

ELECTIONS

**CANDIDATE
MANIFESTOS**

**PART-TIME
LIBERATION OFFICERS**

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BAME
CANDIDATES



Maryam Haque

My name is Maryam Haque, I am a second-year student studying Health and Wellbeing in Society and I am standing to be your next BAME officer. I intend to create change and create more opportunities for students from all racial backgrounds.

My previous role as course representative has shown my ability to interact and listen to students, I am an approachable and friendly person, and I will be willing to listen even if you just need someone to talk to. Being from an ethnic minority background makes me proud and I want all students to feel the same about their background.

I can confidently say DMU is a university in which all ethnicities and cultures are embraced but there is always room for improvement and in this position, I feel that I could make a positive difference. As a BAME officer I would like to be the voice of students from different backgrounds and to focus my attention on all BAME students at DMU and how they can be best supported and engaged with the university and the student's union.

If elected for the BAME officer role I aim too:

- **Offer additional support to ethnic minority groups on a bigger platform where they would surely be heard.**
- **Grow student involvement and bring students together for all nationalities within BAME by celebrating religious and cultural holidays and offering days to celebrate different music, foods and cultural differences. This will create opportunities for students to get to know and experience other cultures and bring appreciation and awareness of differences between students.**
- **Hold regular meetings where students can express any concerns or needs that they may have whilst at university, and with every demand that is placed on me I will ensure that the needs of the students are being met.**



Peace Emonvuon

Hi, my name is Peace, and I would like to be a BAME officer as I would like to be a voice for the ethnic minorities.

I would also, like to create a safe space where we can talk and inspire change among the community.

As a Bame officer, I would like to be supportive and understanding.

As an ethnic minority myself, I acknowledge how we feel. I am aware of the comfort of feeling marginalized or outwardly. I would like to be reassuring when you feel inadequate or not supported.

In this time of sudden confinement, I would like to remind you that everything would be fine; it's just a matter of time.

In this desperate times, I would like to be part of a team that makes a difference.



Unzila Fayyaz

Hi, I'm Unzila Fayyaz, a first-year business management and law student. I am running for the role of a BAME (Black and Minority Ethnic) Officer. As a Course Rep I help bridge the communication between staff and students to ensure both personal and academic issues are resolved efficiently.

My aim is to represent and be the voice of all BAME students within DMU. I am sure we can all agree that equality and diversity is paramount in every aspect of our lives whether that be in university or in full time employment.

If elected for the BAME role, I promise to:

Increasing awareness

- *I want to grow student involvement within BAME by celebrating religious and cultural holidays and offering days to celebrate different foods, music and cultural differences. This can be achieved by having regular talks and workshops by societies and specialist speakers.*
- *Prioritising the education of Black History month and other historical events important to BME students via student forums.*

Increasing engagement/participation

- *I aim to empower students by providing a forum where we can share ideas, experiences, information, and issues that are common for Black and Minority Ethnic students.*

I have lots of ideas to share and am open for more. Feel free to email me anytime on P2520074@my365.dmu.ac.uk

Ensure students are aware of BAME support mechanisms

- *I will work with the university to promote the health and wellbeing of BME students by raising awareness on important and more pressing health issues like mental health. I aim to have more minority led events to promote inclusion.*



DISABLED STUDENTS' CANDIDATES



Nabilah Patel

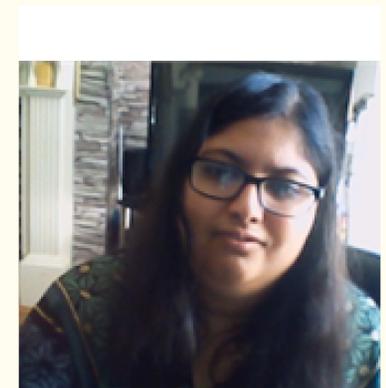
My name is Nabilah Patel, I am a student at De Montfort University and I have a lot of experience when it comes to working with Disabled students.

I think I am the perfect candidate for this role because I am a long standing member of a forum called The Big Mouth Forum where disabled people can have their views and opinions heard, as well as their voices and opinions. I can also understand people because I have a medical condition called Bardet Biedl Syndrome.

I think I am the best candidate for this role as I have had a lot of experience such as working with people on a professional level. I have had the opportunity to be on panels such as the Young People's council and The Care Experience council to discuss issues such as our experiences during the time that we've been isolating in covid-19 regulations. I have also been on a platform with them to talk about healthy relationships with couples. I am also taking part in a national project with Leicester County Council on what the forum thinks about Covid 19 and we have to answer certain questions that will be collated into data when we feedback to them at a later date.

The things I'd like to achieve are making students feel welcomed and confident enough to trust me with their hopes, dreams and personal problems. I'd like to point them in the right direction if they're struggling to ask for help.

I think you should vote for me because I am going to provide students with the confidence to chase their dreams and not give up if someone says you can't do that because you're not normal but in my book normal's overrated everyone is special and appreciated in their own way



Hope Heeley

Hi I'm Hope, A second year undergraduate Criminology student here at DMU

I am writing this manifesto in the hope that I can gain your support in becoming your Disabled Student Liberation officer.

As a disabled student myself I am aware of the challenges and difficulties university can bring, everything from whether there will be accommodation that will meet your needs to balancing uni on your bad days. However, I am also aware of the independence and freedom university can give you.

As a disabled student, I feel our voices are often not heard among the noise of the DMU community. I want to give you an opportunity to vote for someone who will give you a voice, Who will represent you with great passion and determination to make sure that we are not forgotten about.

I believe I could be your Disabled Student Liberation officer as
I am able to be a voice when and where it matters.

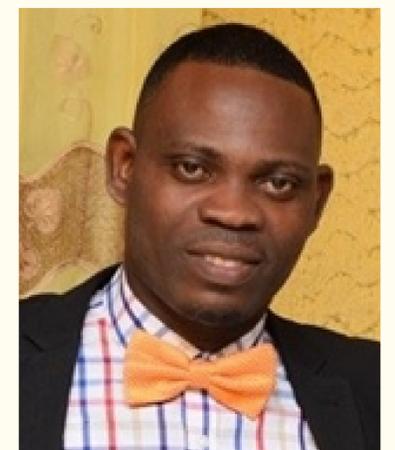
Thank you and I hope for your vote!
Hope Heeley



***INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS'
CANDIDATES***

Hope Eromosele Oboye

Humans are social beings which can not live in isolation. I am pasionate about solving people emotional problems within my reach. Havig experienced the challenges of settling down in a foreign country in first few days of my arrival, I felt I can voluntary service in this capacity.



Leonardo Venturi

Hi everyone!

My name is Leonardo (He/him) and I'm a 21-year old Italian student, currently in my second year of Performing Arts at DMU. I'm creative and outgoing, I love travelling and connecting with cultures worldwide. I also like to describe myself as an irrational-free thinker, that's why I can't fit in one artistic practice. Streams of consciousness and people's stories fascinate me and I can't live my days without creating new experiences for my self and for everyone around me.

Being an international student myself and also a course rep, I deeply understand key difficulties that students might face during their university life, in particular achieving social inclusion in their own faculties. I'm interested in this role because I've always been working towards providing the best educational experience for students willing to develop their life skills at DMU, making sure that they are heard and represented in terms of equality and diversity within our University environment.

As your International Liberation Officer at DMU, my ambitions will be:

- ***to support international students in every step of their university experience at DMU.***
- ***to strengthen our international students' community through social activities and, specifically, to improve our representation at DSU and DMU.***
- ***to make sure that DMU and the student community respect everyone's cultural background. Every student must be feeling safe and represented in their own individualities.***

I firmly believe that a change is needed in our present-day to develop a more inclusive society, in which every human being is respected for the way they are and for who they want to be in the future. This willingness of improving ourselves together should start directly from our souls, wherever we are, in shaping a new equal world that is progressively and continuously changing in front of our eyes.

#togetherwecan!



Mohammad Umar Farqleet Soomro

My name is Mohammad Umar Farqleet Soomro and I would like to be your next international students' officer. As a first-year international undergraduate student of computing, I have noticed and personally experienced that settling in as an international student is not always easy especially in this time of COVID-19. I believe a lot more can be done to improve the supports available for the students who live thousands of miles away from home. No one should feel isolated; just because you have not grown up here, it does not mean you do not belong.

I possess the required experience and knowledge to carry out this role, but I genuinely want better for the amazing people that I have met so far during my time at DMU. I am hopeful that my current experience has put me in a strong position to carry out this role.

During my time in this role, I have set out certain goals I wish to achieve, alongside continuing the amazing work started by those before me.

- **A SMOOTH TRANSITION FOR INTERNATIONAL FRESHERS**

I will create a standardized system for holding international fresher's week events before the main fresher's week. This allows international to get to know each other first, make friends, adjust to a new culture, and form an international community. I will also create a help desk for international students where they can get help on setting up bank accounts, Phone contract, and settling into British culture.

- **GREATER RACIAL DIVERSITY**

I will campaign for increased funding, more scholarships for international students, increase the number of social events for international students and most importantly to allow access to vacation residence storage space for international students. I will integrate the activity of multiple cultures, society to form a more cohesive international environment.



Olagunju Adeniyi Moses

My name is Olagunju Adeniyi Moses, Studying Computing and I am in year two (Level 5). I am running for the post of international student part time officer. I am an international student and haven completed my foundation year in DMUIC and further progressing to the main campus to continue my degree, I am very positive that I have a lot of experience of what it means to be an international and the challenges involved.

I have also developed vast understanding of what it means to be an intentional student especially for those coming from a non-English speaking country. Additionally, why running for this position, I am confident that my experience as student ambassador with DMUIC which has given first hand opportunity to interact with international will be a great asset in making key decision if I am elected to be an international student officer.

If elected as international student officer, I will:

- ***Do my best to support the University international student especially in the area of integration into the Local community.***
- ***Represent the international student population.***
- ***Attend university key committee that is related to international student.***
- ***Work with other officers to support and lend my voice to speak for the student community.***
- ***Lend my advice of various issues to fellow student especially is area of accommodation.***

Although running for this role, I know the interest of local student is important as well and I will work hard to make sure that my position will foster union between the home and international students. Finally, I will stand in solidarity with the student union officers in raising awareness to improve better student and campus life

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Sif Eddine Boudouh

Hi, my name is Sif Eddine Boudouh. I am running for the position of international student officer because I want to be the reason of helping international students to feel at home so they can acknowledge all the information, responsibilities, events and opportunities.

I have experience in term of working as a team with many international co-workers as well as individual because of the previous jobs role I had in the past years. I am a punctual and well-organized person who is a will to deliver the tasks in the best way possible and also open to learning more skills that can benefit me and my environment for a more comfortable life. I can work under pressure and also I have the chance to speak fluently three efficient languages such as French, Arabic and English. I believe these make me an ideal candidate that can communicate effectively.

If elected, I would aim for:

Objective 1: Ensure students ideas are taken forward and actioned wherever possible.

Objective 2: Support activities such as open days, Freshers events and other official events run by the student union.

Objective 3: Regularly obtain feedback from students via GOATING (go out and talk) sessions and present feedback to ensure that I accurately reflect the needs and wants of students or members.

Objective 4: Campaign on issues that affect international student and provide support if possible.

I think these aims will have a positive impact if I can deliver all my tasks professionally and responsibly so I can be able to help as many students to be on the right track and to have more knowledge.

Thank you for reading my manifesto, and feel free to get in contact with me to ask me any questions about my ideas by contacting me at:

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Ukpa Ucheegbulam

ABOUT ME

I am Ukpa Ucheegbulam, a black African and Psychological Well-being student. I would love to be your international Liberation Officer for this session 2020/2021. As a member of the Society for Research and Academic Excellence, Nigeria. I have intensively worked with both local and international academic bodies to know what it takes to be at the gap.

The reason I am running for this position is to make a deeper impact with the effort put up so far by the excos to ensure the effectiveness of every international student in achieving the best in DMU.

WHAT I WILL DO

For the good of international students, I will ensure and take a lead on issues that concern the students with every effort and enthusiasm. I will devote my attention to launching a leadership forum that solely centred on the empowerment of student at the De Montfort University. This will also lead to the launching of a conference to inspire students to speak out. For the period of duty execution, I will bring pressure to bear for Leicester Housing prices not to go higher instead to get reduced. In view of the delegated role to discharge, I will ensure a proper understanding of the core objective of DMU from students.

WHY ME!

As a researcher and academia, I have been dedicated to agitating for the liberation of mankind, and fight for change in our contemporary time. Haven been part of the team for national religious peace and security in my country and haven lead for correlation of the government and the neglected individual, I am with strong conviction and great expedition believing in myself that I will make you proud if I am elected. I am knowledgeable, ethical, and highly dedicated to working for you.



LGBTQ+
CANDIDATES



Hari-Arjun Parmar

Hello to all,

My name is Hari-Arjun Parmar, a first year Architecture student and I am running as a candidate for the LGBTQ+ Officer. I found that as a gay man of colour, in the community, that it is so important to be your authentic self, and that it is okay to feel and be different. It has been very important to me to feel comfortable within my own skin and overtime, I have never felt so liberated to be confident with who I am and I would want the same for you all.

As a candidate I want to tell you that I will be here to stand as a representative for this community and that I am here for you all no matter what; my skills from being Head Boy from my sixth form college has moulded me to be a good leader, carefully organise events and to promote positivity and love to all.

In this role, I want to celebrate the pride and history within this community, I want to be there to listen to all those who feel like they need their voice heard, but above all, the most important part of this role, is that no matter what, from everything that has happened and continues to happen in society, that we all stand together as one



Nicole Sibanda

Hi,

My name is Nicole and I am a 1st year Medical Science student. I am also a proud member of the LGBTQ+ community which is why this role is very important to me. I stand for what I believe in and I choose to exist loudly and unapologetically. I consider myself to be a cheerful, open-minded, and jolly individual that is very approachable but also sassy at heart - so if you ever need advice or a simple friendly chat, I am your girl.

If I am elected to be a LGBTQ+ officer, I plan on raising awareness and promoting events like Pride Month and LGBTQ History Month that help us reflect on the progress we have made towards equality but also to acknowledge that there is still much more to be done. I also plan on getting as many students involved in the LGBTQ+ community at DSU. I will also have your best interests at heart when engaging with the Union and Society to ensure that students know they have someone in their corner fighting to provide the best university experience. I believe I will be a good asset to the team and a good role model to fellow students.

Here's to sprinkling rainbow coloured confetti and hopes to never be silenced or labelled. Like in the words of Halas Prod - **"Love is too beautiful to be hidden in a closet."**



MATURE STUDENTS'
CANDIDATES

Temí Adekunle

I would like to nominate myself for Mature Student's representative. I am a mature student with a degree in Computer Engineering and currently studying Business IT Systems. I have knowledge and experience over a wide range of subjects within IT and throughout different industries. I have over 8 years of experience which include working at two universities.

Therefore, my understanding of staff and students would be highly advantageous, which means I would be able to converse, confidently, your issues to them.

I am hard working and will support and fight for your rights. This will be achieved through excellent communication and inter-personal skills, though great organisation and planning, as well as being a good listener and self-motivated. I always work hard to achieve the best possible result and I think these characteristics of mine make me to a suitable candidate for the position.

I believe that I can act as a strong link between the students and the staff side. Last but not least, I have a strong will to become the Mature Student's rep.

To me, helping others is very important and the feeling of making a difference. If I can be selected as the Mature Student's rep, I will do my best to help everyone within my capacity and beyond.

Thank you

Temí Adekunle (Business Information System – Year 1)



**POSTGRADUATE
STUDENTS'
CANDIDATES**

Anwir Bapu

Hello, my name is Anwar Bapu. I am studying to M.sc in Engineering Management and standing for Postgraduate Student Officer. I was working with 60% of industries managers such as chemicals, manufacturing, foods and beverages, refinery, construction and many more. So, I have experience of industrial work and responsibility for every single person who worked in industry or company.

Now, I aim to helping students who studied postgraduate programme and ensure all necessary things those learned. Also, helping to ensure gaining skills, finding programme related events, making excellence CV. Furthermore, if any students stuck in any situation. So, our team would be helping any time.

Our team and university organized various events which is based on postgraduate studies. If you are giving me a votes or chance, Therefore, I explore mine knowledge and really every student enjoy their course.

Best of luck for postgraduate studies!!!



Nusrat Nadir

“WHAT IS THE ESSENCE OF LIFE? TO SERVE OTHER AND TO DO GOOD”- Aristotle

Hello, I am Nusrat Nadir, a first-year Ph. D Nursing student in Health and Life Sciences. I am a passionate student who always loves volunteering, and particularly to improve students' life experiences during their grad and post-grad studies. I decided to run for elections for the Postgrad part-time officer because I have the skills to advocate for my college students by actively involving them with the Students' Union.

INTERESTS

Volunteering; Travelling; Sports.

I WILL BE CAMPAIGNING FOR:

- **Academic: Course-related academic skills support.**
- **Pandemic crisis management: Through social media platforms I will help students how to live with the current global pandemic by actively involving them in campaigns and events.**
- **Finance: I will collaborate with the officials to arrange funds for PGR students who need to pay their daily living and academic costs.**
- **Equality and diversity: I will work closely with equality and diversity executive to integrating cross-cultural activities, and ensure equality and diversity for home and international students.**
- **Sports: I, with the help of DSU, will arrange sports competitions for involving students in healthy activities.**
- **Wellbeing: Drop-in sessions for Ph. D students about stress management, and overall wellbeing by engaging students with postgraduate students' support mechanisms.**

EXPERIENCE

- **I worked as a sports officer during my undergraduate studies.**
- **I worked as a volunteer guide in natural disaster management.**
- **Being a professional nurse, I have expertise in basic life support and advanced life support.**
- **Having my master's degree from three different countries (Portugal, Spain, and the United Kingdom), I have exposure to different cultures, thus I have pluralistic views about accepting different cultures, backgrounds, religious beliefs, and I believe in humanity, diversity, and pluralism.**

Thanks for considering me as your new Postgrad officer!



Rajeshwari Rajput

I am international student currently pursuing Masters in ISR. These times have been proving to be very difficult to go through and students are struggling to keep up. Though there have been quite a few positive policies introduced, I have come across many students who have serious problems regarding their finances, timetables, events, and most importantly placement and global learning opportunities. These cannot be overlooked and need to be addressed immediately.

I have spent my undergraduate years being the Head of the student community, where we encouraged engagement of the students with professional, academic and welfare groups. Having a chance to represent postgrad students would a great opportunity to put forward the concerns and ensure progress within the level.

GOALS-

- **Host a range of events (networking events, socials, and conferences) targeting students at all stages of the postgrad journey; events where postgraduate students can meet up with each other, experts and professionals in the industry to establish new relationships. These will be exclusively arranged without clashing them with the lecture timings and make sure that most of the students attend it.**
- **Find ways to support postgraduate students in their academic development while looking to expand the resources to do so.**
- **Create an open communication channel between the students and the academic body, providing adequate representation for postgraduate students.**
- **Co-operate with other course representatives to improve the academic experience for postgraduate students.**
- **Facilitate an energetic, social and supportive environment where the students have a real sense of identity and belonging.**
- **Aim to represent all postgraduate voices, including international and part time students in an inclusive and meaningful way.**
- **Review the provision and offer of the Students' Union to all categories of postgraduate students and make recommendations to ensure the Students' Union is accessible to postgraduates and relevant to their needs.**



Samuel Ogar Danor

Hi, my name is Samuel Ogar Danor, a Masters (MSc.) student of Cyber Security. I am seeking your mandate to represent you as your postgraduate Student Officer.

I am vying for this position because I see a need to bring postgraduate students closer together and create a platform for social and intellectual engagements and networking that will birth relationships including business relationships that outlives our stays in De Montfort University.

I want to be your voice where and when issues that affects you are being discuss, I seek to be that bridge connecting you and the university management ensuring your plights, complains and challenges are presented to the appropriate authorities and follow up to ensure that actions are taken to address them. As an international student, I understand the challenges that most international postgraduate students face in De Montfort University and I believe I can work with the management to address them.

My Experience

I did my undergraduate studies at the University of Calabar, Nigeria where I studied Electronics and Computer Technology (BSc.), during my studies, I was the Course Representative for the duration of the programme, I also served as the financial secretary of the National Association of Physics and Computer Students (NAPCS) university of Calabar chapter.

What I Want to Achieve

Although things are done virtually now due to the pandemic, my desire is to ensure postgraduate students have.

- **Access to best online events and activities that promote their health, wellbeing, academic and social activities.**
- **Access to online events that connect them with potential employers or increase their chances of employment.**
- **Opportunities for socializing, networking, and collaborating.**
- **Their voice heard and concerns taken seriously and addressed.**

These and more we can achieve together.

Your vote and support can make this happen!





WOMEN'S CANDIDATES



Wiktorja Pulka

Hello! My name is Wiktorja. I am currently a third year law student, and I will go on to do my LPC at DMU next year. Although times are uncertain and scary at the moment, I firmly believe that we can still make some important changes and impacts as students. After all, we are the future.

All women need to be fairly and equally represented in society – doing so at University is our contribution to change. University has the means to implement and promote Women's campaigns and events raising awareness to important subjects such as gender equality and the pay gap, and I want to be there to govern those important meetings where decisions are made about us – this is all of women, be it trans-women, LGBTQ+ women, or women of colour. With so much unfairness in society, the women's campaign will be better, and we will honour all members and their unique experiences and needs.

I would like to bring more topics into discussion and listen to your needs or worries – this can be absolutely anything; counselling services, women's only gym, self-defence course, seminars on female specific issues that the whole public should be aware of such as recognising different experiences, and most importantly, fears. I am under the belief that not a single person should feel disadvantaged, especially not at university where we are just starting out in society and we aim to make our impact. I want to hear everything, starting from scratch – no presumptions or guesses will be made about what we 'think' women need – their opinions will come directly from them! I wish to engage with all of you, and I hope together we can get out of our comfort zones and confront our problems!

