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PRACTICAL PLANS FOR REAL CHANGE DRIVEN BY EXPERIENCE

Your Union

- Strengthen and support the **International Students' Subcommittee** to ensure efficient and visible representation of one of our largest student bodies.
- Ensure closer links between **the Charities Subcommittee, the Student Voluntary Service, and Representation Subcommittees**.
- In support of the **campus larder**, host **monthly communal dinners** to foster student community building and awareness of the larder.
- Implement a **Union-managed notice board**: need a friend? A pen? A bike? Someone to help you move house? Looking for someone to teach you piano? Pop a notice up on our Union monitored notice board and engage with other students!
- Explore concerns around **the safety, inclusivity, and accessibility of Union evening events**.
- Build upon the Change Programme: centre **Student Association transparency: no more surprises, no more gossip, no more disappointment. You deserve to know why we make the decisions we do.**
- Ensure and promise my complete availability: **if elected, I represent you, that is all. My door and inbox will always be open, I'll organise regular office hours where you can speak to me about anything Union-related whatsoever.** The job is nothing without the student body, I promise to be guided predominantly by that which YOU tell me.
- Half-hearted gestures towards the notion of *change* are bound to fail: lets centre practical, tangible projects building on the work the Student Association has begun.

Your Voice

- Ensure quick progress of the motions passed in the final few SRC meetings, such as a push towards **better lecture capture** and **more support for all student volunteers**.
- Remain resolute in the Student Association's continued support for the **Rector** as an **elected representative of this student body**.
- I will ensure that student voices around **libraries and study spaces** are taken seriously. Students need places to study, this shouldn't be a debate! Advocate for a return to **normal Main Library weekend opening times** and **longer opening times at libraries such as St Mary's and the Gateway**.
- Do you ever find the library too cold? That shouldn't be a barrier to your studying. I will push for this to be looked into and for tangible solutions to be found: **borrowable blankets and hand warmers** available in Main Library?
- Advocate for a **sensory friendly area in Main Library**: dimmer, yellow lighting and fidgets.
- **Balls** and other formal events are a fundamental part of the St Andrews' experience, they should be **accessible, inclusive, and inviting**. I will work to ensure that barriers to this side of St Andrews social life are lifted.
- The proportion of students working during their studies is growing. We have a responsibility as a Union to provide support to this body. I will compose a **Working Students' Support Framework**. Featuring **information sessions, social events, and study support**.
- Engage in productive conversations with the University around **timetabling policies** and their **impact and effectiveness** within the **diversity of student experiences**.
- Concentrate efforts into ensuring the Students Association is not an exclusive place in any regard. Ensure that **carers and commuters** feel they have a part to play in the Union. Reignite the **Postgraduate community** and support them as an integral part of the student body. Push harder for **accessibility and inclusivity** across all that the Union does.

Our Town (and Beyond?)

- Develop town-wide sustainability schemes with the University's **Transition scheme**, the **St Andrews Environmental Network**, and other local organisations - from **bike shares** to **Kinnessburn clean-ups**.
- Propose and initiate a **'Town-Gown Hall'** at points during the year: encourage **students and residents of St Andrews** to come together and discuss the town we all inhabit, what we can all do to make it a better place.
- Work alongside the **University, local council, and wellbeing representatives** across the Students Association to initiate a project which centers **housing safety, accessibility, and affordability** for students who are currently facing disadvantages in this area (**trans students, disabled students, BAME students, care-experienced students**).
- Remain resolute in the **Student Association's unwavering support of diversity and the dignity of the trans+ students** who shape, impact, and contribute to student life in our town.
- Establish and encourage a **relationship between University of St Andrews Students' Association and Dundee University Students' Association**. From nightlife to activism, we can all benefit from stronger links with the communities around us. **Create** long lasting, impactful links which will benefit both organisations immensely: **financial growth, a louder unified student voice in Scotland, and unbound potential**.
- Develop and run **skills support sessions for Freshers students**: work to **destigmatize the anxiety and uncertainty** that can come with moving to a new place, living away from home, and learning innumerable life skills in a short frame of time. Ensure the Students' Association represents **both a fun night for our first years and a helping hand when they need it!**