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FOR

**PRESIDENT OF WELLBEING
AND EQUALITY**



MY MANIFESTO

VOTING OPEN APRIL 15TH AND 16TH



PRESIDENT OF WELLBEING AND COMMUNITY

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THE MINI-FESTO: A SUMMARY

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SAFETY

- Update Union staff racial sensitivity and safety training
- Safety and support resources for disabled, LGBT, and students of color

FEEDBACK

- Weekly 'office hours' for all students
- Open suggestion box and online form
- Quarterly Reviews

EQUALITY

- Make Report and Support accessible
- Expand campus larder to support trans students and provide interview clothing
- Maintain racial, gender, exam charters

MENTAL HEALTH

- Increase support for SA, spiking, and abuse victims
- Ensure support for student volunteers
- Increase study/rest spaces available

INTRODUCTION

Who am I? _____ What's my experience?



My name is Alex Chun (he/they), and I am a fourth year International Relations and Modern History student. I'm from Massachusetts in the United States. I know, an American IR student, very original! I enjoy archery and playing Minecraft with my academic kids.

For the last year I have acted as your Gender Equality SRC officer at the Union. During this time, I have worked with Student Services, Disability, and the Union Sabbatical officers which has given me invaluable experience. This year I have won the Rector's Award for my activism in making the Union and University an inclusive and accessible place for students. As your PresWell, I would continue my work in making this university safe, equitable, and accessible.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(2024-2025)

- Started a reusable drink cover program available to all students at the Union bars
- Introduced mandatory anti-spiking posters to Union-affiliated balls
- Surveyed trans and nonbinary experiences with the hall application form to aid in the inclusive revision of the application
- Chaired a monthly SGBV forum
- Worked with Student Services to revise Report and Support
- Worked with the AU and the AU president to ensure accessible and gender neutral bathrooms are not closed early

THE SRC POST-MORTEM: WHAT NEXT?

This past year, our Union has gone through extensive changes, including the dissolution of the SRC (Student Representative Council). During this period of change, **it is *crucial* to have a President of Wellbeing who understands both the old structure of the Student Union and the new structure** brought on by the Democracy Review.

WHAT CHANGED AND WHY?

The dissolution of the SRC was done to streamline the meeting and democracy process by **dividing the subcommittees and officers into three relevant forums:** Education, Wellbeing and Community, and Societies. As PresWell, I would be running the Wellbeing and Community Forum. **Motions will be replaced by action and belief policies**, which will be addressed forum to forum and can be submitted by any student.

The minimum of forum meetings is twice a semester, but **I would convene the Wellbeing and Community Forum a minimum of once a month**, if not twice a month.

Likewise, I will also attend all meetings with the Wellbeing and Community subcommittees BAME, DSN, Saints LGBT, and the new International Student Committee as well as the STAnd group Got Solidarity, Got Consent, and Got Limits.

WELLBEING

MY GOALS AND EXPERIENCE



GOALS

- Expand the action policy requiring balls associated with the Union to have **anti-spiking posters to University and Hall balls**
- Raise **awareness of resources** like the Bike Pool, the Young Scot card, and the night bus to new students to encourage **sustainable and accessible transport**
- Create **monthly support group meet-ups for students to discuss mental health** with a member of student services present
- Work with the Student Health Officer to raise awareness of **STI testing, abortion access, free period product distribution, and NHS programs** to incoming students, especially during the beginning of each term
- Establish a **volunteer burnout** support system with the University to help acknowledge and balance **volunteers and their school work**
- **Expand the campus larder to include formal interview attire** students can borrow for job or internship interviews as well as **merge the trans clothing drive** with the campus larder
- Ensure nightline workers are provided with any needed support as well as rewarding their hard work
- Work with the St. Andrews police department to appoint a **new student outreach officer** following the last one's departure



SOME EXPERIENCE

- Created the anti-spiking poster policy for Union-associated balls
- Created MayDip safety guide for transgender students
- Created a gym buddy meet-up program for female, transgender, and disabled students
- Advised on Report and Support revisions
- Run the trans clothing drive at events

BAME

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GOALS

- **Include BAME in revisions of Report and Support**
- Create a form for **reporting microaggressions** (working with PresEd for University incidents and PresAffairs for Union incidents)
- **Reevaluate training for Union staff on racial bias and discrimination** and call for retraining
- Work with the Athletic Union President to **ensure sports clubs and AU staff are trained in racial bias and discrimination**
- Ensure existing health resources include images and information with different skin tones
- Encourage collaborative events between BAME, DSN, Saints LGBT+ and other groups **for students of color**
- Continue work on the accessible student activism guide
- **Review and renew STAnd Against Hate** to address the rise in microaggressions and racism as well as offer support to students of color
- Call for the University to **allow cultural headware during graduation**
- As an individual and as your PresWell, I advocate for and will continue to advocate for a ceasefire and a two-state solution to the War on Palestine. I also stand against *both* Islamophobia and Antisemitism.



SOME EXPERIENCE

- Worked on Recoloring the Queer, a collaborative movement between BAME and Saints LGBT+ highlighting queer artists of color
- Called for the Union to have anti-spiking and health support resources specifically for people of color as those resources (such as medical pictures) are often second thought
- Discussed microaggression misreporting

MY GOALS AND EXPERIENCE



GOALS

- Call for **better accessibility at in-town student halls**
- Advocate for **a 24 hour accessible study space** (the current one is inaccessible due to a lack of a fire-safe lift)
- Work with PresEd to make the **extension request forms uniform for all schools and accessible**
- **Revise academic alert structure** for disabled students (especially the visa alert for international students)
- Call to **make the Union and the University websites more accessible** with the search function and document structure
- Make **a map of accessible campus toilets** and other resources
- If the night bus is not accessible, **ensure a stipend for disabled students to get home safely at night**
- Create a **concessionary price for physically disabled students at the Sports Center**
- **Promote disability friendly sports clubs** (such as archery, which I do as a disabled student) and **help disabled student athletes with TUE forms** (therapeutic use exception) for medications
- Add **mandatory subtitles** to all Union videos with speech

SOME EXPERIENCE

- I have delt with disability as an SRC Officer and as a student
- Created a gym buddy meet-up program for female, transgender, and disabled students
- Ensured the accessible gym bathrooms would stay open until the gym closed
- Acted as the Disability Rep for Archery



SAINTS LGBT+



MY GOALS AND EXPERIENCE

GOALS

- **Revise the accommodation application form** to ensure **transgender students in halls are comfortable** and have access to a bathroom they are comfortable using
- **Ensure transgender students have access to the trans clothing drive** by including it in the campus larder
- **Create a form for reporting microaggressions** (working with PresEd for University incidents and PresAffairs for Union incidents)
- **Ensure SA, SGBV, and harassment support is explicitly available** for LGBT+ students
- Ensure **sexual health officers in halls are trained** with LGBT+ sexual health wellness
- **Raise awareness about gender affirming care bursery stipends to trans students as well as NHS resources for transitioning** like vocal therapy and what is needed to apply for or continue hormone therapy
- Ensure Glitterball financially compensates student performers



SOME EXPERIENCE

- Surveyed transgender students on their accommodation experiences
- Organized Queerfest 2024
- Created the first LGBT+ fashion Zine
- Sat on the trans and nonbinary round table in 2023 with the University board and Sally Mapstone
- Spoke at TDOR and ran the trans clothing drive

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

MY GOALS AND EXPERIENCE



GOALS

- Work with the PresEd to **have the University clearly communicate *before term time* the details of Disability services** and accessible accommodation
- **Work with the PresEd to ensure MySaint and coursework extensions are available to students** experiencing visa delay
- **Provide support for international students whose home countries are experiencing unrest**
- Provide student services information readily to students who are abroad or do not live in halls
- **Communicate NHS medical practice registration, SIM card and bank account applications, and nearby stores** for incoming international students at **the beginning of term**
- **Communicate resources like the Young Scot card, the night bus, and the campus larder** at the beginning of term



SOME EXPERIENCE

- I have dealt with VFS Global and the visa system and can tell you first-hand it is a nightmare
- I worked alongside the 2024-2025 International Students Officer on the SRC

OFFICERS

MY GOALS AND EXPERIENCE

GOALS



Commuters, Carers, Mature, and Flexible learners

- Create a **dedicated space** in the Union for commuter and working students
- Advocate for a **24-hour accessible study space** (the current one is inaccessible due to a lack of a fire-safe lift)
- **Create a stipend for commuter students who are stranded** in town overnight for unforeseen circumstances
- **Advertise student services** to carers, flexible, and mature students
- **Create a support group for carers** led by a member of student services

Gender Equality Officer (my old role!)

- **Continue implementation of the Athena SWAN Charter**
- **Implement and launch the gym buddy project** next semester
- Assist the GE Officer with their projects
- Help organize and run the SGBV forum

Widening Access and Participation Officer

- Work with the officer to **adjust to the new Democracy Review layout for volunteer work**
- Establish a **volunteer burnout support system** with the University to help **acknowledge and balance volunteers and their school work**
- Help convey the Democracy Review **changes in the volunteer and policy submission to the student body**

STAND TOGETHER

MY GOALS AND EXPERIENCE

GOALS



Got Consent?

- Work with Got Consent to **train hall sexual health officers in consent** and ensure that they are trained in LGBT+ health
- Create consent **poster campaigns for the Union and balls**

Got Solidarity?

- Work with students to **create the microaggressions report form**
- Ideally, Got Solidarity will help create the foundation of STAnd Against Hate

Got Limits?

- Work with students to **create anti-spiking posters for balls and the Union**
- Work with Got Limits and the police to **hand out anti-spiking kits** (drink covers, Narcan, and test kits)

Got Support?

- Advertise that Got Support is a resource available to students

My StAnd Against Hate Plan:

- An overarching **one-semester movement to raise awareness and combat racism and hate** in the University, Union, and town
- Work with students and BAME to **create the microaggressions report form**
- Work with students to **create poster campaigns explicitly calling out racism, microaggressions, and more**

MY GOALS: A SUMMARY PT. 1

Transparency:

- **Hold weekly office hours** open to all students for thoughts and concerns as well as an **online and in-person suggestions box**
- Publish **quarterly PresWell progress reports**
- Call for the **University to run an EDI report** (as the last one was done in **2018!**)
- **Maintain charters:** I will maintain our University's standing in the Race Equality Charter, Athena SWAN Gender Equality Charter, and the Emily Test Charter and **ensure our Union and University are executing what we promised**
- Will attempt to make the executive team as green as possible in collaboration with the environment subcommittee

Support:

- Provide **mental health support** for volunteers, working students, and all students
- Create **more spaces for working and commuter students, an accessible 24-hour study space, and a refurbished campus larder**
- **Advertise available resources** from the NHS/Scottish government, student services, and the Union (such as the burserie and the campus larder)
- Ensure that **support about SGBV, SA, and harassment is explicitly available and provided to disabled students, LGBT+ students, and students of color**

MY GOALS: A SUMMARY PT. 2

Safety:

- Continue work on **preventing spiking at events** both at the Union, at hall balls, and in town
- Reevaluate and **call for retraining for Union staff on racial bias/discrimination**
- Create **safety resources specifically for LGBT+, disabled, and students of color**

Accessibility:

- **Reevaluate Report and Support** to make it more accessible
- Streamline **extension requests across schools and make them more accessible**
- Create a map of accessible and gender neutral toilets on campus
- Promote **accessible sports clubs**
- Create a **concessionary sports center fee for disabled students**

Equality:

- **Create a form for reporting microaggressions** (working with PresEd for University incidents and PresAffairs for Union incidents)
- **Revise the accommodation application form to ensure transgender students in halls are comfortable** and have access to a bathroom they are comfortable using
- Include **BAME** in **Support and Report revision**
- Review and renew **STAnd Against Hate**

YOU'VE READ THE MANIFESTO... NOW LET'S MANIFEST IT!



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