

SOUTHWEST PRESIDENT MANIFESTOS

My name is Rickesh Patel and I am running for the position of President of our Students' Union. As the current Part-Time Societies Officer I have already had the opportunity to meet and work with some amazing people and create unforgettable memories. Throughout my time involved with the Students' Union I have seen many positive changes and I want to develop these further to try and provide the greatest student experience ever.

My initial aim is to raise the awareness of our Student' Union and all of the organisations, societies, and volunteering opportunities available to the 10,000 individuals at the University of Gloucestershire. I hope to work closely with Space Newspaper, Tone Radio and use all forms of social media to promote said opportunities.

Secondly, I aim to develop the community spirit within our University and increase our reputation within Gloucestershire. By working with the Sports Officer and society members I hope to promote: sport & society fundraisers, upcoming fixtures and SU events to get as many people involved as possible.

My final aim is to increase communication between the Students' Union and the student body to try and provide everyone with regular updates on what the Student's Union is doing to improve the experience of all students.

The past three years have been the best of my life and I want to make sure you, whether you are a fresher or a final year, have some lifelong memories to take away too.
Blue and Blue love!

- To increase the awareness of our Students' Union and what we do.
- To develop the community spirit within our university and increase our reputation throughout Gloucestershire.
- To increase the communication between the Students' Union and the student body.

PRESIDENT: Rob Griffiths

Vote Rob for:

Better Communication:

- A more comprehensive MyBristol
- An active and supported student media
- Better printing for student groups
- A travelling Sabb surgery
- A proper network of digital signage
- An alternative prospectus

Proper Development

- JCR help and support
- Student recreational space on campus
- Better activity handover support and guidance
- UBU exec committees to have a greater role
- A green light map for study space computers
- Helping Bristol Nightline get up and running again
- Safer streets around the precinct

- Student enterprise support
 - A UBU Housing Office
 - Better alumni tracking
 - An Events Exec committee
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I would love to represent **YOU** as **your Guild President**, and here's why...

The university now has £9,000 tuition fees. We must always be improving and ensuring you, as students, get the most for your money:

- I will push the University to refurbish buildings such as Amory, Queens and Harrison to a high standard, as well as ensuring Cornwall house is utilised as a student space. All subjects should have the same quality of buildings and resources.
- Contact hours – there should be a minimum but this should also be measured according to subject and year of study.
- Get rid of hidden course costs and make sure everyone has equal access to the facilities your course has to offer. Also free printing credits; for the fees we pay we should not have to pay for printing.
- St Luke's shouldn't be forgotten. Cross Keys should be a student hub and I will allocate funds to re-open the café ensuring a socially active environment.
- Provide a peer assisted study scheme for all modules identified as particularly challenging across the university.

We all know Exeter is an expensive university to study at. I will:

- Maintain the rent freeze for university halls. This must be continued.
- Ensure that independent landlords in Exeter keep rent down and provide safe and adequate housing. Overpriced, poorly maintained housing is not acceptable.
- Make sure Guild outlets offer plenty of eating options as well as keeping prices low so that living costs can be kept to a minimum.

Finally, it's time to make the guild more accessible to its students! This is what I would do to improve your student experience:

- I want to increase student engagement. Improving publicity and communication of what the Guild is up to is vital for student representation and getting your voice heard.
- Sort out the sign-up system at the freshers fair. Those queues are unnecessary and avoidable.
- Give more recognition to all the amazing societies, charities and clubs by making the Activities and Volunteering Awards bigger and better and continuing to make use of the

fantastic A&V hub to support groups like Community Action, RAG and Exepose.

- Improve publicity and awareness of international events at Exeter such as Diwali celebrations.
- Create a buddy scheme for incoming first years. Second and third years can opt in to be a port of call for help and advice, to help give first years the best start at Exeter and to smooth the transition into university life.

I will work closely with the University to ensure the Guild is getting across what **students want**, and **ensuring they deliver**.

I promise that I will be YOUR representative to the University, voicing YOUR views and opinions, and making YOUR student experience the best it can be.

Vote Hannah Barton for Guild President

Sarah Bowman

If you vote for me I promise to work my hardest to establish a stronger relationship with local businesses and working professionals to provide you with the connections and mentors you need to encourage future job opportunities! Within this, I will work with the uni to provide all students with equal and fair opportunities to do work placements, to make sure you all know where to go for advise and support. I will also work with the uni to find a way to make these opportunities more affordable and accessible for everyone!

I will promote the collaborative and work experience opportunities available for you to work with the SU and the university. I will kick start this action by promoting the course and school reps, ensuring that all students and staff know who you are and the amazing things you do to improve students lives! As well as this I will work to create a database of student profiles to build a network of collaborative opportunities across the university, connecting students and staff.

Furthermore, I will build upon the relationships with the local community and the mass media to promote and shout about all the amazing things you do, from academic accomplishments to sporting achievements! I will make connections with radio stations and newspapers as well as the volunteering department to show the public what you're proud of!

As well as these points, I will promote social activities across campus. I am currently working with the university to create an online, easy to access, central location for all student led event information, from sporting activities, to exhibitions and performances, so I will continue to push this! This platform will help publicise the amazing events run throughout the uni by you, for the whole student body to recognise and engage with. Furthermore, I will help to promote a regular space and time for events such as performances (both musical and theatrical), screenings and exhibitions for you to showcase your talents, or sit back and enjoy.

Equal and fair opportunities for all students is extremely important! For example, it has come to my attention that Nursing and Midwifery students don't get Wednesday afternoons off for recreational time! They deserve to have the same time off to enjoy what the SU has to offer. Therefore, I will endeavor to change this so that they get the time off they need!

Furthermore, I will work towards a better and improved library, I will kick start student workshops, from photography classes, to language lessons, to confidence building skills, and I will introduce a 'charities week' full of fun activities for you to get involved with to raise money for local community charities.

These are the main points I wish to address, but as well as these I will endeavor to listen to your opinions and the things you would like to see change! After all, making a positive difference to your uni experience is why I want to be part of the SABB team. Thank you!

- Promote a relationship with local businesses and professionals to provide you with the connections and mentors you need to encourage future job opportunities!
- Work with the mass media to promote and shout about all the amazing things you do, from academic accomplishments to sporting achievements!
- Create a website for all student led events to promote your activities and engage others with the amazing things you do across campus!