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SOLENT ●●X● ELECTIONS

CANDIDATE BOOKLET 2026/27



INTRODUCTION

WHAT ARE SOLENT ELECTIONS?

Solent Elections is your opportunity to decide who is going to represent you over the 2026-2027 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 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 on their manifesto points on how they want to improve the student experience, and are normally a Trustee of the Students' Union.

WHAT IS A VOLUNTEER OFFICER?

A Volunteer Officer is an elected student who represents the views of student groups, while continuing with their studies. Volunteer Officers sit on Student Council, work with the community and run campaigns for the student body at Southampton 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!


Hannah Piatkiewicz

Deputy Returning Officer



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VOTING FOR R.O.N

RE-OPEN NOMINATIONS

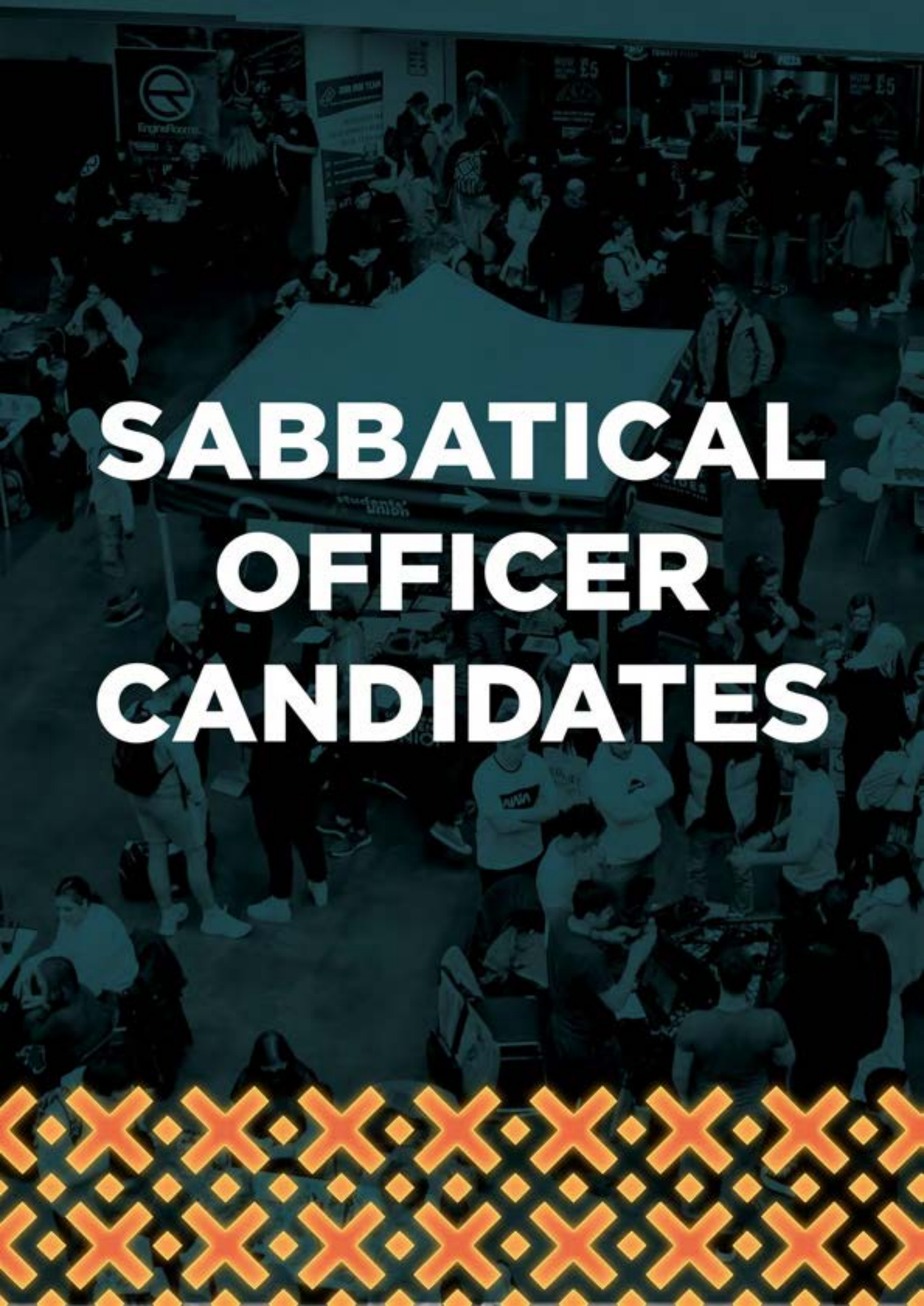
RON is a candidate in all posts.

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 - STUDENT VOICE CANDIDATE:



Alice Ainsworth

Make Solent Listen.

Hey! I'm Alice and I am running for the role of SU President for Student Voice.

As a student here at Solent, I often find that even though we are at the heart of everything, we are often ignored and our needs are not put first. As President for student voice, I want to push for stronger student involvement in Solent's decision making.

When discussing change students actually want, it's often the small changes that could improve student life. If elected, I want to:

- Campaign for increased library opening hours, specifically during the assessment seasons
- Develop a political support system to provide optimistic news alongside facilitating debate and student protest
- Implement a university-wide anonymous feedback system that will help to assess what students actually want and need from their student union. This could manifest in a range of things from practical sessions in money management to fun events like a bingo night!

Everything I try to achieve from this position would be student focused and any changes I attempt to make will be things that the students of Solent actually want and need.

Thank you so much for considering me for this role.

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10am Monday 9th March - 3pm Friday 13th March 2026

UNION PRESIDENT- COMMUNITIES AND WELLBEING CANDIDATE:



Agata Adaszynska

I am running for **Union President: Communities & Wellbeing** to ensure every student feels safe, supported, and valued. As a Fine Art postgraduate with a passion for art therapy, I believe creativity is a powerful tool for wellbeing, connection, and self-expression.

If elected, I will champion accessible wellbeing initiatives, creative workshops, and inclusive, judgement-free spaces.

I will ensure clear support around sexual harassment policies and amplify student voices during key changes such as block teaching.

I will work to strengthen the relationship between the Students' Union and the University, ensuring student feedback leads to real action.

Thank you for your support

Together, we can shape a campus where diversity is celebrated, and every student can truly thrive in their own skin.

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UNION PRESIDENT- COMMUNITIES AND WELLBEING CANDIDATE CONT.:



Onyinye Ojukwu

'Your Wellbeing, My Priority'

Onyinye Cynthia Ojukwu

'Your Wellbeing, My Priority'

Student Union President. Communities & Wellbeing

I'm Onyinye Ojukwu, a master's student in Logistics Management, Course representative, Student Ambassador and a Unibuddy. Through my daily engagement with students, I understand the pressures we face, from mental health, cost of living, engagement and belonging.

If elected, I will:

- Strengthen accessible mental health and wellbeing initiatives.
- Build a truly inclusive community, we will increase student engagement by creating safe, supportive spaces and hosting events that foster meaningful connections between home, international, and postgraduate students.
- Ensure student feedback is central as we transition to block teaching.
- Work collaboratively with the University to keep student wellbeing central during any kind of change.

I am Approachable. Experienced. Committed to action.

Together, lets build a healthier, more connected Solent Community.

Vote Onyinye Ojukwu

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VOLUNTEER OFFICER CANDIDATES

DISABILITY STUDENTS' OFFICER



Megan West

Hi, I'm Megan, a Biomedical Science student, and I'm standing to be Disability Volunteer Student Officer. I understand that university life isn't one-size-fits-all.

If elected, I will prioritise accessible support, stronger communication between disabled students and the university, and meaningful inclusion for those managing disability, long-term health conditions, neurodivergence, or caring responsibilities. I will work with students to turn lived experiences into real, practical change, not token gestures.

I'm organised, approachable, and passionate about advocacy. If you want a representative who listens, understands, and acts – I'd be proud to represent you.

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