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# WELFATE EXECUTIVE OFFICER BYE-ELECTION CANDIDATE MANIFESTOS

# WELFARE

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## ADEJUMOKE ADEWOLA (FLUFFY)

As an ex social director and current students council representative,I am willing to work with you as the welfare executive.My name is Adejumoke Adewola and this is my Manifesto:

1. Advocating for students and staff needs by prioritising mental, sexual and emotional health and safety:I am willing to represent the needs of the students to the university administration, and lobby for changes that will benefit the students and staff. By this,I will be advocating for provision of resources and support for students who are with mental health issues, such as counseling services and support groups.I will work to address issues related to sexual health and safety and information on safe sex practices
2. Foster a sense of community:To work to create a sense of community on campus by organizing social events and activities that bring students and staff together.Also I am willing to work to create a safe and inclusive environment on campus,where all students and staff members feel welcomed and supported.This will include initiatives such as diversity training and awareness campaigns,also inclusivity of students and staff with disabilities and the LGBTQ community.
3. Provide information and resources:To work with the other educational departments to provide information and resources to students on a wide range of topics such as mental&sexual health and financial aid.I am also willing to work with other departments to help students in other areas such as housing and academic advising,to ensure that students are receiving the support they need to succeed both academically and personally.
- 4.Organising events&activities that promote students well being:As a former Social director of my previous University,I have a first class experience on how to organise activities that promote students wellbeing,such as yoga classes,meditation sessions, and stress-reduction workshops.  
Your wellbeing is my priority and I am willing to work alongside other departments in the University to bring out the best in you.



## ANUJITH SURENDRAN

My name is Anujith Surendran, doing my final year on Business and Marketing. Being an international student I empathize deeply with every student facing obstacles, be they academic, social, or emotional. It's my strong conviction that no student should face these challenges in solitude. Having been in the university for almost 4 years I can relate to the overwhelming pressure university life can impose, leading to feelings of disorientation or submergence in work. Rest assured, you are not alone in this journey!

If I get elected into the welfare role. I will make the following happen.

- Make sure there's enough facilities and resources for anyone to complete their work in the best quality possible.
- Developing an union everyone's excited to be part of by organizing constant events where everyone can meet everybody.
- In light of the rise in cost of living, help the students take the pressure of the economic situation by relevant information,support and guidance.
- Remove the minority barrier.
- Make sure everyone feels their voice can be heard.

I am not a firm believer of someone who shouts his own qualities, I want my actions to speak for who I am. But one thing I can assure you is that you can count on me if it's something that's within my reach.

Email me at [P2559448@my365.dmu.ac.uk](mailto:P2559448@my365.dmu.ac.uk) for any further questions.

Thank you.





## **BERNADETTE SOUZA- VENDANAYAGAM**

I want to be your welfare executive because I believe I have the skills required to make the most out of this position. I have spent the last year as chair of the welfare zone so have a vast knowledge on how the zone works and the tasks required of me. I believe I have the ideas and drive to lead the welfare zone and make it more accessible for everyone. I am organised and hard working so I will strive to do my best for this zone and for you as students. I want to carry on with activities the previous head was running as well as further develop these and try to do more to look after the welfare of the students at DMU. I am a good listener and will always try my best to listen to what you have to say and take into account ideas and suggestions given to me. I want to be a voice for the students and do my best to help to improve the overall welfare of everyone from things like cost of living crisis to the stress that we all feel while at uni. Thank you



## HARROUN MADOUNI

Hi, I'm Harroun

### **Here's a few things about me**

- Born in Leicester and a commuter student
- Postgraduate student in Forensic Accounting
- Current chairman of DMU Futsal and captain of the Men's 1st team
- Been involved in university wide events including Welcome week activities, International Welcome Week, DMU Pride and DMUsport's varsity and BUCS events

I have a mission to give all DMU students the opportunity to find their people, purpose and passion that shapes their university experience.

### **If elected I would aim to:**

#### **Collaborate with student council and DMUsport to address student issues such as:**

- Tuition fees
- Housing
- Mental health/mindfulness- through look after a mate training
- Develop free sport sessions for students

#### **Continue existing events and systems**

- Free Wellbeing freshers events/ meet and greets
- Free Wellbeing Wednesdays events
- Free breakfast
- Animal therapy

#### **Work on a safe night out programme**

- Collaborate with local night clubs and security to ensure a safer night out
- Promote non-drinking event options for inclusivity

#### **Maintain a relationship with HealthyDMU**

- Promote their activities and wellbeing services ie single point of access appointments



## MANDEEP SINGH

This is Mandeep Singh standing up for the role students welfare executive

About Myself, I am an introvert, enthusiastic and helpful person who is willing to get all students be benefited with the best opportunities.

My Goals are My Action Plans and My Core Strategies are My Top Priorities For 2023-2024

First of all, i closely work with course representatives, liberation officers and other executives to ensure that DMU STUDENT UNION is a comprehensive and responsible body to provide best facilities.

Secondly, i will sure that no one is without friends on campus ,I will do this by creating friends for life mentor programs which will help students to make new like minded friends.

Thirdly, I am guided by principles of punctuality, compassion,accessibility, honesty, so i will try to create a best campus community that is supportive, empowering, creative.

Fourthly,i will improve the quality of services available through My Gateway, so you can more easily book support for things like pre registration, financial and career advice,scholarships and support funds.

Fiftly, as i empathetic listener and advocate for all university students, i will solve student concerns on priority basis by taking advice from my senior officers.

What relevant experience do i have? What i did in the past 7 months for students in dmu?

Currently, i am Course Representative of IBM Course and National Union Deligate of 20231

1 I attended four meetings with Vice Chancellor and got to know her present issues of academic, mental and financial areas

2 Last month, i went to the National Conference at North Yorkshire from Demontfort University and raised plenty of student issues such as cost of living, part time jobs.

If you have any questions about anything please feel free to email me

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**MEERA  
DASANI**

My name is Meera Dasani.

I am standing to be your Welfare Executive because I firmly believe in promoting inclusion and prosperity in the Union.

My aims are to ensure that:

Support is provided for the needs of the students. I'll be working to help students who have been financially challenged and also be supported by the Union and university by means of initiatives like food banks to help students who have a hard time with meals, to improve accessibility for the welfare advice section of the Union Support for students with mental health issues, and improvements in the provision of education disabilities.

Assuring that students receive assistance with housing concerns. I would work on supporting students with housing and lifestyle difficulties, such as assisting them with rent/maintenance issues, liaising with landlords, and finding flat/area 'buddies' to smooth their transition.

Assuring everyone's health and well-being is a priority. To facilitate more advice, guidance, and drop-in sessions, I would work to help offer more drop-in sessions Support for diverse issues such as nutrition, mental health, and social skills.

I pledge to not only listen to students' needs, but to act on them to the best of my ability; as a student, I understand their frustrations, and I want to be at the core of the problems to root them out at their source; I want to do this by any means necessary.





**OLAMIDE  
DEBORAH  
ADESANYA**

With two years experience of being an assistant welfare executive in my undergraduate studies, I see myself qualified for the position of welfare executive of the De Montfort University's Student Union.

As I vie for the welfare executive position, I intend to be committed to advocating for a safe, supportive, and inclusive environment for all students and also championing well-being while enhancing the overall experience of students within our educational institution. I intend to listen to the concerns of my fellow students and strive to address their needs to the best of my ability.

Five Points Agenda:

1. I will ensure students gets the required academic support needed to have outstanding results.
2. I intend to prioritize mental health services and resources for students which includes counselling and support groups.
3. I will ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all students, promoting diversity and inclusivity in all aspects of campus life.
4. I intend to advocate for students' financial struggles by providing financial aid when necessary.
5. I will ensure resources and opportunities are provided for students to make them empowered for their career and future development.

Together, I believe we can create a campus community that values and supports every member of the university to thrive academically, mentally and socially. I respectfully request your support and trust in making this vision a reality. Let's work together to transform this great union



**SHOAIB  
SYED**

I will make sure that every students voice is heard and no one feels oppressed by any problem.

Improvement in students life and eduction quality will be the major concern besides local living.

Part time jobs are the main problem of students now and I will help everyone with the best possibility by teaming up with all the Student Executives and driving a solution to this through team work.

Mental and Sexual health are the major concerns of students nowadays, these will be given the utmost priority besides food, travel, education.

Student fests will be held promoting cultural background with very minimal entry including food twice every month to promote social cohesion among the students.

We will form different communities with their own respective heads, to speak with every student individually and know their problems in detail and solve them.

Each Student will be given equal and fair opportunity to engage in every community's well being programmes and will play an important role in its development.





UDAY  
PATEL

Dear fellow students of DMU,

I am thrilled to present my manifesto as a candidate for the position of Welfare Officer at DSu. My involvement in various student organizations and societies at DMU has equipped me with valuable experience and a deep understanding of the welfare needs of our diverse student body. If elected, I promise to be a dedicated advocate for your welfare and well-being throughout your time at DMU.

Achievements:

- **Student Ambassador:** Represented the university and assisted prospective students in higher education, developing excellent interpersonal and communication skills.
- **Course Representative for Intelligent Systems and Robotics:** Voiced concerns and implemented positive changes through student input and collaboration with faculty.
- **Active Participant in Sports:** Member of lacrosse and archery teams, promoting a healthy and balanced lifestyle for all students.
- **Chairperson of DMU Indian Society:** Organized cultural events and fostered inclusivity, celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the Indian student community by organizing the biggest student society-run festival: DMU Holi at Bede Park and took the initiative to start celebrating National Day at DMU by starting with India Day Celebration at Venue.

Vision:

If elected, I will create a student-centric welfare system that addresses diverse needs. I will prioritize mental health by expanding support services, raising awareness, and promoting inclusivity. I will work with the university and stakeholders to implement positive changes, enhancing accessibility and fostering a sense of belonging for all students at DMU.

Conclusion:

With my experience as a Student Ambassador, Course Representative, Active sports participant, and Chairperson of the Indian Society, I am well-prepared to be an effective Welfare Officer. I am committed to representing your welfare needs and ensuring a fulfilling and inclusive time at DMU. Trust and support me as your Welfare Officer, and let's shape a vibrant and caring community together.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Uday Patel