards



Middlesex University Students' Union

Union Development Zone Committee

Hi! I'm Ben Edwards, and I'm fortunate enough to be the President of Middlesex Students' Union. As a proud rugby player turned active campaigner, I'm here to make sure the students, so often forgotten, are finally embedded in the work of the Union Development Zone.

If you'd have asked me in my first if I thought I'd be an elected officer, or someone pinning the deputy mayor of London for action on rogue landlords, I would've bet my entire student loan on; definitely not. Like so many sabbatical officers, I've been lucky enough to have unique opportunities that have changed my life. However, there are still too many students whose lifestyles don't allow them to take part in even the most traditional University activities. It's well and good having free sport as a national priority, but if we aren't helping students overcome their everyday struggles then are we truly succeeding?

At Middlesex we've launched an exciting student communities projects - embedding the needs of student parents and carers, commuters, international students and postgraduates in everything that we do!

Unless we can produce unique solutions to help these students with their individual situations, then we are failing our student body.

Let's bring the issues of child care costs for student parents to the table, let's get this UD Zone talking about how NUS can work better for Postgraduates, and let's actually start getting national results for all students on campuses.

So, this is what you'll get from me on this UD Zone. I'll be listening, I'll be challenging and most importantly be working to ensure that NUS truly supports us as developing unions.

If you want to chat or find out more about why I'm standing then please find me at Zones or get in touch! @bedwards2405

Eliyahu Goldsobel Birkbeck College, University of London

Union Development Zone Committee

Manifesto

By Eli/Elijah/Rabbi/just don't call me late for dinner

THE NEW ROAD OUT OF NEUTRAL: While protecting individual's rights and identities are important, the community, the student community, would be the essential part of making sure this continues. For this we will be taking the Coexist campaign onto the next level. Where we help individuals promote their cultures, to share in our differences, making for an all inclusive and hospitable student community.

GETTING INTO GEAR: With all the changes happening within the government in matters of education, making sure we get value for our studies, a higher level of communication and unity between faculties will be needed. I am referring to TEF, a unified front is a must.

THE WOW FACTOR: Alongside the priority of community, making sure legal aid and welfare is available is an essential part of the Rule of Law. For that reason, with the current changes in fiscal policy from the government around this and the reorganisation of how lawyers become lawyers, I will be, in accordance with my studies and the faculty at the School of Law, working towards unifying the direction we, as a community, take.

IF A NECESSITY FOR YOU IS JUSTICE, VOTING FOR ME IS A MUSTICE*!

Stay tuned for further updates as would like to start at the beginning of the year starts. Don't forget, a leader is only as good as the people that put him/her there. With a task this big, we at the SU will need all the help we can get and with UNITY all is possible.

*Disclaimer, Mustice is not an actual word.

Katherine Hackshaw University of West London Students' Union



Union Development Zone Committee
Standing for NEC place for this Zone Committee

Hey! I'm Kat Hackshaw, Vice-President of Activities and Participation at the University of West London Students' Union. I am not just a 'Sporto', I am a champion for diversity in sport, extensive extra-curricular activities and memorable events for students at UWL! Whilst also empowering Student led activities across campus including Student Media, Volunteering and Liberation Groups. As a Sabbatical Officer I feel we need a strong UD Zone committee to guide the work of Students' Unions across the country. We need a committee that creates inclusive communities, whether you are a Student Parent, Carer, Commuter or Mature/Part Time Student, you deserve that support for opportunities to participate in sports or student groups in your Unions. On top of this why should a student have barriers like accessibility, finances... or having to go work instead of social activities to cover these finances? At UWL my focus has been to break down the barriers that our students face to participating in sport and student activities. That's why at UWL I have re-designed our services, so all students can reap the benefits of participating in extra-curricular activities. I know, through my own research, that participating in sport and student activities whilst at Uni is vital to the student experience and ultimately student attainment, don't forget the positive benefits for students Mental Health too! This year so far at UWL we have engaged 100% of new students in course-based activities and 60% of our student body in meaningful activity, and by the end of this year we will have reached 80% engagement. Kat is my name, and breaking down barriers is my game. Vote for me and I will be YOUR champion for sport and student activities for every SU in the country so that every student can have the best experience possible.

Faiz Ilyas **University of Bradford Union of Students**

Union Development Zone Committee

My name is Faiz Ilyas and I'm running to represent students on the NUS Union Development Zones Committee. As the Union Affairs Officer at the University of Bradford Union of Students, I regularly tackle the issues of our zone in a more localised way. Finance, democracy, governance, sports, societies and campaigns are my forte. I champion them by providing transparent and accountable leadership. I've been affecting change for students ever since joining university. I've helped create a constitution and by-laws that are relevant and easy to understand. I've engaged hard to reach students through my term as the Home-Based Students Officer. I've worked to build an officer model that is more representative. I've launched campaigns including those that have addressed racial profiling by campus security, facial hair stigma and diverse sanitation provisions on campus. As I continue to fight for students locally I want to replicate this nationally and become a direct mouthpiece to policy for the 7 million students that are a part of NUS. As a movement, we continue to face evolving problems. I pledge to voice the concerns of our membership and drive policy that will make real and positive change to the everyday lives of millions of students across our country. I will scrutinise our Vice President Union Development to ensure that he continues to prioritise local efforts resulting in stronger grassroots and an NUS that is better connected to its membership. I promise to read the committee papers and attend all meetings so that I can have an active role in voicing your concerns and shaping policy. I promise to help develop meaningful policy proposals for National Conference to ensure NUS continues to be a champion for students. Vote Faiz Ilyas #1 for UD Zones Committee!

Meike Imberg **Students' Union University of Greenwich**



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The NUS Conference in April was my first NUS event & I absolutely loved it - but I also hated it at times. I felt that there were too many situations where delegates seemed to have forgotten what the purpose of NUS is: to represent all of our students & to make the world a better place. I love all the amazing people at NUS but believe that we can make it even better and help Students' Unions by making our officers more accountable, feed back more consistently to all officers and I want to help to SORT NUS Connect out and make it work for EVERYONE! Vote for me & help to make NUS a better place - over and out!

Ahtesham Mahmood **De Montfort Students' Union**

Union Development Zone Committee

Knock. Knock.
Who's there?

NUS REFERENDUM!

Last year, as Vice President Student Activities, I saw Students' Union's up and down the country losing faith in their National Union of Students' and disaffiliating all together- As President this year, this is of great concern to me.

SU Trustee boards and/or Students are questioning why they're paying so much to be affiliated to a crumbling service that doesn't even reach them. Unions across the country pay thousands to feel no benefit on their campus; NUS should be more than a discount card to our students.

With a membership of 7 million students, we as a collective unit have a responsibility to ensure that our voices are being projected nationally and supported locally enabling us to deliver the best possible student experience to all our students: from the fresher volunteers to the sports captain and from our international students to the often forgotten distance learners.

And for that very reason, I am running for UD Zone Committee!

Elect me and I will ensure that clear policies are directed for:

- Clear and transparent services that strive to reach all our membership- not forgetting those in Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland
- Free training and conference for our student leaders – There are unions that couldn't afford to pay for this conference.
- Promoting the activities fund to reconnect student societies with the national union
- Holding the VP UD to account – commending and critiquing his work in a constructive way to make sure NUS is doing the most it can for its membership

Making the NUS truly national and not just for the burrows of London!

Please consider giving me your 1st preference for UD Zone Committee!



Amy Moran

University of Leicester Students' Union

Union Development Zone Committee

Hi I'm Amy and I'm President at Leicester Students' Union. I'm standing for Union Development committee because I'm passionate about directly supporting students and Officers.

As a first year officer and President at Leicester, I had no idea how to interact with our staff or CEO. I've worked hard to develop a strong and honest relationship with my Board of Trustees and all of our officers. UD zone should be equipping all officers with clear guidelines and support for developing positive relationships with their CEOs. It's no news to anyone that CEOs are typically men so supporting women presidents with those difficult conversations is even more important to ensuring that our unions are successful. As a woman President, I feel it is integral for this zone to be inclusive of women and non binary officers because discrimination doesn't stop when you become an Officer

We need to make sure our Unions are more student facing and are engaging practically with their membership. I'm always in touch with my students and make sure that I'm spending time with them, from ensuring weekly drop-in sessions to an open door office policy. I'd be so excited to help shape the UD committee so please vote for me!

Noura Qusairy

Liverpool Guild of Students

Union Development Zone Committee

As I have been in University for 2 years and have been the Rep of my course for 2 years as well. I have recognised the lack of interaction and integration between students which should definitely be enhanced by organising more social activities and events. As this would benefit students to not just know more people but to learn from different backgrounds and cultures and to enhance their communication skills. As an international student participating in the UD zone it will be a chance for the NUS to have an international student voice to be heard as it should be more representative.

Dan Seamarks

University of Westminster Students' Union

Union Development Zone Committee

Hi, I'm Dan and I'm a true believer that behind every great Students' Union is a national movement that supports, develops and helps them grow. My love for my Students' Unions began in student media, first as Political Editor, then Editor-in-Chief of The QH at Westminster before becoming Chair of the Student Publication Association, whilst continually working closely with NUS.

At NatCon16 we passed Motion 314, which mandated NUS to help Student Media become more free and less susceptible to censorship in SU elections. I think it's really important that the UD Zone continues to work on making student media an integral part of its work, for both accountability of elected Officers, development of students and supporting positive work local and the National Union does, whilst vigorously supporting their autonomy.

It is also important that NUS does more to support Students' Unions to be effective commercial outlets, as Universities began consolidation programmes due to Brexit, a smaller student population and increase in prices. Unions are already seeing cuts to block grants, so we need to increase commercial deals. Commercial affiliation schemes should be flexible for all sizes of SU, so at the most basic level you don't miss out on cash returns. I also want to push for a scheme to purchase locally and not be deemed non compliant for buying outside of the consortium.



If you elect me to UD Zone Committee, I promise to ensure that Student Media is given the same attention and commitment as sports and societies. I also promise to hold the VP UD to making sure that Student Unions can thrive commercially in ways that work for small and specialist, big Unions and those in between. UD is about developing your Union's and that's exactly what I'll work with the committee to do.



Tunde Toki

London Metropolitan University Students Union

Union Development Zone Committee

VOTE TUNDE TOKI NUMBER ONE FOR UD ZONE COMMITTEE FOR AN ACTIVE AND CHANGE-MAKING ZONE

I'm Tunde Toki, President and Chair of Board at London Met Student's Union.

Excitement, anxiety, expectation and uncertainty are the feelings we all experience during our first day at university, college or placement. It can be one of the most exciting experiences of one's life. But what makes it even more fun is the extracurricular stuff that SU's offer.

From sports, to activities, cultural events and democracy, every student needs to feel able to access and participate fully and SU's must work to make that happen.

We must be innovative and create routes to entry for every single student to be involved from international students, to mature students, parents and carers and not just the sportos. We must work to ensure that university is a place that creates life changing experiences for all.

As President at my SU I have been an advocate for change and mass involvement of my student body and we have seen a significant increase in the number of students getting involved with the union and our national union must do the same.

This is the energy and commitment that I will bring to the union development zone. Elect me to ensure that our officers are held to account and SU's are supported to make our campuses a bigger and better community for students.

For an active and change making zone, VOTE TUNDE NUMBER ONE for union development zone committee.


Charlie Walker

Durham Students' Union

Union Development Zone Committee

As a UD Committee member my priorities would be the same as my priorities as an officer on the ground. We should focus on the cost barriers to participation in sports and societies. We should focus on supporting the hardworking volunteers who make life in SUs happen, whether in clubs or campaigns, allowing them to be more effective. And we should focus on the systemic barriers to participation, from sexual harassment to university regulation. My other priorities as an officer are to ensure that my Union's commercial work is ethical. I will be pushing the board to introduce the living wage for all our student staff and to review our environmental impact. As well as ensuring that its own commercial projects are ethical, NUS should be supporting SUs to do the same, by giving students and officers the arguments they need to take to their commercial manager or board. If you have any questions for me, I'm Charlie Walker SU on Facebook. Thanks for reading and please vote Charlie for UD Zone Committee.

#ChooseMeOrLoseMe



FE Candidates

Dwayne Foster **Dudley College Students' Union**

Union Development Zone Committee

Hi im Dwayne foster as a returning member of My Union and NUS I am fully aware of the issues that students face from a range of backgrounds and walks of life. I have been a part of NUS in the past and I would love the chance to get back into working with the such a fantastic organization. I would the opportunity to stand on a committee and represent the Voice of FE especially those of student studying HE in FE as we are one of the under represented groups within FE for this reason im standing to represent you on the Union development as I feel that HE in FE student need more representation with FE because they not seen as FE or HE sometimes

I am also standing to run for a position on the FE zone committee with the experience I have I have passion for making sure that every person no matter what background has a voice and I feel ill be a good candidate. Id also like the opportunity to represent the views of the FE zone on the NEC as it is a position I haven't yet had the opportunity to undertake during my time in NUS and the overall governance of NUS is something Im passionate about

Romana Jabeen **Leeds City College**

Union Development Zone Committee

Hi everyone! I'm Romana, the BME Officer at Leeds City College Students' Union and I'm running to be the FE Place on the Union Development Zone.

I'm running because of my record increasing provisions for students – last year I started a petition on my campus getting 600 signatures to successfully lobby the College to provide Halal Meat on campus – this was a huge issue on our campus to the large population of Muslim students. It became the largest petition we'd ever had on campus and won the NUS Students' Union of the Year Award for a Further Education Institution.

As a National Team Leader for an International Charity, I want to help use our movement to create a better society. In my most recent events, I have organised an Afternoon Tea Event for Women in Iraq raising £7'500 to help them start their own business. As a movement, we need to utilise the skills we have and the values to hold to shape a better and more tolerant tomorrow.

It's what I have done and what I want to carry on doing. I believe NUS should be doing more to support students taking on such ventures and it's why I'm running for UD Place. With the launch of the activities fund, I want to make sure students in all colleges are applying to create, shape and run projects around bringing communities together and developing student leaders.

As the president of the Islamic and Debating Societies in my college, I know how to rally people and I know I can do justice to this role.

So for a candidate with experience and a vision – Vote Romana Jabeen #1 UD FE Place

Waseem Siddique **Bradford college students union**

Union Development Zone Committee



Hey am Waseem (Wass) Siddique a president at Bradford college an active member at the union . I've been a part time Sab for 2 yrs and it's my first full-time role.

These are some of the reasons why you should vote for me.

I am a key ambassador for white ribbon campaign which is an organisation that stands up against women harassment .

I'm currently working closely with the local council to counter attack these issues as it's my passion.

I have been working with students at my union to fight for their rights such as social space, Equal rights ,LGBT rights, BME rights and women rights.

Developing a union and making it better is all that we want. Supporting fellow students at Colleges and universities is what I strive for .

Vote for a change vote Wass Siddique as your union development officer.

