



GLASGOW UNIVERSITY UNION



ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2024/25/26

MANIFESTO FORM

For the position of: Convener of Debates

Candidate: Isaac Gilbert

Proposer: Emma Chan

Secunder: Holly Keen

The space below is provided to allow candidates to explain their reasons for offering themselves for their respective positions and to list such qualifications and experience which are relevant to these posts in not more than 200 words.

I have been involved with debating since starting university, attending the first debates events after the pandemic. Since then, I have served as the Logistic Officer on Debates Committee, represented the union at international competitions and served as Vice President of the Dialectic Society; the sister society of debates.

As Convener of Debates, I want to:

Start "Crate and Debate", a new form of show debate. These will run during term and be more relaxed and frequent than our current bi-annual show debates. This allows us to tap into groups who may not attend our debates training, but still love watching excellent speeches by world-class debaters.

I will ensure that we have continued outreach to the alumni both during and after hosting the European University Debating Championship. Ensuring new connections materialise and existing connections are strengthened is a key method for bringing in donations and keeping our alumni network strong.

Finally, I aim to increase our competitive success. By working with our in-house training team, I plan to create a training programme including experienced coaches. This will enhance the talent within our senior debate team, especially in the lead-up to the European University Debating Championships.