

POSITION: COMMUNITY OFFICER

Name: Muhammad Ali

Main Manifesto:

Hiya! My name is Muhammad, and I'm a 2nd Year Economics student! I'm running for Community Officer because I think students deserve someone who knows how to get stuff done! I've been standing up for students from the moment I started Uni - as a course rep, elected member of the SU Scrutiny Panel, and an NUS delegate, I've always gone above and beyond. Everything in my manifesto is realistic, achievable and has been developed with and endorsed by:

- **Alex Norris MP**
- **Steve McCabe MP**
- **Lenton & Wollaton East Councillors Pavlos Kotsonis and Sally Longford** (Deputy Leader of Nottingham City Council)
- **R World Foundation** (Mental Health First Aid and International Development Charity) – set up in the memory of the late Robbie Curtis, a former UoN student

To show how committed I am to making change, I'm going to really put my money where my mouth is, and donate HALF MY SALARY as an officer to charities and SU services that look after students. I'll also be available 7 days a week, and during the Xmas and Easter Holidays, so you'll always be able to get in touch and know that I'll do my best to help you!

I'll make life easier by:

- Stocking FREE sanitary products in the Portland Building and halls ASAP – and working with the University to create a plan to roll this out across all campuses and more buildings
- Launching a public review/consultation on Hopper Bus routes, to ensure they serve students as well as possible, especially those not based on University Park Campus
- Setting up year-round halls accommodation for anyone who wants/needs it (e.g. care-leavers, international students etc.)

I'll stand up to landlords and keep us safe by:

- Creating 'Safer Night Out' Committee – with representatives from clubs, societies and police/city council, to combat issues such as sexual harassment and bouncer violence
- Working with council and MarksOutOfTenancy.com to crack down on bad landlords, and create how-to guides for dealing with issues/disputes
- Pushing for safer road crossings in student areas (e.g. around Derby Road/Lenton Boulevard)

I'll demand better from the University by:

- Pushing for UoN to become an accredited Living Wage Employer
- Pushing for more funding for Student Services to make sure we don't have to wait days to get timetables and change modules
- Cooperating with unions like UCU to ensure teaching isn't disrupted by strikes like in 2019
- Campaigning for more funding for mental health services and creating clearer signposting of how to get help
- Get more staff and students trained as mental health first-aiders by Rworld charity (set up by family of UoN student who lost his life to suicide)

I'll work to make students feel a part of the community by:

- Working with the University, Education and Activities Officers and city council to revamp the Nottingham Advantage Award and create local volunteering placements for students to gain employability skills while making a difference e.g. becoming school governors
- Holding local business job fairs, for grads considering staying in Nottingham and for students looking for part-time work
- Working with the Uni, council and local news outlets to highlight the good work done by student groups – this will help improve relations between local residents and students
- Working with the NHS to hold regular blood donation sessions on all campuses

I'll go above and beyond by:

- Donating HALF of my salary to charities and SU-run services like Nightline and Nottingham Night Owls that look after the wellbeing of students – and fighting to get them more funding
- Working and being contactable 7 days a week
- Teaming up with officers from other universities to work on national campaigns demanding better treatment of students from the government

I'll fight for sustainability by:

- Working with the University towards making UoN the most sustainable Uni in the world - we're currently #3
- Working with Nottingham City Council to make Nottingham a carbon-neutral city by 2028
- Partnering with renewable energy companies to give all student housing the option of an affordable green energy provider
- Pushing for University and SU to commit to 100% renewable energy on campus and in halls

What do you think qualifies you for this role?

As everyone who knows me will tell you, I get involved in a LOT of things! As Karnival's Everest Base Camp team leader, I've gained experience leading and motivating a team of UoN students, helping them to raise over £30,000 for charity so far! I'm also an elected member of the SU Scrutiny Panel this year, which judges how well Officers do their jobs, so I already know a lot about their roles and how to get stuff done! I'm also one of the UoN delegation to the 2021 NUS Conference, so I'm already representing us on a national level!

As a nominee for course rep of the year, I've always stood up for my peers and successfully lobbied the School of Economics to give ALL students 5 extra hours for every Take Home Exam. This role needs someone who is confident working with the Uni, as well as standing up to them to protect students and demand improvements. When the University decided to allow the Westboro Baptist Church (a banned, homophobic, anti-Semitic and Islamophobic hate group) to speak at an event, I went to the press and had articles published in local and national newspapers exposing their shocking decision. The event was cancelled the next day. If you elect me, I promise to go above and beyond to make sure that students get what they deserve, from the University, the City Council and the SU.

Marketing Summary:

Hiya! My name is Muhammad, and I'm a 2nd Year Economics student! I'm running for Community Officer because students deserve someone who knows how to **get stuff done!** I've been standing up for and empowering students from the moment I started Uni! Whether as a course rep or an Everest charity trek leader, I've always gone **above and beyond!** And I'm going to go even further, by donating **HALF MY SALARY** to Student-Run-Services and societies such as Nightline which support student wellbeing! You'll also be able to contact me **7 days a week** and throughout holidays!

Everything in my manifesto is **realistic, achievable** and has been developed with and endorsed by **MPs, Local Councillors** and **R World**, a mental health charity!

I'm promising **real change** and **common-sense policies**, such as :

- Access to free sanitary products
- Safer road crossings in student areas
- Advice and support for dealing with bad landlords
- "Safer Night Out" committee with representatives from clubs, societies and the police/council, tackling sexual harassment, bouncer violence etc.
- Sustainable policies such as affordable green energy options for student housing
- Collaboration with local businesses, helping students get part-time jobs and Nottingham-based grad jobs

Please check out my manifesto for much more!!!