

THE UNION BELONGS TO WHO?

by Nouse 

YUSU
ELECTIONS
2018



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The *Nouse* YUSU Elections Magazine Election

As the editors putting this magazine together, we felt a bit left out being unable to answer our questions. So we did it anyway.



Jacob Phillips

What are your three main policies?

- 1) To try and keep my eyes shut for the entirety of the YUSU elections.
- 2) To slag off Eveton at every possible opportunity and to remind Jack what the score was against Arsenal on when we played each other very recently.
- 3) To win my YUSU elections sweepstake and to make eye contact with Alex Urquhart

while drinking him in cocktail form.

Describe yourself in 2-3 sentences?

The current Editor and Dictator in Chief at *Nouse*. If I am not forcing the *Nouse* team into slave-like conditions in Grimston House you will find me in my house playing fifa and complaining about York's nightlife or trying to figure out how I can make myself into a living walking meme.

What makes you well suited for the role?

I've made a few Newspapers now but I feel like something is missing in my life. I really love bumlicking the sabbs and telling people that the Editor of student papers are usually recognised as sabbs at other universities. I believe that geese should be allowed to vote.

What are your three main policies?

- 1) To try and make the dull, depressing ego-wank that is the YUSU Elections' official magazine a little less drab.
- 2) To not mention that we're only doing this because it was *Vision's* turn this year but they didn't have an editorial team to put it together at the time.
- 3) To get fantastically, elegantly fucked at Results Night.

Describe yourself in 2-3 sentences?

Former Deputy Editor of *Nouse* and fervent BDSM fan (sub only). If I'm not being roped into putting together a shit magazine, you can find me in the Gillygate Adult Shop, happily browsing extreme buttplugs.

What makes you well suited for the role?



Jack Davies

Having already made one of these in my own tenure on the *Nouse* senior team, I'm well equipped for the hours of crippling boredom compiling this moribund shitstorm. Never one to take myself too seriously, I'll happily admit to being more than a bit apathetic about this. But Jacob has promised to buy me many bevs on results night, so, I guess; woo! YUSU Elections!

Timeline of YUSU Elections Events

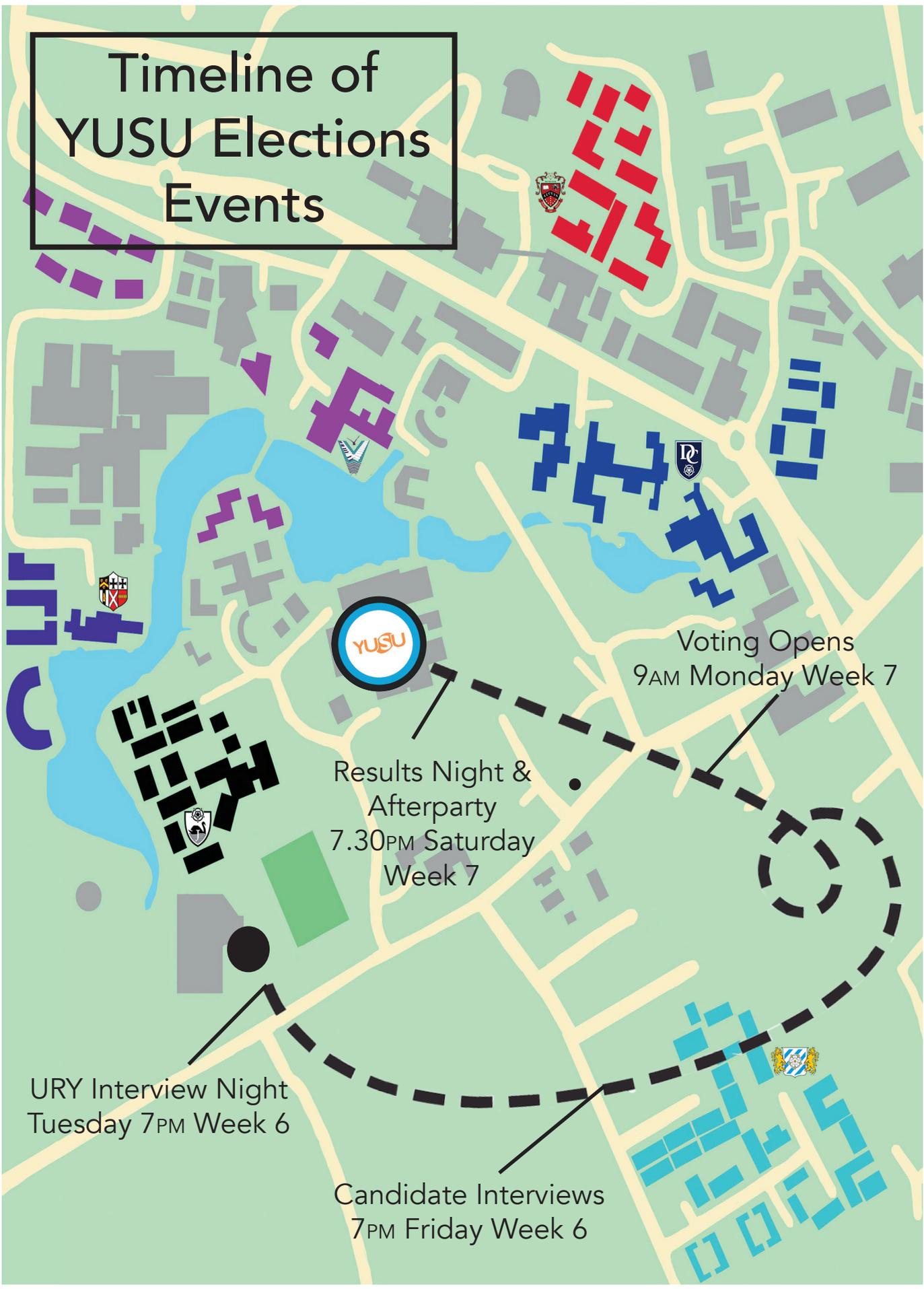


Results Night & Afterparty
7.30PM Saturday
Week 7

Voting Opens
9AM Monday
Week 7

URY Interview Night
Tuesday 7PM
Week 6

Candidate Interviews
7PM Friday
Week 6



WHO WILL BE CROWNED?



JAMES DURCAN
HISTORY, THIRD YEAR

3 main policies: Cut student costs: freeze rents, provide cheaper rooms, scrap the college fee, tackle First Bus and hidden course costs. Build a better uni: new social and study spaces, better facilities for off-campus students, more storage spaces, a new SU building, and improved accessibility. Improve the student experience: clear guidance for accessing support, better mental health training for staff, bigger better events, open up YUSU, and focus on Hes East.

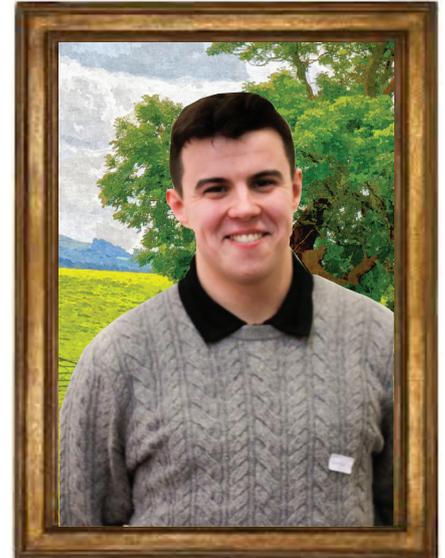
What makes me suited to the role: I love meeting people and playing sport. I've taken on the roles of College Sport Assistant, team captain and Chair of James College. I have the experience and determination to make every student's experience great.



MUHAMMAD HASSAN
LAW, THIRD YEAR

3 main policies: 1) Question Time with the Vice Chancellor. 2) A conference where the University's administrative departments show their work and reveal future plans in order to include students in decisions. 3) More buses, a bus to Aldi, and functioning display boards.

What makes me suited to the role: I used my experience as an International Students Officer to stand up to the University and to encourage accountability within YUSU. As a result of my policy, YUSU has adopted a policy against the Prevent Strategy. I work with campus media, writing on topics such as Prevent, Racism, International Students in the Migrant quota. I'm an International, BAME and Mature student.



OSCAR JEFFERSON
HISTORY, THIRD YEAR

3 main policies: I'm asking students to vote to reopen nominations. YUSU no longer represents the majority of the students, it is hamstrung by its own bureaucracy. This election is a choice between the status quo or wholesale reform.

What makes me suited for the role: This campaign is about the disillusioned majority, not me. I invite any of the other Presidential candidates to get behind my campaign. I'm trying to set up a debate on wholesale reform of YUSU, not trying to become President.

Disclaimer: Not all Presidential candidates may be featured in this supplement. Some did not respond to requests for comment.

UNION PRESIDENT PROFILES



HECTOR MACDUFF POLITICS, THIRD YEAR

3 main policies: 1) Improve and expand mental health support.
2) Campus Improvements (widening the Vanbrugh bridge, continuing to develop the Hes East community - Greggs was a great step, but YUSU needs to be more inclusive)
3) Half English Breakfast (a chance for international students to better integrate into the student community. offering a breakfast once a week or fortnight, on the weekends, where any students can get free food if they sit next to an international student)

How would I describe myself: I'm a pretty typical student; I enjoy going out and hate nine AMs. I'm friendly, easy-going, and good-humoured, but hard working when it counts.



CAMERON PARTRIDGE SOCIAL POLICY, THIRD YEAR

3 main policies:
1) Oppose any campaigns to ban dabbling
2) Do something about the geese
3) Nationalise the railways
How would I describe myself: I'm a fairly underwhelming individual with a big heart, more than likely due to poor diet and a lack of exercise. Dabbers have rights and we must fight for them! Cheap rail fares are pretty dope too. Other than that I'm a pretty chill guy who hates geese and accidentally ends up running for YUSU Prez.

How am I planning on conducting my campaign? Maybe get a couple of grime artists to put their support out for me and perhaps make an appearance at Glastonbury.



ALL THE CAMPUS GEESE GEESE STUDIES

3 main policies:
1) Adding more (read: some) colour to campus bars - because Yoyo and Pool with the Prez are duller than this supplement - through frenzied mating rituals.
2) Staffing the Hes East Nisa with our Eastern cousins, supervised by that bloody swan.
3) Building memorials to campus legend JB Morrell, constructed from faeces, copies of Vision, and the graduation prospects of our students.
What makes us suited to the role: Unlike York Vision Editors, we can commit to a role for longer than 5 minutes. Plus, we've been here long enough to remember when the Derwent asbestos was considered to be a good idea, so there's not a campus issue we're unprepared for.

≡≡≡ The Race for Activities Officer ≡≡≡



≡≡≡ **Finn Judge**, Third year, Politics with International Relations student ≡≡≡



3 main policies:

1. Introduce a society discount card. Negotiate with businesses to reward you for your contributions.
2. Kick-start #RevolutionRAG. Help societies put on RAG events and maintain league tables for some healthy competition.
3. Boost arts and entertainment. Create new 'YUSU Arts' social media, and free up slots at Freshers' Festival for student acts.

≡≡≡ **Jack Rewcroft**, Third year, Politics student ≡≡≡

3 main policies:

1. I am going to facilitate increased collaboration between societies, ensuring they work together more enthusiastically and more successfully.
2. I will work with the disability network and other liberation networks to improve freshers' fair 'accessibility hour'.
3. I will energise YUSU to make sure that students know the difference between RAG and Volunteering, and make a real effort to show why both are important.



≡≡≡ **Jack Worrall**, Third year, Economics student ≡≡≡



3 main policies:

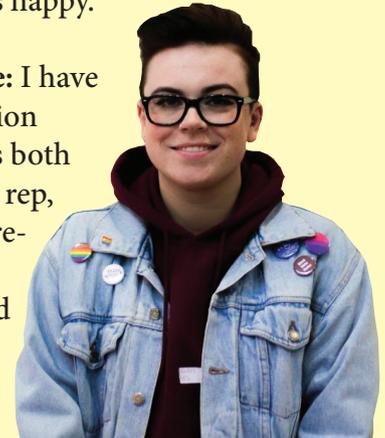
1. Bars Booking System - create an accessible online system allowing societies and groups to book out tables and venues in on-campus facilities.
2. Liberation Accreditation Scheme - introduce an accreditation scheme to signpost accessibility of societies and encourage good practice.
3. Interactive Resource Hub - produce interactive videos and training resources to aid start up and small societies in their day-to-day roles.



3 main policies: Strengthening community, improving health, and nurturing activism.

Description: I am a dedicated and driven person in every aspect of my life, whether that be academic life, friendships, uni community, or activism. Giving back to the communities that have helped my mental health and given me a sense of belonging and identity is incredibly important to me. I'm a very empathetic person, somewhat to a fault, and I want to learn to use this to make myself and others happy.

What makes me suited to the role: I have experience in societies and liberation networks, representing students as both queer and transgender rep, course rep, and now co-LGBTQ Officer. I therefore have unique insight that will allow me to maintain, improve and uphold students' sense of community and wellbeing.



Rowen Ellis

Sociology

Third Year

Answers on a Postcard: Community and Wellbeing

3 main policies:

1. Bursary Support – Use feedback and research to rework the Bursary and Hardship Fund to support all who need it.
2. Stress Management - Extend “Keep Your Cool” across more assessment periods. Use research into Exceptional Circumstances to create a more streamlined, efficient service.
3. Maximum Pricing - Include a ‘maximum price’ option in college applications so that students aren’t assigned housing they can’t afford.



Description: I'm an outgoing person and get involved in projects. I'm in many performing societies, on stage and backstage.

What makes me suited to the role: I have been Community and Wellbeing VC for James and part of the Disabled Students and Women's Network. I worked with the Wellbeing Officer and understand the complexities. I am very driven: everyone deserves the best uni experience.



Steph Hayle

Criminology

Third Year

THE OFFICIAL YUSU ELECTIONS DRINKING GAME

Think you're a heavyweight? Know your 'Neesa' from your 'Nice-a' when you're smashed? Keep an eye out for these things during the YUSU elections campaign this year

SABB COCKTAILS

The best thing about being a Sabb is that on elections night you get a cocktail named after you. So make sure you get yourself a JP or an Alex Urquhart and make lots of innuendos about how you are drinking a Sabb.



This one is an easy one. Just have a drink of your favourite Sabb on results night.

MAD CAP'N SCOTT

A reference to this legendary YUSU Pirate Pres seems to be the talk of the town every time elections come around. Walk the plank if you're still excited by the idea that a pirate was a Sabb officer.



Have some rum in memory of the Mad Cap'n. But not too early on!



Manifestos come in all sorts of flavours. Why not have a VK for this one?

ONE MINUTE MANIFESTOS

Listening to Candidates explain their manifestos takes less time than your one night stand. Make sure to check out URY's One Minute Manifesto Coverage.



Buzzwords are often used during the day. Have an energy drink to keep your buzz going.

BUZZWORDS

Some words just seem to be overused in politics of all shapes and sizes. Expect candidates to talk vaguely about leadership, communication, bravery or democracy. But hey, anything is better than more mentions of Brexit.

LIVE TWEETING

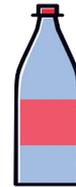
YUSU Elections are often riddled with student journalists. Make sure to check out *Nouse's* live tweeting to get the best election coverage. Also someone always gets too drunk and savages all the Sabbs and occasionally *York Vision* too.

Both live tweeting and Grey Goose will make you regret your actions. Plus it has a goose on it so it automatically has an affiliation with York.



CARDBOARD

Yes that's right. Cardboard is an omnipresent thing throughout elections. Campaign materials are always all over the place. Make sure to keep a lookout for these recyclable manifestos around campus.



Cardboard is possibly as boring as can be. Water is its liquid equivalent so have some of that.



Lecture shoutouts will feel like an eternity. But luckily, shots can sometimes serve as time machines.

LECTURE SHOUTOUTS

Be prepared to lose five minutes at the beginning of every lecture from Week 7 as physical campaigning begins. Hopefully they will lose their voices after a week.



Quite simply, if you drink Strongbow Dark Fruit, you too are a joke candidate.

JOKE CANDIDATES

There are usually one or two members of the York community who do not take elections too seriously. Look out to see if there are any entertaining candidates among the more sincere ranks. Goose jokes galore?

CAMPAIGN VIDEOS

You may have seen one or two of these already as online campaigning opened on Monday 12 February. Some of the best moments of the election campaigns will be here. Throwback to Isaac Beevor being the 'Stormzy of York.'



Campaign videos seem to be the standard thing for all candidates to do. So have a pint on them.

MEMES

In this new digital age, will memes be used to full effect in the YUSU elections? Some candidates are wholesome memes, some are walking memes but will we see Uni of York Memes swing the vote in this year's election?

DISCLAIMER: *Nouse* does not promote binge drinking alcohol, drinking during your lectures or mixing drinks such as VKs with pirate-branded rum to create your very own Sabb Cocktails. Although if you do attend the YUSU elections results night then you may find it is a necessity to have a beverage.

The Statistical Sabb

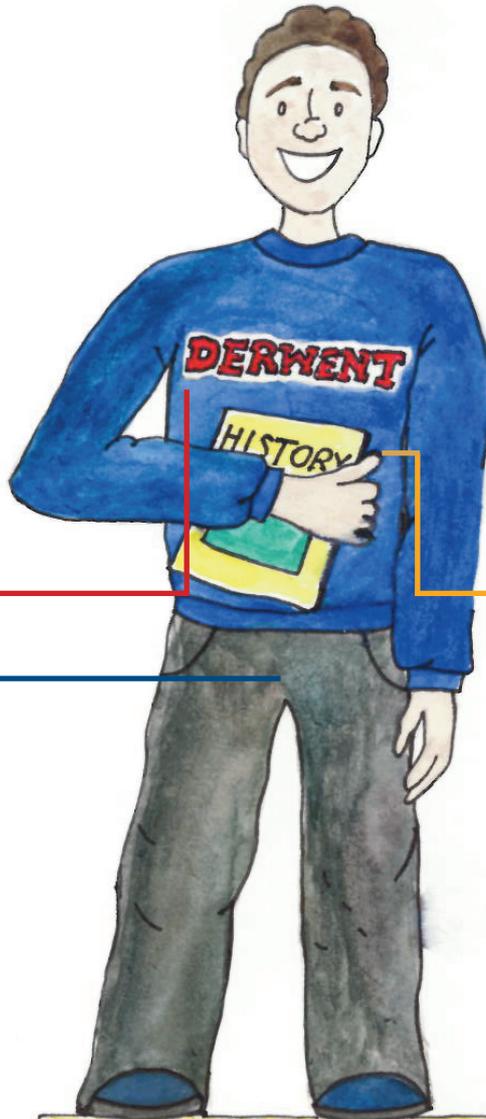
Here at Nouse, we've had a trawl through the YUSU Elections history books to present you with the most likely set of characteristics for a sabb. Candidates - take note!

Derwent Student

Students from Derwent have an advantage when it comes to running for a sabbatical position. 41 per cent of students from Derwent voted in last year's elections. Only one sabbatical officer has been from Campus East in the last two years and that is the current Academic Officer, JP. Statistics from 2016 reveal that students who lived on Campus West in their first year are twice as likely as students who lived on Campus East to be a sabbatical officer. However, Halifax students are the least enthusiastic when it comes to running for YUSU positions. Only 0.3 per cent of Halifax students run for a position.

Brown Hair

Perhaps the key to becoming a sabb is found in the colour of your lustrous locks. Excluding Dom Smithies' dyed blonde hair last year (Sorry Dom!) 10 per cent of sabbatical officers in the last four years have been blonde and there have been no sabbaticals with other hair colours. The last blonde sabbatical officers came in 2014 with the double bill of welfare officer Jemima Busby and the ironically named Sports President Cassandra Brown.



History

Students who study History are the most likely to become a sabbatical candidate. Although other subjects such as Natural Sciences and PEP have a higher percentage of students voting (66 per cent and 45 per cent respectively), History students can often swing elections with the combination of a greater number of students and a voter turnout of 44.3 per cent. So being a popular History student could win you an entire year of dealing with the issues of the student populace of York. Lucky you.

Male Gender

Men are much more likely to become a sabbatical officer than women, according to past statistics. Only 18 per cent of female-identifying students ran for election in 2016. No female students are running for Union President this year. In contrast, more female students run for part-time officer positions. Approximately three times as many female students ran for PTO positions last year than their male counterparts.

THE ACADEMIC OFFICER



JAMES HARE

POLITICS WITH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS STUDENT, THIRD YEAR

What are your three main policies?

- 1) Teaching - a feedback contract between students and their departments to ensure they receive at least 15 minutes of one-to-one feedback at the end of every module.
- 2) Transparency - ensuring that students are aware of what the University spends their money on, by making departments publish an annual breakdown of their expenditure.
- 3) Technology - creating a VLE that is fit for purpose, with all exemplars and past papers uploaded, completing Lecture Capture, and upgrading the archaic Blackboard app.

Can you describe yourself in 2-3 sentences?

Third year Politics student via a year's exile in Poland on the way, generally found acting as Director of Morale in the *Nouse* office (actual title: Comment Editor, but that's less fun). Once aptly described as the personification of Yorkshireness.

What makes you well suited to the role?

As someone who often has to deal with YUSU and often loathes doing so, I've a strong perception of what's going wrong and what needs to change. Plus, having experienced two very different academic experiences during my time at York courtesy of a year abroad, I'm open to thinking differently about solving the issues at hand.



TOMÁS VIEIRA SILVA

PHILOSOPHY AND POLITICS STUDENT, THIRD YEAR

What are your three main policies?

- 1) Guaranteeing that students have the best support possible, by establishing a supervisor feedback system and creating supervisor training to support students.
- 2) Establishing and promoting lectures and workshops on writing CVs and applications that are field-oriented, to ensure that students have the right assistance in these processes.
- 3) Implementing better incentives for becoming a student representative, such as written certifications from departments and YUSU, as well as Amazon and YUSU Bars vouchers.

Can you describe yourself in 2-3 sentences?

I was born in the wine city of Porto, but since 2015 I've become a citizen of Halifax College. In my free time it is very likely you will find me watching *Friends* or *The Good Place*!

What makes you well suited to the role?

As the PEP Student Representative for the past three years, I have been at the forefront of student representation for joint degrees. I believe in having an inclusive and fair educational environment. As an international student, I found this was often not the case. Because of this, I am capable of fixing such problems and preventing them in the future. Above all I am approachable, which I feel is an integral quality of an academic officer.

YORK SPORT HEAVYWEIGHT

CHAMPIONSHIP

24 FEBRUARY 2018

7:30 PM HENDRIX HALL



VERSUS

RYAN JAGO

PEP student, third year

What are your three main policies?

- 1) Supporting smaller clubs to ensure cost to students is not a barrier to participation.
- 2) Expanding the Focus Team Program to make it open to a greater variety of teams.
- 3) Introducing external referees and a training programme for all student athletes to train as match officials.

Can you describe yourself in 2-3 sentences?

I'll never say no to competition. I'm more Australian than Fosters and nothing can put me off a challenge.

What makes you well suited to the role?

I've been captain of Men's Water Polo and I captained the Men's Basketball team in last year's Roses. I was treasurer for the Basketball Club and I'm currently the treasurer of the Sport Union. I also play for Derwent Rugby. Such a deep involvement in sport means I know what sports teams really need and what changes have to be made.

ZAC SHEPPARD

History student, third year

What are your three main policies?

- 1) Widening participation and facilitating access to York Sport events.
- 2) Linking York Sport with the local community through a charity and a volunteer programme with local schools.
- 3) Improving club performance by offering clubs more developmental opportunities.

Can you describe yourself in 2-3 sentences?

I've been involved in sport for all of my time at university and loved it. I'm easily approachable and a great listener.

What makes you well suited to the role?

I have been at the heart of YUSU and college sport, working to improve services as Vice-President of Tennis, YUSU Tournament Secretary, YUSU College Sports Officer and BUCS Assistant. I would give my all to the role, and hope to pursue a career in sports development after fulfilling my vision for a better, more equal York Sport community.

Part-Time Officer Profiles

What is a PTO?

Part-Time officers are student volunteers, representing students on a range of issues such as liberation, volunteering, raising and giving, policy making, and environment and ethics.

Women's Officer



Sophie Meehan and Nadine Smith

First year, Politics and International Relations (Sophie) and English (Nadine)

Key Policies

Strengthening and encouraging the already established community.
Hold more events throughout the year, such as film screenings and socials, and establish women's officers on the committees in all colleges.
Be more present in freshers week with events and improve the consent and respect workshops given to freshers.

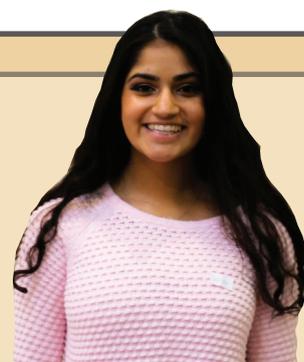
BAME Officer

Daiya Dhillon

Second year, PEP student

Key Policies

Increased awareness of what BAME actually is.
Increased inclusivity of BAME.
More BAME events.



Hannah Joseph-Asikhia and Nayomi Karthigesu

First year, Philosophy (Hannah) and Second year, PEP (Nayomi)

Key Policies

Getting involved in current issues affecting BAME communities, not just on campus, but nationwide and globally.
Continuing the previous BAME officer's legacy by getting more BAME into the curriculum as well as more open lectures conducted by BAME lecturers and about BAME subjects.
We want everyone on campus to know that we are here to support those who identify as BAME.



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Mature Students Officer



Hanna Bryszewska

Second year, History of Art student

Key Policies

Organise more events that suit mature students and collaborate with different societies, associations and colleges.
Appoint mature student representatives in every college to expand our support network.
Create a common room for mature students which has access to a kitchen and lockers.

RAG Officer

Elina Kukk and Lucy Waldren

Second year, History (Elina) and Second year, Psychology (Lucy)

Key Policies

Make RAG more accessible to all, including introducing additional challenges like Jail-break, with smaller goals, so that making a difference is achievable for everyone.
Work closely with our charities with opportunities other than fundraising or donating
Establish a RAG Network and give students opportunities to get involved.



LGBTQ Officer



Gemma Card

First year, Music student

Key Policies

Break down the barriers between genders and bring any and all kinds of people together.
Deliver a comfortable and heart felt approach to the University, showing that we are proud to be a diverse and accepting group of people.
Raise more awareness of different aspects of the LGBTQ+ spectrum.

Policy Coordinator

Josh Mackenzie

Second year, Electronic Engineering student

Key Policies

Raise awareness of and increase engagement with the policy process.
Make documentation more user-friendly.
Keep YUSU open and accountable.



Part-Time Officer Profiles

Environment and Ethics Officer



Oscar Bentley

Second year, Film and Television Production student

Key Policies

Getting food waste bins in the library and other study areas to prevent food waste going to landfill.
Offer a wider range of vegan options in University catering outlets and help shift the focus onto meat-free diets.
Work to have YUSU achieve an 'Excellent' rating in the NUS Green Impact scheme.

Hollie Devitt

First year, Environment, Economics and Ecology student

Key Policies

Introduce more water fountains across campus.
Have more outdoor seating across campus/ repair/ improve the existing seating.
Improve and enhance the green spaces across the University by increased maintenance and more planting.



Cameron 'Plant Boi' Naylor

First year, Molecular Cell Biology student

Key Policies

Help the hedgehogs! Increase the number of hedgehog hotels on campus to help keep our spiky friends safe.
Work with catering outlets to increase the number of vegan options available and reduce food waste.
More potted plants around campus.



Disability Officer

Chloe Hann and Scarlett Bachus-O'Callaghan

Third year, Psychology (Chloe) and First year, Sociology (Scarlett)

Key Policies

Continue improving accessibility on campus and campaign to raise awareness of the diversity of disabled students and disabled history.
Improve the information online regarding available financial support and the transition to university life.
Increase information available to disabled students regarding work and placements.



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Working Class Officer



Daniel Clark

First year, Politics student

Key Policies

Opposition to the treatment of working class people as helpless victims.

Lobbying for reform to accommodation and costs of education.

A voice of unity which will include a consultation with a view to changing the name of the officer role which is divisive.

Connor Drake and Sean Price-Regan

Second year, Applied Social Science (Connor) and First year, Politics (Sean)

Key Policies

Create a sense of community and belonging in order to help people settle in and remind them that they are welcome and they deserve to be here.

Work with the University to reduce the impact of hidden costs such as books and trips.

Extend the childcare centre's opening hours.



Joseph Williscroft

First year, Social and Political Sciences student

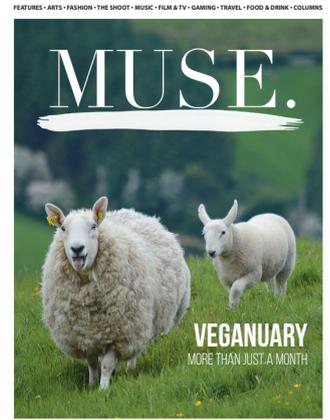
Key Policies

Introduce a wide range of support for those from disadvantaged and working class backgrounds through active campaigning, and better financial and health-based support tailored to meet the issues that working class students face.

Increase the working class population we have here at UoY to represent the student population as a whole.

International Officer and Volunteering Officer

The positions of International Officer and Volunteering Officer are still available, visit elections.yusu.org for more information



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