

All Part-time Officer manifestos (2025-26)

Alicia Ndlovu; Open Seat

As a dedicated and passionate student, I believe I have the skills, ideas, and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on our university community. I am eager to serve and represent the interests of my fellow students to create a better and more inclusive environment for everyone.

My Vision:

If elected as your student council officer, my primary goals will be:

- **Student Welfare:** Advocate for better mental health support and well-being initiatives.
- **Academic Support:** Promote peer mentoring and study support programs.
- **Events & Activities:** Plan diverse school events that cater to different interests and backgrounds.

I am eager to bring positive change to our school and work collaboratively with students, teachers, and administration. With your support, I will ensure that every student's voice is heard, and together, we can make our school a better place for all.

Cath Challoner; Mature & Caregiver Students' Officer

I am passionate about improving conditions for mature students and students in caregiving roles across the university. I have been a student at the University of Chester for eight years and am currently studying for a Masters in Museum and Heritage Practice, I also sit on the Mature Students' Society Committee, in the role of Secretary/Treasurer. As a mature student myself, and a carer for my mother-in-law for several years, I understand the daily challenges faced by mature students, with or without families, and those students who are also carers; it can be extremely demanding juggling multiple roles whilst completing your studies.

As the Mature and Caregiver Students' Officer, I would work hard to represent all mature students and caregivers, to ensure that your voices are heard, raising any issues that affect YOU at the student council, As a large part of the student body, I believe mature students and student/carers should receive full and proper representation, and I am passionate about the issues that affect YOU. I am committed to making your time at university a happy and successful one.

Faseeh Ur Rahman; International Students' Officer

As an international student, I understand the challenges of adapting to a new culture, academic system, and social environment. My goal is to create a more inclusive, supportive, and empowering community for all international students.

I will advocate for stronger support networks, including mentorship programs and mental health resources, to help students navigate academic and personal challenges. I will work towards expanding career development opportunities, such as networking events, internships, and workshops tailored to international students' needs.

Cultural diversity is our strength, and I will organize events that celebrate our backgrounds while fostering unity. I will also collaborate with university administration to address key concerns like visa support, housing, financial aid, and fair representation in student affairs.

Transparency, inclusivity, and leadership are my core values. I will ensure that every international student voice is heard and that our concerns are addressed effectively. Together, we can build a welcoming and thriving student community

Jason-Ellis Platts, Transgender & Gender Diverse Students' Officer

Over the last year I have:

- Worked with the Athletics Union and BUCS on increasing and promoting inclusive sports and clubs
- Attended many meetings aimed at gathering and acting on student feedback
- Worked with staff to implement inclusive practices within the university
- Created our first gender diverse social group for students!

I aim to:

- Ensure all gender diverse students feel safe and supported in their accommodation
- Implement sanitary product dispensers in a range of bathrooms on campus so no one is left out!

- Create more social events and mixers for gender diverse students to build a strong community!
- Ensure students are able to access wider-community support for outside of university

If you want to find out more, email me at 2314830@chester.ac.uk or find me on insta: jason_2314830

Lili Berry, Open Seat

Hi I'm Lili, I'm a first year law student. In my free time I am an independent town councillor in my local area. I am committed to standing up and advocating for people who have all different needs and abilities, as I have struggle in school and understand how hard it can be. I suffer with mental health issues and am a big advocate for mental support and to destigmatize it. I also am neurodivergent and have dyslexia.

My main point for my manifesto is increase support and access for disabilities as I have struggled with getting support and hate to think other people are having the same issues.

Better transport from campus to campus: this would be able to be fixed by the university speaking to the local council and I would be campaigning for the university to do something about this as it is quite challenging especially for international students or even student who suffer with anxiety.

I'm hard working and I'll make sure I get things done. I am not afraid to speak up especially for other people who need help.

Zach McSharry, LGBTQ+ Students' Officer

I have been dedicated to making our university a more inclusive, supportive, and vibrant space for all LGBTQIA+ students. Over the past year, I have worked to amplify our voices, ensure representation, and create meaningful change. I am currently organising a university-wide Pride event to celebrate our diverse community, increase visibility, and foster a sense of belonging for all.

I will continue to advocate for the needs of LGBTQIA+ students by:

- ****Expanding Support Networks**** – Strengthening peer support groups and ensuring accessible mental health resources tailored to LGBTQIA+ students.

- ****Enhancing LGBTQIA+ Representation**** – Pushing for more inclusive policies and ensuring our voices are heard at all levels of university decision-making.
- ****Creating Safe Spaces**** – Establishing more gender-neutral facilities and ensuring our campus remains a safe, discrimination-free environment.
- ****Building Community**** – Hosting regular events, workshops, and networking opportunities to strengthen connections within the LGBTQIA+ community and beyond.

Together, we can continue making positive changes that celebrate diversity and inclusion.

Lucy Jones, Open Seat

As one of your open representatives, I want to bring your priorities and concerns directly to the Student Council. I'm committed to understanding what matters to you and ensuring your feedback is heard where it counts.

With major changes coming to our university in the 2025 Autumn Semester, your voice deserves to shape the decisions being made. Real representation starts with open conversations, and I promise to be someone who listens and makes sure your concerns—big or small—are brought forward.

Help us be heard. Our Students' Union is for all of us.

Mahima Fiza Khan, BAAME Students' Officer

Coming from a mixed ethnic background, I understand the importance of diversity, representation, and inclusion. I am committed to ensuring that every BAAME student feels heard, valued, and supported at our university.

Throughout my life, I have actively engaged in leadership, advocacy, and community work—whether as a student leader, debater, volunteer, or cultural organiser. I believe that real change happens when we come together to celebrate our cultures, challenge injustices, and support each other.

At university, many BAAME students face underrepresentation, cultural barriers, and limited access to tailored support. If elected, I will focus on the following:

- ✓ **Stronger Representation & Advocacy** – Establish a BAAME Student Forum, advocate for more BAAME leadership roles, and strengthen anti-discrimination policies.

- ✓ Cultural Celebration – Organise multicultural events and push for inclusive academic content.
- ✓ Mental Health & Career Support – Campaign for culturally competent mental health services and better access to career opportunities.

With my leadership experience and dedication, I am ready to create a stronger, more inclusive community.

Praise Lawalson, Commuting Students' Officer

My name is Praise Adedotun Lawalson, a student of MSc Cardiovascular Health and Rehabilitation at the University of Chester. Living in Manchester means I travel by train whenever I have classes, so I fully understand the daily realities and challenges that commuting students experience.

If elected as Commuting Students' Officer, I will work to make commuting a smoother and more rewarding experience for everyone. One of my key goals is to advocate for a better and more convenient system to help students travel from the train station to campus, as the 30-minute walk can be tiring and time-consuming. I plan to work with the University and local transport services to introduce bus and bike hire options that make this journey faster, easier, and more affordable.

I will also push for improved commuter spaces on campus, including comfortable study and relaxation areas, and ensure that commuting students are included in events and activities that fit our schedules.

My vision is for every commuting student to feel connected, supported, and empowered to succeed. Together, we can make the University of Chester a more inclusive and commuter-friendly community.

Jeevitha Baskar, Women's Officer

As an international student and a woman with over six years of professional experience in global banking and compliance, I understand the importance of creating safe, inclusive, and empowering spaces for women from all walks of life. I am standing for Women's Officer to be a strong, empathetic voice for every woman at the University of Chester—whether you're navigating academic challenges, cultural transitions, or personal growth.

My priorities as Women's Officer will be:

Empowerment through Education: Host workshops and speaker events focused on leadership, career development, and financial literacy tailored for women.

Support and Safety: Strengthen awareness around mental health, harassment reporting, and access to support services—ensuring every woman feels heard and protected.

Representation and Inclusion: Advocate for the needs of women from diverse backgrounds, including international students, mothers, and those balancing work and study.

Community and Connection: Create spaces for women to connect, share experiences, and build lasting friendships through social events, mentorship programs, and cultural celebrations.

I believe that when women are supported, entire communities thrive. With your vote, I will work tirelessly to ensure that every woman at Chester feels valued, respected, and empowered to succeed.

Let's build a stronger, more inclusive university—together.