

Spring Elections 2021

Candidate Manifestos

The following candidates have nominated themselves for the Spring Election 2021.

All Candidates produce manifestos that contain information about who they are and what they want to work on next year if elected.

Ask yourself if they display the priorities as well as the key creative and communication skills that you would like to see in someone who is representing you.

Voting will take place from Monday 19th April 2021 at 10:00am until Thursday 22nd April 2021 at 3:00pm. Make sure you use your vote to choose who will lead the Students' Union and represent you from July 2021.

Vote at www.UWTSDUnion.co.uk*

*If you have any problems voting, please email Election@UWTSD.ac.uk to contact a member of the Elections Team.





Reuben Nicholas

Hi there, I'm Reuben and I looking for your vote to become your new Group president.

Equal Education rights

We have seen during lockdown the university focus on one mode of delivery to there courses making student distress due or simply unable to engage. No matter what your sex, age , gender or disability, I will make sure that your education works for you.

Green University

I will be working with our PTOs on how to make our university and greener and more environmentally friendly university.

The experience

Getting our clubs and societies running in the safest way possible.

Working with student accommodations in swansea which have student wellbeing top priority and where not available work with local landlords to make that student have flexibility in where they live.

It's important that you are safe in university regardless of which campus that you are studying at. I would help to develop/ access to a night-line for all student in across campuses creating and providing a safe taxi scheme so that student can get home safely without being strapped for cash or walking late at night. Work are women liberation, LGBTQ and disability PTOs to help every student feel they belong.



Vanessa Liverpool

About me

Hi, my name is Vanessa Liverpool, and I am in my second year of a degree course in Business Management and Leadership, I am the Course Representative, I would like to use my current skills to work closely, with the union in this coming academic year.

My interests are reading non-fiction and current affairs, cooking a variety of cultural foods with my favourite being Caribbean.

Why should you vote for me?

As a Course Representative, my communication skills and talent will be further applied whilst working closely with the Union.

After much deliberation and thought I arrived at the slogan **"The Only Barrier to Success is You"**. I have truly experienced and continue to experience this paradox/challenge. Nothing is impossible even if it means just speaking to the right person with the knowledge regarding a matter of interest or support for a decision you have to make. I also have zeal to break every obstacle to success while helping others in believing that they can achieve whatever they have set their hearts and mind to do is something I would like to share with my peers and beyond.

Top priority: **Academic, Mental health, Employability and BAME Community.**



Alexander Rice

Hello, I'm Alex! I'm a third-year actor. I would be honoured to be your next Carmarthen campus president. I'm passionate, dedicated, outgoing and want to help others. I am friendly and approachable as I value everyone feeling comfortable interacting with me.

If elected, I pledge to:

- Set-up weekly drop-in meetings for students to attend to address any concerns they have.
- Set up student well-being programmes. Including coffee mornings, activities and social events aiming to connect students who have similar interests.
- Setup courses to help students learn various skills, including sign language, first aid, Budgeting Seminars, food prep and available financial aid. Making vital resources accessible.
- Work with other presidents to renew the challenge cup, improve cross-campus relations – making our own feel like more of a community.
- Create collaborative, engaging and welcoming activities for students, online or in person. This year has taught us that anything can happen, so I will always be prepared to respond to any situation that arises and ensure that students still have a social hub.
- Stand up for every student; running awareness campaigns and programmes on Black History month, World Mental Health Day, LGBTQ+ History Month and more.



Becky Bush

I aim to:

IMPROVE Accommodation Services Customer Care

We pay a lot of money for accommodation. We need to feel empowered in controlling our home space!

PLAN to restore social activities

Post-COVID-19 I want to push for more social activities both within the Students' Union, and Online. I want to listen to what YOU want and work with you to make those things happen.

ENGAGE with all students, not just freshers!

After the first year there is a lack of engagement with students. I want to make sure that all students are involved in all student activities by keeping everyone updated on student events

COVID-19 Additional Support

During the ongoing challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, I would like to liaise with the University to ensure care packages can be delivered to students on and off campus that suit dietary / religious requirements.

FOCUS on Mental Health Support

I will focus on the mental well-being of students this year as we recover from a very difficult time and devote myself to being as active as possible as your representative.

OPEN DOOR POLICY – ALWAYS HERE FOR YOU! :)

I will always apply an open-door policy and ensure you know how to contact me.

Carmarthen Campus President

1. Alexander Rice
2. Becky Bush
3. Jenna Jackson

4. Rebecca Palmer
5. Tomas Jessett



Jenna Jackson

This candidate did not submit a manifesto. They are running for the role listed above.



Rebecca Palmer

Hi, my name is Rebecca, and I am running for the role of Carmarthen Campus President. If I was to be elected, I have three main points which also have subcategories within them.

- Mental health – from general wellbeing and support in the day to the evenings and weekends (out of hours). I believe that there should be relevant support as mental health and wellbeing is not a standard office hours issue.
- Accessibility and Inclusivity – this does not just mean for individuals with disabilities. I have had students in the past stating that they have been unaware of the different support available from financial to academic. I would ensure that all students are aware of what is out there and that they do not have to struggle alone.
- Extracurricular activities - now this point will depend on government guidelines, but I wish for there to be opportunities for all students from residential to those that travel in, also for them not to be solely alcoholic/nightlife based.
- For more details on my points as well as my campaign you can find my page on Facebook (vote Rebecca for Carmarthen president 2021/2022) and you can also email me at 1400723@student.uwtsd.ac.uk



Tomas Jessett

Hello, my name is Tomas Jessett, I am a full time student studying Youth Work and Social Education BA (ETS Endorsed) in my final year. I want to run for campus President because i want to help New and current Students with any and all needs while attending university. From my time living on campus while studying at UWTSD, it has given me a clear view of what life is like on campus from the services to the accommodation. I want to help improve the experiance of university for all students regardless of being part or full itme or living on campus or in private accommodation. I want to help improve onsite accommodation, mental health services for students, improve parking sites on the university ground parking, improved sustainability on campus and opportunities for all students who want to learn the welsh language.



James Barrow

My name is James Barrow, and I think that I am the right choice to be your next Lampeter Campus President.

I believe that I can continue the brilliant work of those before me, maintaining the current transparency between both university and student. This will allow you to know exactly what is happening on both a faculty and student level.

In light of recent times, the preservation and reintroduction of the services offered by the SU is paramount, and as such all SU-provided amenities are a top priority for me to reopen or continue in a COVID-safe manner.

I will also be looking to campaign for increased accessibility for disabled students on campus, as I personally believe that the campus lacks in that regard around some residential buildings.

I have much experience with the Student's Union here in Lampeter, as I've been the president of Performing Arts since 2019, and I've also previously served as Lampeter's Societies' Officer for two years to great success. Becoming Campus President is the next step in this process for me, and I am confident that I'm the best candidate for this position and that I'll serve the student body to the best possible standard.



Hang Le

Hello everyone, my name is Hang and I am running for the position as Swansea Campus President.

Up until this point, I have been an international student, an assistant, a worker, a manager, an entrepreneur and an influencer and I have been inspired and supported by some very big people regardless who they are or what their background is, for all that they had taught me is to always think big, be kind and be nice.

Therefore, coming and running for this position I believe that I could continue to pass the good that by time - has changed my whole self to the current and better version of me now. I want to be not only a leader, a representative for students and the Union but also to be the one that one can lean on and be with through his up and down – I want to make sure everyone would be heard and supported and no one shall ever be left out.

More than just nominating and voting, for anything you want to speak up and need somebody to listen to, please feel free to reach me via 2000465@student.uwtsd.ac.uk. Thank you and keep shining!



Jennifer Sargisson

Hi, my name is Jennifer Sargisson, and I am running for Swansea campus Pres. I am neuro-diverse student who is currently the gender identity officer, and I've been part of the student Council consecutively for 3 year. During the three years I have propose and voted on changes on behalf of the LGBT+ community in both Swansea councils and union Council.

I will be campaigning on and if I get elected my main focus will be on student safety and support, SU elections and part-time officers and inclusiveness. As well as any issues that may be caused by current events which obviously made into next year. I am focusing on these areas, as anybody who comes university for many different reasons and to my belief providing a community requires ensuring the focuses on the these. As getting a degree hard at the best time so want to ensure that all students in Swansea have a supported network they can fall back on, as coming out lockdown this can be hard.

I loved going to more detail, but if you like my overview please contact me for more information and put me at a first or second choice.



Johnathan Woodward

I'm looking to help students in general I'll be completing me pct this year and would love to have experience in this field. I feel that sometimes the students get left out in some environments through not fault of the union but I feel like with my background with education not going to well and know being a person thar has a Marts and is near completion of the pct I could be a insight into the misunderstood and help the students who really need it , I'm open to more than this roles I just feel like this would make be a better teacher I'm the long run and for me helping people and students I key to my own development , I'm a student that have learning difficulties myself and mental health issues due to my schizophrenia, over coming this in education was the biggest thing I have ever achieved and to help over do the same thing would be amazing. Thanks for reading



Matthew Howells

Hello, my name is Matthew, and I am a final year student, as an existing elected course rep for Computing, I was also a former part time officer. I will be running to become Swansea Campus President for the academic year of 2021/2022.

Within my time at UWTSD I have witnessed students' lives being transformed for the better, by working with representatives in the Union.

All students are encouraged to voice their ideas to gain an excellent student experience through their time at the university. I am also conscious of all the challenges students go through within university. I wish to have the opportunity to represent all students in UWTSD Swansea, to make everyone have a better experience.

I intend to focus around: -

- Improving Student Experience while taking views and opinions into account.
- Raising awareness about student health and wellbeing by promoting a selection of support and opportunities available at the university.
- Supporting sustainability across the university
- Representing international students.
- Offering additional support throughout people's studies
- Encouraging international volunteers and student ambassadors.
- Promoting and pushing the Student union.

Enforce these points if you vote Matthew for your next Swansea campus president during the UWTSD Student Union 2021 Spring elections.



Anna Holland

Hello I am Anna Holland. I am running to be your LGBT+ officer on Carmarthen campus. I am running as I am Passionate about supporting and empowering LGBT+ students during their time at university. I myself have identified as pansexual for six years and understand what it is to be part of the community which I can bring to this role.

If elected I will campaign on the following:

Lecturers and other staff to have a sticker on their class room or office doors as a recognisable symbol of an LGBT+ safe space where support is accessible. Alternatively, badges or lanyards could be worn as they would be visible during online lectures.

A digital LGBT+ magazine sharing support, creations and achievements of students.

For events such as LGBT+ history month, Trans awareness week and many others to be celebrated. I had a limited awareness of LGBT+ events or support during my time at the University. I would raise awareness of these to include everyone.

I promise to deliver more if elected.

Please remember to vote. I Anna Holland, am running for the LGBT+ officer position. My student email is 1901450@student.uwtsd.ac.uk if you wish to contact me with any further questions.



Christine Joy

Hey, My name is Chrissie, I returned to education as a mature student, some 25+ years after leaving school. I understand how undertaking a degree can be a daunting prospect, trying to balance home life, work, and studies. Keeping up with the latest technology and getting to grips with referencing and Moodle is essential for effective study and fully taking ownership of your education.

I would like the opportunity to help you get the most from your university life, and be a go-to person to ensure you are fully supported along your way. I will speak up for your rights and empower you to make your university experience fun and enjoyable and one of the best times of your life. If you nominate me as your mature student representative here are some of the things I will work towards.

- Additional support for the use of Moodle, Teams, and Turnitin.
- Introduce beginners and advanced classes on the use of Microsoft Office Word and Excel.
- An essay writing resource hints and tip guide.
- Be a voice and champion events that would suit mature students.

I am passionate about making student life as stress-free as it can be and would love to be a voice for you throughout your time at UWTSD, so please vote for me.

Chrissie

Lampeter Part Time Officer

Sports Club Officer

1. **Megan Pearson**
2. Saskia Judd



Megan Pearson

This candidate did not submit a manifesto. They are running for the role listed above.

Lampeter Part Time Officer

Sports Club Officer

1. Megan Pearson
2. **Saskia Judd**



Saskia Judd

I am currently the Captain of the netball team and love sports. I have been playing sports all my life and have had many different positions in teams. If I am elected as the sports club officer I promise to help wherever needed. I understand how important having representation is and I would love the opportunity to represent everyone who is involved in the sports teams but also the university as a whole. I want to promote multi-sport sessions, get clubs and people together who may not necessarily already know each other well and to widen peoples sporting horizons! I am also very interested in keeping the teams sustainable so would love to help with this aspect in particular. Whether it's down to use of electricity or ways to make kit and equipment last longer so less reaches landfill.



Bronwyn Kirk

Hi all, my name is Bronwyn Kirk. I am a second-year student studying on Lampeter campus. Last year I was a course rep and this year I hold multiple position on sport exec, this has allowed me to engage with people in both academic and socially with students. The reason why I wish to run for this position is to improve some of the issues we face during this COVID crisis and to also to try and combat the isolation and loneliness for all students. Some of the issues are:

- Not knowing who to talk to; this can be solved with information poster placed in halls and online for distance learns.
- Advertisement of event; A monthly calendar poster in halls which can be changed monthly and posted online allows for more engagement from students and no time conflicts between societies.
- COVID impact on students (E.G no freshers fair) leading to little interactions between different levels; a way to combat this is to place more events online with students import.



Kirsty Parkes

In the wake of Sarah Everard's murder, now is a more important time than ever to stand up for our rights. If you vote for me I promise:

1. To forward the issues pertinent to the Reclaim These Streets movement.
2. To challenge the university's safeguarding policy and push for it and/or its implementation to be amended until our women and non-binary students can feel safe.
3. To fight for your issues until you are satisfied.
4. To consult with you on every step, only stopping when all of our students feel safe and satisfied with an outcome.



Cindy Jenkins

Hey, I am very happy to be myself forward for the LGBTQ nomination in the University in my manifesto I want to create a safe inclusive space at the University where people can be who they are.

This will mean creating a campus that works well for every individual. I have been so passionate about the LGBT and been a big part of the community.

I am so passionate about educating the community we live in and providing a place where like minded people can come together to make campaigns the LGBTQ community.

I would like to support vulnerable people who have been discriminated against or experienced any kind of hate crimes this will not be tolerated as I will create a inclusive space to help people who have suffered from bereavement I would like to help people as best as I can I believe I am a very compassionate and caring person and all my life I have dedicated my life to supporting the LGBTQ community and has been very close to my heart.

So I would like to put some real understanding in society about the word equality because many people think they know what equality is but.



Lyndsey Kissick

This candidate did not submit a manifesto. They are running for the role listed above.



Kelvin Kpenosen

This candidate did not submit a manifesto. They are running for the role listed above.



Frankie Boyle

This candidate did not submit a manifesto. They are running for the role listed above.