

# KIRSTEN DYER

## for Academic Affairs

“Our Students’ Union is one of the best and most successful in the country. Elect me as Academic Affairs Officer and I pledge to work hard to continue to provide such a fantastic Students’ Union for each and every student.”



### My Election Pledge

To continue the Students Union redevelopment scheme

- The redevelopment of the Students’ Union is of utmost importance. I pledge to continue pushing forward with the plans for redevelopment while ensuring they do not interfere with any current student facilities.

To improve upon and raise awareness of the careers service

- The mere thought of job applications and what to do after university is daunting to many. I pledge to work in conjunction with the careers service to provide a more structured advice and support plan for graduating students ensuring a smoother transition for university into the workplace.

Raise awareness of the academic support facilities

- The Education Unit is a little known facility providing free and impartial advice to students on a wide range of academic related topics. I pledge to raise awareness of such a useful and effective service ensuring its continued growth and promoting its services as widely as possible.

Full representation of students in the QAA report

- In 2008, the University of Leicester is subject to an audit by the Quality Assurance Agency. As part of this audit, the Academic Affairs Officer has to submit a written report about the university from a student viewpoint. I pledge to ensure students from all backgrounds are fully represented and highlight any key issues which need addressing by the University.

## To improve training in University academic facilities

- There are many facilities and technologies available at University which lack sufficient training in how to use them e.g. library services; specific software packages for courses. I pledge to lobby for improved instructions and training facilities of these services so students can gain the maximum out of these high-tech services.

## Ensure full representation of Postgraduate and Mature Students

- With such a large proportion of students being Postgraduate and Mature, it is important they are fully represented, their needs are known and met. I pledge to increase the communication between Postgraduate and Mature students and the Students' Union to ensure the support they need is more than adequately provided.

## To continue the fight to 'Keep the Cap' on tuition fees

- We are entering a vital period in the fight for a fairly funded system of Higher Education. With the 2009 review imminent, it is absolutely vital to step up the campaign and make the views of our Students' Union known. I pledge to continue the fight to 'Keep the Cap', whilst at the same time lobbying for improved and meaningful financial support for people who need it in order to be able to access Higher Education.

### My Story So Far...

- 3<sup>rd</sup> year Economics student
- GMS Hall JCRC President 2007/08
- GMS Hall JCRC Social Secretary 2006/07
- Students Union Council Member 2007/08
- Member of Economics Society 2005/06, 2006/07, 2007/08
- Fundraiser for RAG 2007/08
- Member of LUST 2006/07, 2007/08
- Co-organiser of NaSTA 2007/08
- Student Guide 2006/07

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**“Vote Success,  
Vote Dyer”**

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Beaumont JCR  
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