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R.O.N (RE-OPEN NOMINATIONS):

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.





**NADINE
SHEIKH**

**Being your voice for
positive change to
make UAL better.**

I am Nadine Sheikh, a mixed-media artist in my 2nd year of BA Fine Art at Chelsea.

As an international student, it took me time to feel settled in UAL, as I found a lack of opportunities to socially integrate. I am standing to make the changes I would've liked to see already in place when I arrived.

Why are you standing for this position?

I'm running for this role because I, like my peers, want to feel seen and heard and see positive changes tangibly implemented at UAL. I have previous leadership experience in Student Council leadership throughout my A Levels in Pakistan, as President of the Art Club, where we advocated for more funding and creative opportunities for students. Through conversations with peers, I have found that many of us share the same concerns.

These include a lack of resources and materials provided, insufficient social opportunities, accessibility issues in academic material and others. Raising these issues through in-class feedback and surveys seemed passive, so I wish to voice these issues by being a School Rep for CCW to work towards actively bringing about the changes we want to see in UAL.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected, my priorities are advocating for:

- More accessible availability of material, possibly through a system like the Swap Shop at CSM, where students can get free art supplies and cheaper rates at the on-campus Arts Shops.

- College-focused social activities so students can get to know their peers better on their courses or at their colleges specifically. More opportunities for international students to get to know each other and create a community away from home.

- Provision of accessible versions of academic material. Availability of printing large typeface versions of PDFs and other reading material for free if required. Choosing simpler language or providing a glossary of terms alongside, if necessary, to aid students with language barriers.



**SRISHTI
JACOB**

**Embrace diversity
and elevate
experience- Your
voice? Always
backed up.**

Hi! I'm Srishti and I study interior design.

I'm an advocate for open dialogue and I'm always down to have existential conversations about the universe. Is water wet? Anyways... I am approachable and always love helping people. I hate small talk and will most likely overshare the first time we meet.

Why are you standing for this position?

I'm an anti-formality advocate fostering open dialogue. I'm currently a Changemaker, 2-year Student Rep, EDI group member, and Student Ambassador. These experiences have helped me engage in uncomfortable yet crucial conversations with course teams, ensuring concerns are heard. As a CCW School Rep, I'll focus on equality, celebrating diversity within UAL, and advocating for affordable digital resources.

Feeling underappreciated? I've got your back. Your struggles, ideas, uniqueness – I'm here to champion them. Feeling inconvenienced? Let's fix it together. Have a killer idea? I'm your go-to to push it forward. I'm not just running for a position; I'm running to be your ally, advocate, and voice. This journey is about creating a UAL where everyone feels heard, valued, and empowered.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If you vote for me, my focus will be on equality in as many ways as possible. Being a woman of colour, I understand the ropes and have felt what it's like to be underrepresented. I aim to unite UAL by fostering cross-school connections. I'm not afraid to challenge the status quo because I believe in a UAL that truly represents the beautiful diversity of our creative community.

My promise to you is this: I'll work harder to ensure people of color and queer voices are not just heard but celebrated. Additionally, I would address the issue of digital resources and materials at UAL. We shouldn't have to empty our pockets to access the tools necessary for our creative development. We don't have a choice but to use design apps and I don't want us simply being students to have a price tag.



**MARINA
DOPICO**

**Being your voice for
positive change to
make UAL better.**

SCHOOL REP: PERFORMANCE & FOUNDATION

Hi my name is Marina, and I'm a first year student at Wimbledon College of Arts.

I'm studying Production Arts for Screen! I've been told that I'm friendly, honest and funny (hopefully)... I'm currently School Rep and I aspire to be the same next year!! :)

Why are you standing for this position?

There are a number of reasons; I have already done one term as School Rep, and I've thoroughly enjoyed it. Hand in hand with our College Officer, we've had a Winter Ball, put up student work in the hallways and we've tried to make the campus as accessible as possible. Helping people has always been something I enjoy. I love when people come up to talk to me about a request or worry that they have- having the chance to help them is the best reward that I get from this post.

There are a few topics we are advocating for currently, cheaper food in the canteen vending machines, quiet spaces to hold meetings, and building more community in Wimbledon. We hope to bring the students together outside (when there's good weather of course).

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

As said earlier, if I were to be elected; I would hope that all the requests that we've put forward get approved. I'd love to hear more from the students and their opinions on the campus + changes we can make. Mainly, the pricing of food isn't very accessible as University students. Course focused requests aswell!

For example, the possibility of having Adobe on our own laptops, classroom accesibility during weekends and holidays... I would also put forward a suggestion box, so students can put their suggestions in an anonymous way (or not). My priority is to make Wimbledon UAL as enjoyable as possible, as we spend so much time in it!



**ISABEL
NAVARRO ALATORRE**

**Making sure you get
your money's worth**

SCHOOL REP: CCW | ART

Hello! My name is Isa Navarro, A Mexican student that is currently studying BA Fine Art in 4D pathway.

I am course rep for my second year and part of the committee of Roof Bugs Society.

Why are you standing for this position?

I am running for this role because I want to help bridge the communication gap between students, Arts SU and the University. I also have a lot of ideas to help the courses, such as easier access to tutorial and developing a better communication with the workshops across the UAL campuses.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected my priorities are to communicate the issues with the cost-of-living crisis and that materials are available to an accessible price. To help international students get accustomed to London and get connected with other students in their course easily.



**ADITYA
SINGH**

SCHOOL REP: CSM | FASHION, JTM, PCID

Hi! I'm Aditya, a third year BA Product Design student at CSM, standing for the school rep.

I helped reestablish the Indian Society as the VP last year, and as an international student, I am excited to see how I can elevate the experience for everyone at CSM and unite different design disciplines.

Why are you standing for this position?

I'm standing up for this position as I firmly believe that with the experience I have had as a student, as well as the willingness to adapt and improve the school, I can help make CSM a better place to be. Last year, I worked with SU to reestablish the Indian Society as the Vice President, and I believe that I am ready to take on some more responsibility and help improve multiple design disciplines across Fashion, JTM and PCID, focusing on voicing out opinions from students.

In my three years at CSM, I thought that even though I had channels to voice myself out, I wasn't sure how I could ensure they made a difference — which is something I would like to try and change as a school rep by setting up a channel of communication and transparency that empowers students across CSM.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If given the opportunity, my priorities would be:

1. To overhaul communication between the School Reps and the students, with a regularly monitored channel of communication where suggestions can be tracked and worked on.

2. Moreover, a common problem has also been a shared resource datasheet — students often do not know if a room is booked out for use by a certain year and find themselves with no place to work beyond the library — something I'd like to address if given the opportunity.

3. Work towards making more known the SU initiatives like Arts Active, and even expanding it to include more activities, to make sure students can meet other students from completely different disciplines and contexts across a range of wide activities, to broaden their creative horizons.



**YING
HUANG**

**Initiative, Attentive,
Creative**

My name is Ying Huang, and I am a second-year student studying interaction design arts at LCC.

I love painting, writing, traveling, and engaging in conversations! In addition to my studies, I serve as an LCC mentor and the president of the UAL Vlogger Society.

Why are you standing for this position?

During my free time, I actively participate in various school activities and societies. Through my involvement with the UAL Rupture Radio Society, I have had the opportunity to showcase diverse student perspectives on topics ranging from life in London to UAL coursework and the music preferences of UAL students, featuring 15 individuals from varied backgrounds. Inspired by this experience, I founded the Vlogger Society this year with the aim of continuing to amplify the voices of UAL students and ensuring their visibility.

Drawing from these diverse experiences and fueled by my passion, I am confident in my ability to advocate for UAL design students and effectively communicate our needs to the school, driving positive changes within our community.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected, my priorities are:

1. Supporting student emotional and mental wellbeing
2. Enhancing communication between international students and the school, ensuring their voices are heard and corresponding measures are implemented.
3. Improving school facilities.



**JINGYING
TAN**

**I Care About You. Be
ourselves! Active for
our rights!!**

Hi, I'm Jingying from Interaction Design Arts.

I am an enthusiastic and warm-hearted person. Helping people and improving the environment are meaningful to me. I am also an international student from China.

Why are you standing for this position?

I used to lead a photography club and cooperate with a student union in high school. I had a similar experience and was good at this kind of work. It is always enjoyable and exciting for me to get in touch with and help people. I like to spend time on social work. Everyone should feel the warmth of the surroundings. As an international student, I can find and understand overseas students' needs, limitations and strengths better.

We have many international students at UAL, especially in LCC. I am happy to represent students and be the mouth of them. I want to be the intermediary between Arts SU, the University and course reps. I am willing to contribute to our students and college life.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

- Priority One: Create a great, progressive and friendly study environment

- Priority Two: Concern for the voice of international students

- Priority Three: Encourage people to take care of their mental health

- Priority Four: Support everyone's right

- Priority Five: Improve student experience in every way at UAL

- Priority Six: Notice and transmit small needs and details



**JOY
APICHAYA**

**Focus your future,
we'll handle the rest.**

Hello! I am Joy, Design Management. I have 1 little adorable dog.

We are both from Thailand. My studies focus on managing people's needs through aesthetics to meet global concerns and trends. Vote me! for a beautiful and functional LCC.

Why are you standing for this position?

I understand that students are all facing difficulties and many students are living alone. There are many interruptions in our heads which effects our studies. I aim to minimize these issues as much as possible so you can focus more on studying. I have a great passion on making effective learning due to my ongoing project, which aims to make a strong and stable Thailand's creative economy by developing creative education, starting from local students.

My professional connections and research have shown me how to make a good 'City Learning.' I believe that creating the right environment is key for effective learning. Therefore my focus is on student's well-being.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

Based on the polls, I got more than 50 votes from LCC's student, here is my priorities.

1. BETTER TOILET - farewell smell, tiny and dirty
2. MORE CANTEEN SEATS - We WILL NOT let an empty stomach distract your learning.
3. 24-HRS STUDY ZONE - Cry working alone? Not enough resources? LCC will be your 24/7 secure place. If CSM can, we can!



**HIMANI
BHALA**

**Himani is your voice
at UAL!**

Hey! My name is Himani Bhala and I am Standing for School Rep for LCC:School of Design.

I am studying BA(Hons) Graphic Branding and Identity at LCC.

Why are you standing for this position?

I am running for this role because I want to contribute to the university during my time here to make it a better place for existing and the new students and make their time in UAL memorable.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If I am elected, I would want to achieve

- Utilize spaces around the campus to display the work of our designers' fortnightly.
- Create easy accessibility to the services LCC offers on ORBs.

- Enrich the recreational space that is provided for students.

- Extended timings for the library for those who work better at night!



**TARYAK 'TEE'
HUSSAIN**

**Your Voice, Your
Vision: Let's Shape
Our Education
Together!**

I'm a 23 year old London-born BA Advertising student in my second year.

Fluent in English, Bengali, and proficient in Spanish, I'm also a musician on the side, and passionate about student advocacy.

Why are you standing for this position?

I am standing for this position because I believe in the importance of representation and advocacy within our student community. Starting university at 22 after overcoming personal and educational obstacles has instilled a deep appreciation in me for the transformative power of education. As a second-year BA Advertising student, a musician and a multilingual, I bring a diverse skillset to the table.

I am passionate about amplifying the voices of my fellow students, advocating for their needs, and fostering a supportive and inclusive environment within the Media School. Through open communication, collaboration, and proactive engagement, I am committed to working towards positive change and ensuring that every student's voice is heard and valued.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected, I'll champion student centred education. I'll advocate for consultations, seeking to ensure first-years have a hand in what they do in year 2 and from second-years for year 3. Additionally, I'll aim to launch cross-course events to enhance networking and collaboration within the Media School.

Finally, I'll try to work with university leadership to secure opportunities for students to attend conferences and events outside of uni, expanding our career networks beyond university.



**ADRIANNA
BEDNARZ**

**Live Laugh Love
(respectfully) VOTE
ADRIANNA #1 !!!**

Hi everybody! My name is Adrianna Bednarz, but I also go by Ada, Andrea and 23 others.

So the likelihood of me reacting to any nickname shouted out loud is very high. I guess it makes it easier to **APPROACH ME**. And please do!

Why are you standing for this position?

I'm a 2nd year PR Student, Course Rep and Student Ambassador. I am re-electing for the role of LCC Media School Rep. I enjoy putting myself out there, getting an understanding of the organisational processes and taking pride in speaking up for students and their concerns. Even if that meant standing up to unaware and ignorant representatives of our well-being. Coming to LCC, I was more than happy to see our mentors being open-minded and willing to respond to our enquiries.

However, we are meant to drive these changes ourselves. To do that, we need to choose **STRONG REPRESENTATIVES** like ME, who create an environment that enhances our overall university experience and allows us to become professional creators and social leaders.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

My top 3 priorities are:

#1 Encourage **TRANSPARENCY** in the decision-making processes and make sure all of you are **INFORMED** and feel **SECURE** that your voice is being heard, considered and understood. I will supply a platform for general and emergency enquiries so that the rep team can be on top of the drama at all times.

#2 I am going to fight for more **NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES** between the colleges and industry professionals. To make it easier for us to collaborate, kick off some projects together and transfer our skills between the industries.

#3 Make sure our concerns regarding the teaching structure of the units are being addressed **ASAP**, not left out for future consideration. Following that, we will fight for more funding to provide us with **CAREER OPPORTUNITIES** within the course.



**SHERTIENNE
LEE**

**I'm still yours! @
votefortienne!!**

My name is Shertienne, Tienne meaning “yours” in French.

I am the current school rep, in my EDIPS year and will be entering Final year of Contour for 24/25. One thing you should know about me is I will stand my ground amongst the higher ups when voicing the opinions of students.

Why are you standing for this position?

I would like to continue my current responsibilities and get feedback from students who struggles to voice their opinion due to language barriers. I speak both english and chinese and understand that it may be difficult to provide feedback, due to fears, culture or even misunderstandings. Therefore, being that bridge of communication is the main reason for my participation.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

As much as my role is to give feedback to the board of LCF, I would like to continue encouraging more course collaborations and share events that may be of interest to students such as thrifting sales, free food in London and possibly organize other activities to improve and support our study experience as well as social experience.



**VIVIAN
DODD**

SCHOOL REP: LCF | DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

I'm Vivian Dodd (They/Them), a fashion design and development student at LCF, currently on my DIPS placement year.

I'm a mature student and have enjoyed returning to studying after working in retail and cafes for a few years.

Why are you standing for this position?

Whilst my university experience at UAL has been great so far, I know that for a lot of students it has been less than perfect. I'm a very political person and keen to fight for the improvement of our educations. In particular I have seen many students struggle with the financial pressures of studying a creative course, as well the time requirements, and I'd be keen to fight for ways to help alleviate some of those pressures.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

My main focuses would be on:

Campaigning for studios to be open for longer and through holiday periods. Improving support for students from lower income backgrounds, either through direct financial support or by changing course structures where possible.

Championing sustainability and pushing for UAL to be a leader in sustainability education. Making it easier to access student wellbeing services.

Increasing opportunities to socialise, network and work collaboratively with other students.

Listening to other students and fighting for their needs.



**CLOUD
AUSTIN**

Let me elevate you
with my silver lining!

SCHOOL REP: LCF | FASHION BUSINESS

Hey, I'm Cloud! It's nice to meet you & I hope you're having a good day :3

About me... The basics: I'm 19, in my 1st year at LCF. I'm a big music person: I listen to at least 1 new album a day, I also love reading on the tube (mysterious I know), but the thing I enjoy the most is meeting new people!

Why are you standing for this position?

As a Psychology of Fashion student, my main focus is on people and bettering their wellbeing. I'm currently a course rep, which has allowed me to widen my love for communication and helping people feel heard :) Through the School rep role, I aim to carry on being a representative for you, I am always here to listen. I was very antisocial growing up, so I get not feeling capable of verbalising issues.

I want to help you feel heard, but not just through words. I think there's a lot we can change to achieve this, and my aim is to make those changes happen: through an open minded approach.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

My main priority is to be realistic in what we can achieve. I want you to feel safe in a way where what you communicate will be reasonably followed to the best of my ability :) I have already spoken to a few students who feel as though LCF can sometimes be overwhelming, and from this I came up with the idea of a sensory/quiet room that isn't related to work.

I feel as though this would help de-stress students. I aim to listen and try my best to create achievable solutions for the issues you have. I aim to make positive change :)



**MANA
BLUMICZ**

**The Procession That
Brings Bountiful
Harvest**

SCHOOL REP: LCF | FASHION BUSINESS

Hello friends and foes.

I'm this quite tall human who passes by the campus occasionally and likes video games, Chinese novels, kirtan and hip hop music but also Buddhism. What's your favourite cheese? Mine's Jarlsberg but I think I'm lactose intolerant

Why are you standing for this position?

I'd like to improve the experience of students at Fashion Business School and make various little things easier, you've ever wondered why they call the corridors the heart space? I didn't wonder and I don't know, but wouldn't it be great to have some sort of signage that can tell us how to get help with Adobe Suite? Dear MA and 3rd year students: seniors, you probably know already how to use it but I could help with other things apart from your dissertations.

I'll try to listen to all of you and improve whatever is possible, say hi if you see me I'm actually really nice although slightly tistic

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

Representation for the interests of FBS and accurate passing of information, if you request for something to be confidential it will stay confidential and I will try to take your feedback word for word. Additionally I'd like to be able to help y'all with whatever academic issues you are facing and try to resolve them with relevant bodies as long as its within my line of responsibility.

I don't come to you with big promises, instead I will do things well and precisely but if you have a plan or would like something to be implemented then come to me, I can be persistent so I'll try to get things done. By now I'm sure everyone loves how many questions I ask. You know the pink beaver with glasses? I'm that but 6'1.



**NICOLE
MARTINI BERNARDI**
Connecting to create

SCHOOL REP: LCF | MEDIA & COMMUNICATION

Hey! I am Nicole and an international student on my first year at UAL.

My friends say I am very bubbly and honest so feel free to talk to me about anything.

Why are you standing for this position?

I know how hard it can be to adjust to a new environment and even more in an entire new building, so I want to help the students to enjoy their learning and college experiences by improving the courses' quality and uniting the students in order to build a bigger community.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected, my top priorities would be bringing more social events for students to help them adjust at the new building, and making sure overall issues, such as Wi-Fi, lifts, and course experience are solved without any further delays



**MANA
BLUMICZ**

**May The Dirge of
Mine Uplift Others**

NUS LIBERATION CONFERENCE REP (LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANS, QUEER+)

Hello friends and foes.

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Why are you standing for this position?

I'd like to represent interests of fellow queer people as I feel strongly about the barriers that people are facing and I would like to contribute in the best way I can to the conversation so that I may be, figuratively, chip away at the rock. I have to be frank with you I'm not the type to

go to protests and engage in activism apart from educating my immediate environment as I really just don't like loud sounds. Any other fellow humans who wear noise cancelling headphones very often?

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

My priorities are to take your feedback and pass it further on so that your opinions can be heard. As the position involves attending a conference I will try to include whatever feedback I receive and pass it on truthfully and accurately. I don't have lofty goals but I'd like for people to get along with each other and hopefully I'll be able to help with that