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**BLACK ASIAN & MINORITY  
ETHNIC (BAME)  
CANDIDATES**



## MUHAMMAD AKBAR KHAN

BAME

Hi, I am Muhammad Akbar Khan from Pakistan studying, First-year undergraduate Accounting & business management B.A (Hons), as a minority student running for BAME student officer position, I understand the importance of advocating for the needs and concerns of our community. I am committed to representing the voices of our diverse community and ensuring that we are heard. As a BAME student officer, I will strive to create a safe and inclusive environment for all students. I will work to promote diversity and cultural understanding by organizing events that celebrate our differences and encourage dialogue. I believe that educating people are the keys to breaking down barriers and building stronger communities. I will also work to address issues that disproportionately affect ethnic minority students, like discrimination, bias, and lack of representation. I will advocate for policies and programs that promote equity and inclusion and work with administration to ensure that these issues are addressed. Furthermore, I believe that it is essential to create mentorship and networking opportunities for ethnic minority students. As a BAME student officer, I will work to connect students with professionals in their fields of interest and provide resources to support their academic and professional goals. I am committed to transparency and accountability, and I will ensure that I am accessible and responsive to the needs of the community. I will seek out suggestions from students and work to address their concerns. In conclusion, as a minority student, I am passionate about representing the interests and needs of ethnic minority students. I am committed to creating a safe and inclusive environment, promoting diversity, cultural understanding, mentioning the disproportionately affect ethnic minority students, creating mentorship and networking opportunities, ensuring transparency and accountability. I believe that together we can build a stronger and more inclusive community.

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**MCDONALD  
IKEMEFUNA  
ODENIGBO**

**BAME**

**My name is Mcdonald, popularly known as Mr Fix It. I am an international student of business management, faculty of law and business De montfort University. My goals as a BAME officer, are to create an atmosphere of unity and love in diversity. To strongly represent the international students interest to the higher authority. Create a conducive environment where students can work hand in hand to express themselves and receive guidance.**

**I am strong. I am tough. I am a fighter. I will never give up my dream of helping others achieve greatness even if problems abound. I will overcome every challenge because I know that at the end of all these struggles, all my handwork will pay off.**

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**DISABLED STUDENTS'**  
**CANDIDATES**



# NERISSA DORAN

## DISABLED STUDENTS'

My name is Nerissa Doran, I have autism and dyspraxia, and I am running to be the next Disabled Students' Liberation Officer.

Here is why you should vote for me:

Firstly I already have experience advocating for students; during my time so far at DMU I have been:

- Course Rep
- NUS Delegate
- Chair of Open Zone
- Student Council Member
- Student Rep on BAL Faculty Academic Committee

If I were to be elected as Disabled Students' Liberation Officer I would work on: making on campus events friendlier to neurodivergent students by looking at reducing the volume of music being played, especially for those with sensitive hearing; investigating ways to make the campus more accessible, and making it easier for accessibility issues to be reported. Advocating for disabled students on campus is also something I would work on, as I want to tackle ableism issues on campus and reducing disability discrimination from academic staff.

Sensitivity warnings in classes is an important issue to me and something that I have been working very hard on this past academic year via my role as course rep and through simply being a student myself. So if I were to be elected Disabled Students' Liberation Officer I would like to ask for there to be a university wide policy forcing lecturers' to give a warning prior to a lecture or seminar taking place, when the class will be displaying sensitive materials that can have an adverse effect upon a student's mental health. Making university provided mental health services more available and visible to students is another issue that I would work on as speaking from my own experience with mental health issues, knowing what services are there to help you and how to use them can be key in making the first step towards recovery.



**MICHAEL  
HARRISON**

**DISABLED  
STUDENTS'**

Hello Student Voice,

I would like to be the disabled student liberation officer because I am autistic. I am an enthusiastic, cheerful and energetic individual. I can help people think positively.

I will help people to think more positively and liberate people's feelings.

Thanks and Best Wishes From Michael. MJHarrison



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**INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS’  
CANDIDATES**



**VISHNU  
RAMESHBHAI  
PARMAR**

**INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS'**

Purpose: "As an international student what you should do is more important than what you should not to do"

As an immigrant international student always stuck into their mind with too many questions. So, if I will get opportunity to guide International Students' as Part-Time Officer I would definitely guide and share my personal experience. After the arrival all students know what should you do? like, searching job, focus on study, explore new culture but simultaneously it is also significant that what you should not to do? such as, not to fall in trap, do not prefer any shortcut and many more which is more important than what you should do.

Afterall my motive is that every student deserves to be succeed in his/her life only they need proper guidance at the proper time because I have experienced regarding that kind of awareness so, it is only feasible when one student can guide in proper way to another student.

I am always ready to grab this opportunity because life is all about give back to your community and I do not want to see Infront of my eyes to ruin students' life, the reason is one mistake of student can ruin their career at the end they regret but I do not want to give them chance for the regret because I would like to standing with them forever.



**SAFEER  
ALI**

**INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS'**

Hello, my name is Safeer Ali and I'm international student from Pakistan. Currently, I'm studying Business management at De Montfort University. When I came in United Kingdom, it was my first experience in a newer environment and culture and when I came in the University on the very first day, I was really nervous about my registration process, BRP collection, face to face registration, time table and the blockage of my DMU portal app was a big issue. I really don't had any idea what to do, the receptionist of Gateway house sent me to the reception of Philip Tasker building and they sent me to the Kimberline library but they again sent me to the Philip Tasker. At that time, I really want help from some one but I haven't find any one. Therefore, at that time I decided to start helping students by visiting them and getting in touch with them to solve their problems. I regularly went to student union and search for students who need help. Recently, I help many students in finding their accommodation and job. Along with this, some of my peers don't had any idea about studying online because international students are not familiar to these technologies. I already make a group of my friends where we discuss to help new students. All in all, I just need a position so that student union members help us in resolving the issues of international students. Our basic aim is to help all of the international students. We regular went to student union and also ensure other students that we are with them because everyone got nervous when they are new in a foreign country. All in all, we just want to be a part of student union



## MUHAMMAD IBTESAM

### INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS'

#### WHO AM I?

My name is Muhammad Ibtesam and I am currently studying Accounting and business Management program at DMU. I am standing for the position of International Students' Officer. As I also am an international student, I am conscious of the needs and aspirations of an international student. I wish to bring some new ideas into play to better the environment for the International Students.

#### WHAT RECOMMENDS ME?

The experience as an international student of adapting to a new culture and making friends will come handy. Further my prior experience in organizing such events.

#### WHAT ARE MY PLANS?

If elected, my main objectives will be:

- > Make the international students more aware of what they can have access to in terms of the University facilities as well as how to organize their student life.
- > Initiate tailored campaigns and events covering various topics of interest for International Students including how to tackle Home Sickness.
- > Opportunities that are provided in terms of Careers and Activities at university by arranging more Careers and part time employment opportunities Fairs for the international students.
- > Promote the international societies and their events giving the international students a chance to be more involved in the DMU activities.
- > Become a voice of the international student voice with regards issues and difficulties that the students face at relevant forums so that they are timely addressed.
- > Ensure that the international students have proper representation at the campus.

My desire to run for the post of International Student Officer is championed by the deep desire to be of use. I would not hesitate to go an extra mile to support the students in a positive way to make their university experience as best as I can.

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# MANDEEP WANDER

## INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS'

Hey My DMU mates, My name is Mandeep Singh, I am Post Graduate Student of IBM Course in your University. Besides this, I am Currently Course Representative Of IBM Course and Delegate of National Union Students 2023

### {Resolutions}

- 1 Part Time Student Baised Jobs
- 2 Well Settled Career After Study
- 3 Affordable Inside Or Outside Accommodation
- 4 One To One Personal & Professional Support
- 5 Empower International Students with Self Management & Interpersonal Skills
- 6 Disseminated Awareness of Mental & Physical Health
- 7 24/7 Student International Support

### (Why you should give vote to me)?

- #Being an international student i am always with you in your any problems, related to academic, physical, mental health #I will raise your voice of your issues from university level to national level
- # As an international student, i will assist you for future & career plans of your life
- # I will solve your problems and answer your questions on the spot without making any lame excuses
- # I will work round the clock with you and university to make your future brighter and prosperous

### <Five Priorities>

My priorities is your priorities

- 1 Provide More and More Scholarships to students
- 2 Revise Free Breakfast Scheme Till the End of this year
- 3 Organise Monthly Events with Executives & Libration Officers For University Issues
- 4 Give all kinds of Student Advice & Support on the spot at reception disks
- 5 Provide Safe, Secure & Healthy Environment to every students, be it national or international

### [Slogans]

#iamwithyou #iraiseyourvoice #helpinternationalstudent #standwithinternationalstudents #isupportyou



**CHIMDI  
ORIAKU**

**INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS'**

My name is Daniel Oriaku and I am running to be your next liberation officer for International Students, I am a first-year cybersecurity student and currently serving as a Course Representative and Student Ambassador.

If elected, I would spearhead the implementation and promotion of initiatives for international students and events to raise awareness of issues like integration and homesickness. The DSU community of international students will be more actively involved and engaged, and I will speak for their interests before the Union and University.



**AZLAN  
ALI**

**INTERNATIONAL  
STUDENTS'**

- I am an international student, and I familiar with problems related to international students. I will be a voice of international student.
- My aim is to Try to an create a friendly system to help international student.
- Planning to increase international activities.
- Every international student face difficulty in UK. We will be there to help you.
- Strong support for international students.
- Guide for your best accommodation for better living experience

I would convert these moments of brilliance into actions

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**LGBTQ+**  
**CANDIDATES**





# CHELSEA HEXTALL

LGBTQ+

Hi there,

My name is Chelsea (She/They) and I am in my first year studying Policing. This will be my first time running and I am standing for the LGBTQ+ Officer. I am truly passionate about representing the LGBTQ+ community as this is something that is incredibly close to my heart.

I have engaged in many roles and activities within the community both currently and in the past which will help me to succeed and thrive in this position. For example, during my time at college I was a course representative as well as a Mental Health Officer. As well as this, I am currently undergoing leadership training with my local Beavers group. I consider myself to be kind, non judgemental and open. I may not always have the answers, but I will always listen to everyone.

Goals and hopes

- Work closely with faculties and disability teams to promote equality and inclusivity
- Promote inclusivity within all aspects of uni life
- Reach out to others and encourage change to be celebrated, not feared or judged
- Promote events happening within the university
- Offer a monthly face to face or teams meeting for individuals to express their ideas and feedback

If I could help just one person feel less alone, it would mean so much. I have been pushed down and told I am copying people when I am just being me. I don't want others to feel this way, I want them to have a safe space to come and be able to talk to me. Everything comes from the heart, this role would mean so much to me to be able to represent others like me

Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto and hope you consider me for this position :)

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**MATURE STUDENTS'**  
**CANDIDATES**



**TONI  
FAZAEI**

**MATURE  
STUDENTS'**

I am a (very) mature student on the BA Fine Art degree. I know DMU well; it is my fifth year of part-time study here - Art Foundation course and then degree. I have always been proactive as a student rep and created groupings for part-time and mature students to support each other, share successes and our learning and air problems. I have regularly taken up issues at student rep meetings and directly with DMU staff to seek resolutions. I am passionate about quality and equality in education, and universities' vital role in redressing previous inequity in education. If elected, I will listen, consult, engage and work collaboratively to bring about positive changes for mature students, especially as DMU's 'Education 2030' develops.

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**POSTGRADUATE**  
**CANDIDATES**



## **THAER ALIBAIS**

### **POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS'**

#### **Manifesto for Thaer Hani (p2676780)**

#### **For Postgraduate Students' Part-Time Officer:**

Dear fellow postgraduate students,

I am thrilled to nominate myself for the position of Postgraduate Students' Part-Time Officer for the De Montfort Students' Union 2023. As a second-year iPhD student in Computer Science located in UAE-Dubai, I am passionate about advancing our academic and social experiences as postgraduates.

If elected, my primary objective will be to promote and advocate for the needs and interests of postgraduate students. I believe that our unique experiences and challenges deserve greater representation within the students' union, and I aim to be a strong voice for our community.

Specifically, I plan to:

1. Enhance postgraduate representation in university decision-making processes by establishing regular meetings with university officials and engaging with relevant committees.
2. Organize events and workshops tailored to postgraduate students, such as research-focused seminars, networking sessions, and social events to foster a sense of community and promote collaboration.
3. Lobby for increased funding opportunities for postgraduates and raise awareness of existing scholarships and grants.
4. Foster a culture of inclusivity and support for underrepresented groups within the postgraduate community, such as international students and students from marginalized backgrounds.

As a PhD candidate in De Montfort for the past two years, I have gained valuable insights into the challenges and opportunities that postgraduates face especially when located outside UK and all of his communications with his supervisors were remotely . If elected, I promise to work tirelessly to represent our community and advocate for our needs.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you and the wider De Montfort community.

Sincerely, Thaer Han



# JOHN OSEGHAE

## POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS'

WHY ME? Hi! My name is John and I am studying International Business and Management. I am motivated to be your postgraduate student's Liberation Officer and thrilled to continue to make your experience at this esteemed University even better.

I acquired the ability to develop my skills as an undergraduate student through the many activities I had the chance to participate in. I have managed a few firms and grown them to successful levels. I have also provided consulting services to small businesses in my native country, which has increased their productivity. By active involvement in weekly interdisciplinary team meetings about strategic and financial planning, I have improved my planning, communication, responsibility, and teamwork abilities. I'm excited to represent postgraduates' issues and serve as their voice. I am amiable, personable, and dedicated to enhancing our lovely community.

My Priorities are to

- Provide More and More Scholarships to students
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- Provide Safe, Secure & Healthy Environment to every students be it, national or international

Time to Maximise:

Part Time Student Biased Jobs | Well Settled Career after Study | Affordable Inside or Outside Accommodation | One To One Personal & Professional Support | Self-Management & Interpersonal Skills | Disseminated Awareness of Mental & Physical Health | 24/7 Postgraduate Student Supports | Flexible payment plan for tuition



**JUDITH  
OLURANKINSE**

**POSTGRADUATE  
STUDENTS'**

**Why Me?**

Aside from being a Nigerian, I'm a devoted, hardworking and ambitious that has vision and mission and the capability of serving. I have always believe we all matters, everyone opinions matters and need to be heard. I am very diplomatic, i will listen to you, appreciate and implementing and creating event for postgraduate students.

**What i intend to do if elected**

- Actively working for international students by collecting views, feedbacks and information from students and ensuring everyone is being heard.
- Creating events that will bring all postgraduate students together and make them feel comfortable amidst themselves
- Empowering students expressive freedom, creating platforms that will enhance and encourage all postgraduate students to express themselves, share their ideas and expose them to opportunities that will enhance their experience while studying at DMU.
- Collaborating with the students Union for the enhancement and comfort of all international students.
- As a postgraduate that's trying to adapt into a new environment, i will provide support that will encourage and help them settle down without having any feelings of being left out. A platform that everyone will be willing to share and encourage each other regardless of your nationality.

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**WOMEN'S**  
**CANDIDATES**





**ARIA  
DUDHIA**

**WOMEN'S**

Hi, my name is Aria and I am currently a second year Design Craft student.

As a woman of colour, I feel strongly about matters of respect, inclusivity, and security. This passion has driven me to run several campaigns in the past, aimed at bringing awareness to topics such as period poverty, safety, and gender equality. However, there is still so much that needs to be done!

It is not too much to ask for those who identify as women to be respected and treated equally within society. I will use this role to help ensure all women at DMU experience this.

I aim to work with organisations such as the Mandala Project and Jasmine House on topics such as sexual violence to help create a safer community on campus for women.

We cannot sit idle, waiting for decisions to be made for us. I will passionately advocate for your interests, bringing your feedback, concerns, and ideas into meaningful discussions with DMU and DSU staff. These can be anything, from women's only areas in the gym, to matters of reproductive health. You can bring your worries to me!

Please contact me on [p2609757@my365.dmu.ac.uk](mailto:p2609757@my365.dmu.ac.uk) if you have any questions. I am happy to chat about any ideas or concerns you may have!

Vote for me (: