

# Manifesto

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- **Regular Vice Chancellor Town Halls** (twice a semester) so students can voice their concerns directly with those in charge.
- **Fortnightly Union Development Officer’s Surgeries** for members of the student body to discuss their thoughts and concerns with their SU representatives, holding ourselves to the same standards we expect from our executives.
- **Help Students Develop Campaigns** off the back of these consultations if a problem cannot be immediately resolved to create a vibrant democratic environment at University.
- **Implement Petition Policy** by which should a petition to the university, through official channels, receive 1000 signatures the Executive Board must respond.
- **Reach Out In Independent Student Channels**. I realise that people do not always speak directly to the SU to air their grievances; and reasonably so. Therefore, I will actively look out for suggestions in independent University forums such as NottsFest and Nottingham Student Assembly.

Despite everything set against them this year, students quickly mobilised forming a Rent Strike campaign and a no detriment policy petition to fight the worst manifestations of the Covid University experience and these demands should not be forgotten. Before Covid as now students are paying tens of thousands to the University in tuition, as well as rent in some cases, and deserve to know where that money goes and have a say in how it’s spent. This is why, if elected, I will fight for **Better Student Services**.

- **End the Support Drought** by fighting for better funding for mental health and academic support services.
- **Fight for a No Detriment Policy** this year, alongside 8000 other signatories of the petition.
- **Negotiate Rent Rebates** by working with the UoN Rent Strike and Student Union colleagues to settle fair compensation for students.
- **Work with Nottingham Student Housing Cooperative** to fight back against student landlords and look into alternative, cooperative forms of student accommodation.
- **Transparency in University Accounts** with a breakdown of where our tuition fees are being spent.

My time here at the University of Nottingham was made by the community I got involved with in my first and, half of, second year. For two years of University students next year will be their first experience of University life. I will work to ensure that this is as good for them as it was for me by building on the links I've forged with grassroots campaigns on and off campus to further their fights and improve conditions at University for all. **Rebuilding Our in-person University Community.**

- **Build a Combined University Community** by collaborating with Trent SU to make Nottingham better for students.
- **Fight the Hostile Environment** and inequitable treatment of international students on campus by collaborating with Undoing Borders UoN.
- **Continue the Good Work of Last Year's Officers** such as further decolonisation of the curriculum.
- **Welcome to Nottingham.doc**, provide first years with a one stop document with everything they need rather than overwhelming them with hundreds of separate communications from the SU.

## Why Vote for Me?

Throughout my three years here at the University of Nottingham I have campaigned for students and workers alike and against unfair treatment by the University. Standing on the UCU picket lines we fought for our learning conditions as well as their Working Conditions. This year as Chair of Nottingham Labour Students I have worked with Joel to grow the rent strike and with Chris to propagate the Safety Net petition. As Coordinator for Undoing Borders UoN, I have fought against the hostile and racist environment international students experience on campus.

During my time in Notts I have also been campaigning in the Community with Acorn Nottingham and the Labour Party. I have seen the great benefits we students bring to the City as well as areas we can develop therefore, if elected, I will work with the City council to improve University-City relations. I will also lean on the strong bonds I've developed with Trent Students to increase collaboration between our two universities to benefit students of any stripe be they Pink or Green and Gold.

I love this place, which is why, if elected, I will work as hard as I can to make it better. We deserve an Executive Board that listens to students and acts in their best interests and a Student's Union to fight our corner. Let's start holding our executives to account and Vote George Sullivan for Union Development Officer.

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- **Build a Combined University Community**
- **Support Student Campaigns.**
- **Fight the Hostile Environment**

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