

Hey there,

My name is Kiitan, and I am running for the position of Welfare/Well-being Officer for the 2021/2022 Session.

In addition to my generally given duties which I promise to diligently carry out as Welfare/Well-being officer, here are a few plans I have for the coming year if elected:

### **Improving the ‘University Experience’:**

The University experience includes societies and sports. A major part of it is the reason a lot of us are here in the first place: academics! However, emphasis on welfare has only been made in the former which should not be, considering how important welfare is all-round.

- I intend to liaise with academic departments in the university to review procedural rules and ensure it is not detrimental to students' welfare.
- Focusing on the welfare needs of certain groups that are more susceptible to student loneliness I.e., postgraduate and international students.

### **Creating Safe Spaces:**

- Successfully creating a safe space where sexual assault survivors can safely express themselves.
- Creating some men- focused programs in our already established welfare services as we tend to see throughout the year that Movember alone isn't enough to curb the issues surrounding men's mental health.
- Working with Part time officers to ensure marginalized groups feel like they can safely take up space.
- Working towards a general atmosphere in the university that is free from the stigma surrounding mental health through campaigns.

### **Effective Communication for Effective Representation:**

- Ensuring effective and student relevant campaigns by working closely with the Welfare Networks and Council to reflect the needs of students.

- Setting up a feedback system where individual students can express their own specific welfare needs as it varies.
- Frequently meeting with representatives on all campuses for balanced attention and importance round the university.
- Continually creating awareness on available support and conducting termly reviews on how it can be improved.
- Transparency

## **Experience**

As women\*'s officer, I dealt with some welfare-related issues and created a campaign surrounding the same topic. It put forward a new perspective for me on how important it is to consider welfare in all issues. I aim to work in this new role through this lens. I also have experience working under the volunteer group Student Minds which has been absolutely amazing. Finally, I have experience as a student at Nottingham.

I am happy to answer any questions via email: [llyoea@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:llyoea@nottingham.ac.uk)

Summary:

Improving the 'University Experience':

- To ensure the welfares students is to ensure welfare in not only their social lives, but their academic lives as well. I intend to liaise with academic departments in the university to permanently ensure student's welfare.
- To create space where students can feel safe
- To ensure Effective Communication for Effective Representation round the SU