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R.O.N (Re-Open Nominations) is a candidate for all positions in Arts SU Elections. Students can vote for R.O.N if they feel there are no suitable candidates for that position. If R.O.N is elected, standing for that position will be re-opened as part of the next election cycle.



**LEXA
BARBULESCU
RE-ELECT LEXA
FOR ACCESS,
COMMUNITY,
SUPPORT!**

Hi, I'm Lexa and I'm re-running for the CCW Officer position for next academic year!

I believe in the **POWER OF STUDENT FEEDBACK** to improve your university experience, and with my **PROACTIVE, OPTIMISTIC, and OUTSPOKEN** approach, I will lobby for change for all CCW and UAL students!

Why are you standing for this position?

I have been a STUDENT REP FOR 4 YEARS, from being a Course Rep and a School Rep to being the 2023/24 CCW Officer. I witnessed firsthand the power that the student voice has, and its ability to **IMPROVE YOUR EXPERIENCE THROUGH FEEDBACK AND DIRECT ACTION!** I worked on many projects, including: **STUDIOS AND WORKSHOPS SURVEY** (gathering feedback on the access and quality of learning spaces, and lobbying for access during the breaks), **ACTIVITIES WEEK** (inviting Sports

Clubs and Societies to engage with CCW students), **WIMBLEDON WINTER BALL** (with upcoming plans for other events, including a Spring Ball), **SOCIAL HUB IN THE CHELSEA ANNEX COMMUNITY BUILDING REVIEW** (empowering students to have access to social events, swift room booking, and increased support), **NEW GALLERY SPACES IN CHELSEA & WIMBLEDON**

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

I will continue to **ADVOCATE FOR STUDENTS' NEEDS**, and for **YOUR VOICES TO BE HEARD, RESPECTED, AND LISTENED TO!** I want to lobby for: **IMPROVED ACCESS TO RESOURCES** (studio spaces, specialized workshops, and access to materials are paramount in the delivery of quality education), **MORE COMMUNITY BUILDING INITIATIVES** (be it within your year group, connecting with students from other courses or other campuses, socializing,

and making friends is a key part of your university experience), **SUPPORT FOR RECENT GRADUATES** (access to libraries, printing, affordable art shops, professional support, and advice is important to all alumni looking to start working as professionals!) **VOTE LEXA FOR CCW OFFICER! RE-ELECT LEXA TO REPRESENT CCW STUDENTS!**



**CHARMIANE-
MAYIBONGWE
CHIKIWA**

**Putting the
Community,
Creativity and
Welfare back in CCW!**

Hey Everyone! I'm Charmiane-Mayibongwe, and I'm running to be your CCW Officer because I'm passionate about student voices making sustainable changes across our three campuses.

Why are you standing for this position?

For the past two years, I have had the privilege of working as a student Changemaker at Wimbledon, and it's allowed me the unique perspective of talking to fellow students on a personal level, hearing their earnest requests for change and translating that into feedback for UAL course teams to incorporate into the curriculum. I am standing for CCW Officer because many students go through the UAL education system the same way they may

have experienced high school and need the proper preparation and support for life after education. What does effective self-care look like for a working creative professional? Where do I find my crowd in such a niche course? For up to £28,570 per year on tuition fees alone, we deserve to see a return on investing in our future selves.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

I will ensure that students have access to more sustainable mental health support and self-care resources that will last the duration of their courses. I am passionate about providing students with effective careers and employability support. I want to ensure that when the time comes to graduate, students know enough course-specific career options and how to transfer their skills to other sectors. I would also like to work with students across Chelsea Camberwell and Wimbledon

to cultivate CCW-specific communities through clubs, workshops and societies. This would reduce loneliness and increase feelings of belonging. Whether you study Fine Art, Illustration, Acting and Performance or Production Arts, you deserve the CSM experience, too! Your vision for CCW matters!



**ZAINAB
GORIAWALA**
Student voice
matters!

Hello my name is Zainab I am a current third year student at CSM studying BA Graphic Communication Design.

Why are you standing for this position?

Throughout my degree, I have had various part-time roles- Course rep, School rep, and CSM Changemaker. In these roles, I have spearheaded several projects. For instance, I created a guidelines webpage for visiting practitioners at GCD to enhance their interactions with students. Additionally, I designed an infographic outlining UAL services offered to students, which was distributed across all campuses.

Having gained experience in these roles, I am aware of the expectations and the level of determination and patience required for the College Officer position. I am committed to improving the student experience at UAL and the CSM college officer role will allow me to do this full-time.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected I will focus on- Impact of cost of living crisis on students, more opportunities for students to connect with industry, representation and community building.



**JAMES
HARLOW**

**Create. Connect.
Innovate.**

Hi, I'm James Harlow – an artist, surfer, and sustainability advocate.

Why are you standing for this position?

I'm campaigning for the CSM Officer role to foster a more inclusive, supportive, and sustainable CSM. My leadership journey, serving as Social Secretary for both the Snow and Surf Clubs, alongside my roles as UAL Sports Social Executive and CSM Art & Performance School Rep, has underscored the value of community and a student-first governance approach.

Through these experiences, I've identified our collective strengths and areas for improvement, including the need for enhanced mental health support and curriculum relevance. My aim is to leverage our collective voice to drive meaningful changes, improving the CSM experience for everyone.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

My vision for CSM is focused on 3 main objectives:

1. **Accessibility and Inclusivity:** I'm committed to advocating for enhanced accessibility and fostering a community that embraces everyone. Ensuring UAL is a welcoming space for students from all walks of life, with various needs and backgrounds, is a top priority

2. **Facilities and Resources:** Upgrading our facilities and making study materials more affordable is key. I aim to ensure every student has access to the resources they need for their academic and creative endeavours

3. **Curriculum and Student Support:** I plan to update our curriculum to be more relevant and interdisciplinary, including a critical review of Collaborative Units. Equally, addressing financial challenges to make UAL more accessible for everyone will be a major focus.



**MELISSINI
MOTITI**

**AN ASSERTIVE TRY-
HARD THAT WILL
ACTUALLY ENACT
CHANGE FOR YOU.**

Hi all! I am a painter and animator from Cyprus, currently completing my MA in Intercultural Practices at CSM which I was chosen to represent as Course Rep.

I want nothing more than to represent the interests of all CSM students, and be an advocate for our community.

Why are you standing for this position?

I realized my passion of advocating for student voices after my experience as course representative championing for my cohort's interests during both my Bachelors in Animation and my Masters now in Intercultural Practices. I have always been described as that friend that will return a wrong order for someone else. I am the friend that will fight for your interests when you are too afraid to speak up. I am the team mate that will reach out to leaders for clarity and further information.

I am THAT friend, THEE cohort and with your vote I can be THAT OFFICER! I have no personal life to hold me back from putting ALL of my energy into improving our community at CSM! All jokes aside I believe I would truly Strengthen the student body if elected and will do my best to make change.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

When elected I will make sure to advocate for: Problem solving and making you feel heard and supported when in need of help for personal/ visa/ financial or community issues. Campaigning on issues of inclusivity, equality and a feeling of belonging and collaboration in our Campus. Curating for spaces where you are comfortable to speak up and take a stance.

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**Stand with you,
stand for you.**

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I am a Lebanese student who has been elected course rep for the full 3 years at this college as well as school rep for one of those years.

I find pride and happiness in helping others and making things easier for others around me.

Why are you standing for this position?

I believe I am capable of fulfilling the roles required by this position, and know my way around Art SU as well as UAL.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

I simply want to achieve the best possible; promising the best outcomes of handed situations is only what I promise to everyone.



**YUFEI
YUAN**

**True generosity to
the future is giving
to the present.**

Hi, I am Yufei Yuan. Currently, I am studying for an MA in Public Relations at LCC.

Before returning to school, I worked in PR in the fashion industry, and am now starting a new venture in London.

Why are you standing for this position?

After years of working, embarking on my second Master's degree offers a unique opportunity to re-experience student life. During my first Master's, tensions and worries clouded my appreciation of the vibrant academic world. Now, equipped with fresh perspectives, I notice the joys and possibilities that surround us.

This deeper understanding informs my approach to improving student life, emphasising the right balance. I aim to contribute insights and initiatives that enhance our collective journey, focusing not just on academic achievement but also on personal growth and community building.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected as the College Officer at the London College of Communication (LCC), my primary goal is to foster an environment where every student feels supported, valued, and engaged. Here are key objectives I aim to achieve:
Enhanced Communication: Ensure students' voices are heard and addressed efficiently.
Inclusivity and Diversity: Foster a campus that celebrates diversity and equity.

Mental Health and Well-being: Enhance access to mental health resources and stress-relief activities.
Academic Support: Improve tutoring, mentorship, and career guidance services.
Community Building: Organise events for collaboration and networking among students.
Sustainability: Lead campus sustainability efforts.



**JADE
DANIS**

Hi, my name is Jade and I am running for LCC College Officer.

In June I'll be graduating from Film Practice at LCC. After my time at UAL, I've grown to love my college and want to be at the forefront of making it a better, more inclusive environment for students.

Why are you standing for this position?

As an international student from Canada, I'm passionate about creating more opportunities to involve other international students in LCC culture, and helping all students financially during the current cost of living and housing crisis.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

I am invested in improving our environmental impact, and aim to aid LCC further in its journey towards sustainability. I also will do my best to bring back the pizza, because I know we all miss it (me especially)! Ultimately, I want LCC students to feel heard and seen, and be their champion with the higher ups at UAL to create lasting change and a better environment for everyone!



**KATWAMBA
MUTALE**

Let's build an
affordable, inclusive,
student-led East
Bank Together.

Hello, my name is Katwamba, and I am your LCF Sab Officer!

Throughout this year, I have been campaigning to improve your student experience as we move to the new building, working on continuing to advocate for disadvantaged and underrepresented students and lobbying to ensure UAL is more affordable.

Why are you standing for this position?

I'm re-running for the officer representative role because I want to build what I have been during this past year, which has been giving your student feedback on the new building to ensure your voice is heard by your Associate Dean of Student Experience Experience and Head of College, shaping the student community at East Bank, working on decolonising the curriculum and attainment gap, and reducing the cost of living.

So far, I have achieved student-led events being allowed to happen at East Bank. I have been building relationships with the Equality, Diversity and Team on developing ways to decolonise the curriculum in all courses and reduce awarding gaps. Lastly, I co-led this year's LGBTQIA+ History Month with exhibitions and events to increase representation and visibility.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected, I want to continue cementing what I have done to make the student experience affordable, inclusive, and accessible. If elected, I will aim to advocate and campaign for your student feedback on the building, particularly lowering the Canteen Prices and extending/ the 24 Library opening hours at LCF. Grow a welcoming and inclusive student community at East Bank through more student-led spaces and events.

Reduce the Cost of Study at LCF through more accessible funding, particularly for Schools of Media and Communication & Design and Technology courses. Develop a plan to reduce the attainment gap, particularly affecting Black Home and International students. Lastly, implement a consistent, wide approach to decolonising the curriculum at LCF across all schools.



SOBIA

**Breaking Chains,
Making Strides**

I'm Sobia, an FDM student.

Brown in color, environmentalist at heart, academic in the classroom & creative on social media; there are countless ways to describe me, but one constant prevails - I resist being confined to a single label! Born in Delhi, I am passionate about reading, fitness, & music.

Why are you standing for this position?

While penning this down, I remember my 14 year old self. I was best known as a student who left no competition without participation. In some, I failed; in others, I succeeded, but what remained a highlight was how confident it made me each day. This election is a step further in the puddle of determination. Ten years later, I'm now observing LCF and its diverse students. Their talents speak for them, however, life isn't equitable.

The overwhelming feeling, perhaps due to a lack of opportunities, time management issues, cultural restraints, or the absence of a genuine peer group, is an observation I've made lately. Hence, I aim to cultivate a community driven by the ideas of the youth, for the youth and by the youth, transcending any boundary that comes in between them and their talents.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected, I will prioritize students' mental well-being, particularly in relation to academics. I will advocate for on-campus counselors accessible through booking and curation of peer support groups for accountability. A designated leisure corner with games and relaxation resources is also on the list. To address the high living costs in London, I aim to increase free food options throughout the month, including essentials like bread, and establish an LCF farmer's market for affordable food items.

Lastly, due to the diverse nature of LCF's student body, I propose to increase representation of diverse ethnicities in the curriculum, as well as in leadership roles, faculty positions, and student organizations, to promote visibility and empower students from underrepresented groups.

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**SAYALI
WAGHMARE**

**Empowering
Diversity, Enriching
Communities,
Shaping Our Future
Together!**

Hello! I'm Sayali Waghmare Fashion Business Master's student at LCF and MAGFR Course Rep.

As your candidate for UAL Student Communities Officer, I am dedicated to fostering an inclusive and equitable environment where every student feels VALUED, SUPPORTED, and EMPOWERED to thrive.

Why are you standing for this position?

I am standing for the position of Student Communities Officer because I am deeply passionate about creating positive change and advocating for the needs of my fellow students. With my background in leading diverse communities during foundation and undergrad including Sport Secretary, Cultural Head, Technical Event Head, Course Representative and Accommodation Committee Head, I am confident in my ability to effectively represent the diverse student body at UAL and to address the pressing issues affecting our community.

I have witnessed the challenges that students face, from emotional, academic, financial struggles to feelings of isolation and lack of support at UAL. I believe that every student deserves the opportunity to succeed and thrive, regardless of their circumstances.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

1. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: Enhance student services and ensure that they are responsive and efficient, to ensure that all students feel welcomed and supported at UAL

2. Enhance Physical and Mental Health Services on campus

3. International Students Support: Advocate for the rights and support of international students and Creating a safe and inclusive course environment

4. Career Security and Industry Networks: Providing the resources and connections to secure a future in their chosen field

5. Increase Societies and Clubs Participation: Increase engagement with the SU by developing tailored programs and initiatives that cater to the unique needs and interests of foundation, undergraduate, postgrad and PhD students, ensuring that their voices are heard.

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**CHIHIRO
TATENO**

For better services
worth our tuition fee.

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Hi, my name is Chihiro. I'm a current fine art student at UAL.

Since I started studying here, I faced a lot of struggles just like many other UAL students. The Rising cost of living, Housing shortage and inflation are very critical for our student life.

Why are you standing for this position?

We already paid a lot for UAL... Home students:9K and Internationals:25K and it even creases every year. However, do we actually get offered what is worth our tuition fee? Before discussing the quality of education, we need to secure our well-being without being worried about financial issues, where to live

and which transportation to choose to come to university. We belong to this university during one of the most important times in our career. LESS STRUGGLESS ABOUT LIFE and MORE EXCITMENT IN CREATION for students. That's what I want to achieve in this position.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

As the Union Affairs Officer, I pledge to advocate for the financial requirements of every student at UAL. "Housing"

- Provide alternative options and lists of affordable accommodations for students unable to secure a room in Halls.
- Support sharing information about housing among UAL students. "Well being against the Cost-of-Living Crisis"

- Request travel subsistence allowance
- Support eating well with more reasonable meals provided in the canteen.
- Clarify the breakdown of prepaid expenses(tuition fee) "Resources"

- Encourage and expand more access to hidden resources provided by UAL such as Re-use units onsite, Swap shop at CSM and art supplies funding.

- Expand institutional free access to digital services such as Adobe, procreate as well as Microsoft Office.



JAMIE DAVIES

**UAL has enough
people serving its
interests. What
about YOURS?**

Hi, I'm Jamie. I'm a third-year journalism student, with a particular interest in covering communities and the people who help them thrive.

I currently work as the first point-of-contact for students within the SU. If you've ever contacted us, it's very possibly me you spoke to!

Why are you standing for this position?

In fact, that's why I'm standing for this position. Spending 18 months hearing about all the issues students are facing has taught me one thing: UAL is letting us down. So many of us feel isolated by the bureaucracy of UAL. Whether it be discrimination, or poverty, or academic neglect, students are being pushed to the point of breaking down by an institution that they feel more exploited by than taught by.

There's only so long you can spend talking to students at breaking point before wanting to do something about it. That's why I'm here. I've never been the sort of person to run for these positions, but if you vote for me, you'll know you're voting for someone whose sole motivation is to make sure that no UAL student feels like they've got the world against them.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

I'm primarily here to achieve what YOU want. Still, from day one I'll be pushing to:

- 1) Freeze the price of student accommodation.
- 2) Establish a peer mentoring scheme to help students settle in at all UAL campuses.
- 3) Publicise what is discussed during UAL governor meetings.
- 4) Increase the regularity and consistency of the SU's food bank scheme.

5) Help implement innovative and inclusive teaching methods for all learning styles.

6) Ensure that social justice targets translate into tangible action within UAL.

I also want to continue delivering everything the current officers have worked so hard on, including the Safe Crits Project, UAL Guarantorship Scheme, Student Campaigners Network and Climate Regensis Scheme. And that's all for starters :)



ZAYN SHAFIUDDIN

Why does UAL sort of
sometimes feel like a
business?

Hiii~ I am an Accessories Product Design student!

Here's some of my relevant-ish experience:

- Community Caretaker at <https://botto.com>
- Founder of UniOfSouthampton's Society for Decentralised Technology
- r/UAL & (Affiliated) r/sotonuni Forum Moderators

Why are you standing for this position?

Look, so It's very out of the ordinary for me to put myself up somewhere like this, attention is scary for me! Last time I was on stage I froze up and had to cancel my presentation!

But I chose to apply here because I do become quite intense when when it comes to **things that could be better ...but aren't.**

-though I'm not a great multitasker... so I don't think I'd be all that useful unless I commit full-time without having to stress about studies on top.

I am taking a chance here. I'm sure the Autism/ADD etc crowd can relate lol.

To me it's quite clear that many problems at UAL are not addressed! Some of the *decisions making people "above"* need a perspective shift.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

Was I naive to think that an established educational institution would prioritise student wellbeing for the obvious, in-turn reallocation of energy towards creating things that matter?

Students should experience seamless access to basic human needs and quality of life considerations. But for some reason there are barriers?

Some of the little things I see around here blow my mind for their ignorance and inconsideration.

We're talking about a lack of various financial support systems that **gatekeep food and shelter**, scarcity of locker space and room for student work displays that are really **limiting the inspirational potential of the collective student talent**, I'm sure you have something on your mind too.

Let's see what we can do!

