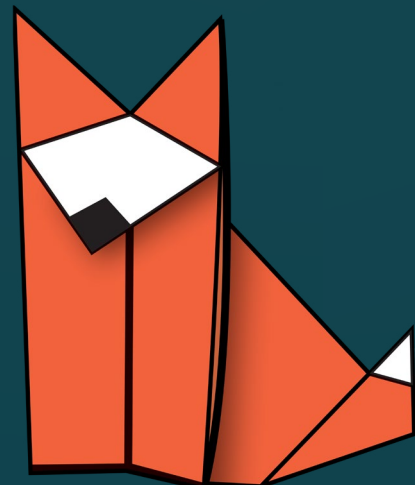


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CANDIDATE BOOKLET

LET'S LOOK AT THIS YEARS
CREAM OF THE CROP!



INTRODUCTION

WHAT ARE SOLENT ELECTIONS?

Solent Elections is your opportunity to decide who is going to represent you over the 2024 - 2025 academic year! You will be given the chance to vote for candidates who you think would best shape and improve your student experience.

WHAT IS A SABBATICAL OFFICER?

A Sabbatical Officer is a student who has either taken time out of their studies, or has just completed their studies, to work full time for the Solent Students' Union (SU) in a paid role. Sabbatical Officers are elected, and therefore mandated, to lead the political direction of the SU for the year, as well as ensuring that student views, experiences and concerns are represented to the university. They also run campaigns based off their pledges on how they want to improve the student experience, and are a Trustee for the SU.

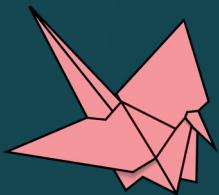
WHAT IS A PART-TIME OFFICER?

A Part-Time Officer is an elected student who represents the views of student groups, while continuing with their studies. Part-Time Officers sit on Student Council, work with the community and run campaigns for the student body at Solent University to raise issues on behalf of others in their student group.

In this booklet, you will find details of all the candidates standing in our Solent Elections, what they want to work on and how they will represent you as students. All of these candidates will be looking to secure your vote, so please consider them all carefully, and once you have made your decision, you can vote by going to solentsu.co.uk/elections.

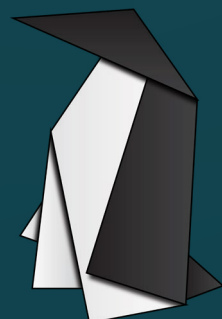
Thank you for participating in our Solent Elections, and we hope you want to get involved and run for a position in the future! Remember: your vote counts!

Josh Whale
Deputy Returning Officer



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VOTING FOR R.O.N

RE-OPEN NOMINATIONS

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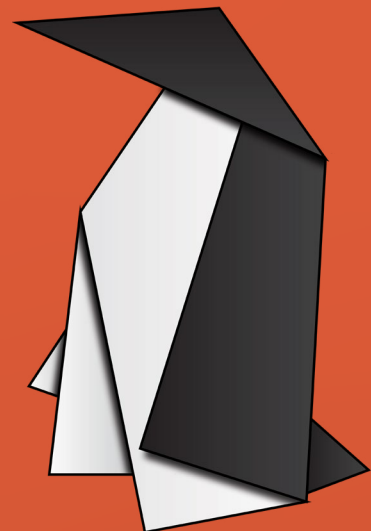
If you're not happy with any of the candidates running in the election for a specific role, you can vote to re-open nominations aka R.O.N.

This is you saying you want a new election with new candidates.

If R.O.N gets the highest number of votes then this is exactly what will happen.



SABBATICAL OFFICER CANDIDATES



UNION PRESIDENT CANDIDATES:



Chinmay Darji

Providing a healthy environment so students can raise their voice.

Make better experiences for international students, and helping the university to providing more opportunities and support to them.

Enhancing the Student Experience.

Want to make better experiences for learners through establishing Techfest events.

International students adjust to the university education system and improve their knowledge and skills.

VICE PRESIDENT EDUCATION CANDIDATES:



Sanidhya Shetty

Your Voice, Our Vision: Better Education.

1. Enhancing academic quality and experience for the students at the university.
2. Lobby the university to create a student space exclusively for students to help them with academic stress and well-being.
3. More curated networking opportunities (undergraduate and postgraduate) between students and employers across all the departments.
4. Improve the course representatives training and increase engagement between the union and the students.
5. Increase the number of academic societies to support students and help mentoring with peers.
6. Lobby the university to create a hardship fund for International Students to help through the cost-of-living crisis.

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VICE PRESIDENT COMMUNITIES AND WELLBEING CANDIDATES:



Phoebe Miles

A United Solent.

If elected I would like to work to make Solent a more accessible campus and environment for those with disabilities.

I would also continue to ensure that this university is a safe space for LGBT+ students.

I would also continue to improve the experience for International Students at Solent.

Help tackle the cost of living crisis impact on students.

Help tackle violence against women and girls at solent.

By looking at these issues I would hope to create an environment where everyone is safe and welcome at Solent.



Syed Mujammel Hossain

Empowering Voices, Encouraging Well-being: Empathetic Practice

Work with the University to introduce wellness sessions, workshops, and provide support for both Home and International Students.

Improve the counselling for students facing financial difficulties and support offered to students during emergency/crisis.

Lobby the university to have more faith advisers and expand the multi-faith prayer room.

Advocating for increased bursaries and hardship funding for all students including International Students will be my priority.

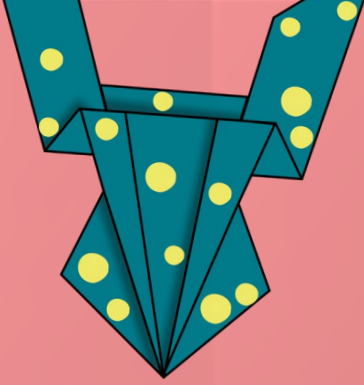
Campaign the university for a Student Space that will be owned by Students (YOU).

Together, let's foster a campus environment where every student feels valued, supported, and empowered to lead a healthy experience at the University.

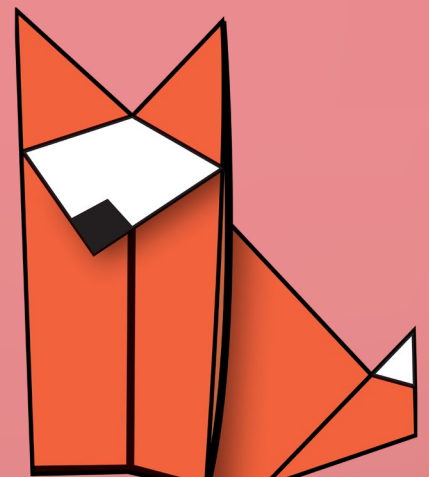
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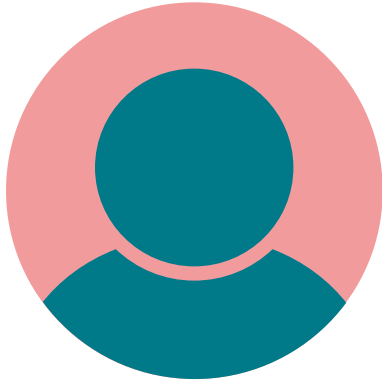
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PART-TIME OFFICER CANDIDATES



DISABILITIES STUDENTS' OFFICER CANDIDATES:



Codi Russell

You never know when you need a hand!

I pledge to...

- Improve accessibility across the university.
- Arrange more support for disabled students.
- Start a disability social group to help connect disabled students across the campus.
- Be a point of contact for disabled students to voice concerns and access additional support.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' OFFICER CANDIDATES:



Joe Sibi

As an international student I know the difficulties faced by the international students just after arriving to a new country with many doubts and I can help them out with all and as an international student I do know how it feels to be in a new country without anyone who I know and will make all the new and exciting international students and all students stress free and feel welcomed and feel safe.

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POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS' OFFICER CANDIDATES:



Sophiia deFaia

I'm pledging, when elected, to do the following next year:

- To provide more rounded support for PG students.
- Dedicated advocacy!
- More in-house, inter-department conference opportunities for PG students to showcase their research achievements.
- To form a PG mentoring system.
- More social opportunities for students who are still on campus in the summer.
- Create a Postgraduate Research Society.
- Fostering community among PG students.

So if you're interested in getting more support as a postgraduate student, vote for Sophiia deFaia on Monday 11th March!

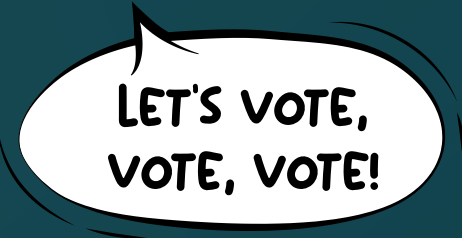
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