

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY UNION



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

MANIFESTO FORM

For the position of: Present Student Member

Candidate: Craig Wardrope

Proposer: Selena Yedikardes

Seconder: Angus MacDonald

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.

International student engagement – over 25% of the students at Glasgow University are international. This is an untapped market both financially and socially to the GUU. One main barrier to engaging with international students is that there is often a large culture difference. Therefore, holding events such as cultural exchange coffee mornings/dinners will enable students from the UK and abroad to share their similarities and differences in a fun and enlightening way.

Welfare – I believe that the welfare provisions and initiatives at the GUU such as creche and the Ask for Angela scheme should be more widely advertised. Informing students that these schemes are in place for their welfare and safety should reduce any unnecessary resistance and/or confrontation and encourage students to engage with PSM's and the GUU staff in a positive way.

Sustainability -I would like to introduce a sustainability incentive structure for students at the GUU. This could be in the form of a plastic cup/bottle deposit return scheme, or engagement with GUSA's sustainable club initiative.

I'd also like to remove the £5 card minimum. I believe that this is a barrier to sober students and removing it will create a more welcoming and inclusive environment within the GUU.