

Manifesto

Hi, I'm Elizabeth Maltseva. I study psychology and philosophy and I have been working closely with the Student's Union for the past two years. I would love to draw on my experiences and skills in order to fulfil my role as your Community Officer.

We cannot think of Nottingham without considering the wider community of people living in the city. It is therefore vital to maintain positive relationships with Nottingham's residents and community groups. I aim to successfully represent the voice of Nottingham students during meetings with internal and external stakeholders. I am always open to suggestions of what you would like to see done differently in our communities. This will be ensured by my efforts to maintain communication with faculty reps across the university, who will relay feedback from course and education reps. This way, your voice will be heard. Let's make a positive change together!

During my time as Community Officer, I would like to:

- **Encourage better relationships between students and Nottingham residents**
 - This will draw on the work of the current Community Officer in further helping to reduce complaints filed against students by local residents
 - It will be achieved by organising sessions on anti-social behaviour as part of the Welcome Week, to make sure students are respectful to their neighbours, especially when it comes to noise and littering
 - It would also be crucial to work with Nottingham Police to understand main areas of concern and what could be done to help students and the public to feel safe
 - I would like to lead an initiative to encourage students to work with local schools and educate young children about life at university. This will increase public's awareness of the university as well as help students to better engage with their community

- **Represent the student voice in matters relating to Covid-19**
 - We hope to see a return to in-person teaching by September; however, we all know that it's important to plan for contingencies. This is why I will be involved in the promotion of on-campus testing if this remains necessary
 - I will be hosting and attending meetings regarding the measures that are in place to protect us against Covid-19.
 - I want to hear what students are experiencing and how the SU could help everyone feel safe on campus
 - Students have been greatly disadvantaged by the pandemic, which is why it is crucial to provide a voice for the student community. I will be this voice for you, and do my absolute best to represent each student appropriately

- **Improve communication between private letting agencies and the university**
 - I plan to maintain an open conversation between the university and private accommodation providers, to improve communication of important matters when it comes to finding a place to live after first year
 - This includes making sure that letting agents allow for rent to be synched up with student finance payments, which would give students better control of their finances
 - Following the impact of Covid-19 and online teaching, university accommodations have allowed for a reduced rent. I want to make this an option for those who are renting from private agencies, should it become necessary next year

- **Work closer with Nottingham's council and bus companies**
 - Encourage bus companies to work later hours on weekends (conditional upon lockdown easing). With the reopening of nightclubs and bars, it would be beneficial to have the option of getting a bus home instead of paying for a taxi every time
 - I aim to continue improving student tickets prices, with discounts during certain times of the year, especially Freshers Week
 - I would also like to liaise with the Nottingham council regarding reduced student prices at the Christmas Market and Goose Fair

- **Continue the work of the current Community Officer**
 - Since this position is only held for one year, I will ensure that any initiatives started by the current Community Officer, Sofia Thomas, are followed through
 - This includes, but is not limited to, overseeing the objective to have free sanitary products in University bathrooms by 2022

I will collaborate with other Officers of the SU in matters relating to students' mental health, campaigns and Hall Committee representatives. This is in addition to carrying out the policies assigned to the Community Officer, including Voter Registration Policy, Food Waste Collection Policy and Combatting Antisemitism Policy.

I hope this demonstrates my dedication to the role, and you allow me to represent you as your Community Officer 2021-2022!

What qualifies me for the role:

Having been a course representative for two years in a row, I have learned a great deal about the Student's Union and the importance of the student voice. I take my role of representing people's views very seriously. Students feel comfortable approaching me with

feedback because they know that they can rely on me to raise their concerns in a professional manner. I always make sure to follow up on every issue until it has been satisfactory resolved. Some of my achievements during this role include:

- Introducing glossaries for first-year modules to facilitate adjustment
- Improving student engagement with online lectures by emphasising importance of video, as well as reminding lecturers to factor in time for students to take notes

I also have experience of working with local communities, while helping to teach philosophy to primary school children in underprivileged areas of Nottingham. The university has been working hard to establish good links with several schools, and to teach children about life at university. I believe the SU should strengthen this relationship and I will be in a good position to follow through on this initiative as a Community Officer.

Finally, as part of my Nottingham Consultancy Challenge, I have worked with a local Nottingham business, which gave me insight into the wider Nottingham community and taught me how to successfully interact with external clients.

These skills will be crucial for a Community Officer so please vote for me and allow me to demonstrate my commitment to the role!

Marketing Summary:

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- **Better relationships with Nottingham residents**
 - Welcome Week sessions on anti-social behaviour
 - Working with Nottingham Police to help students feel safe
 - Initiative for students to work with schools = increase public's awareness and help students engage with local community
- **Represent students regarding Covid-19**
 - Promoting on-campus testing and rewards if necessary
 - Understanding students' experiences and how SU can keep everyone safe
 - A student voice is crucial after we have been disadvantaged by this pandemic
- **Improve liaison with private letting-agencies**
 - Synching up rent with student finance payments
 - Reduced rent if impacted by lockdown (as university has done)

- **Work with Nottingham council**

- Later weekend bus hours
- Reduced bus prices during Freshers Week
- Reduced prices for Christmas Market and Goose-Fair

(Details in full manifesto)

My passion to represent each student alongside my experience of working with Nottingham's communities demonstrate my commitment to this role!