

**VOTE**

Ryan Newey

**Arts Education Rep**



**MANIFESTO**

Hi there, my name is Ryan Newey and I'm a first year undergraduate student studying BA European Studies (French, Spanish and Politics). In the upcoming Union Council elections I am running for the Faculty of Arts Education Rep, a position that I feel I am an ideal candidate for.

I have strived to get involved in the workings of the University since being here; I am a member of Modern Languages Society and also an active course rep for the Faculty of Arts and a member of the Student-Staff Committee. A role that has taught me how problems and ideas are dealt with and the process they undergo within a department. Now, I am looking to expand this knowledge throughout the entire Faculty of Arts and furthermore address academic issues throughout the University.

I am focusing my campaign on 3 vital areas-

#### **-Communication Links**

I believe that it is crucial for students to have information readily available to them. There needs to be improvements made in the communication links between the students and their departments. YOU have the right to know what's going on. Therefore I aim to find better ways of ensuring you are kept up to date with the academic matters of your department. Minutes of meetings need to be more readily available. Course reps are there to help the department, and you need to know who they are! I do not think that sending emails to all students is the way forward, there should be more regularly updated notice boards within departments, presenting the department's minutes, events, news and who they can contact regarding their problems, ideas and concerns. One possibility is investigating a subscription service to which students can sign up to to receive regular emails about their departments.

#### **-Student Representation**

Another vital area of my campaign is student representation; I think it is crucial that all students have the means to be able to voice their opinion. But students need to know who they can talk to. As mentioned I feel it is necessary to have notice boards within departments with lists of contacts, finding the right person to contact can be difficult especially on the departmental web pages. A general email address that students can email is vital to ensure all queries are dealt with accordingly and given equal attention to. I would be there to represent YOU to the best of my ability ensuring any ideas and concerns you have are put forward. Whether it's face to face or via an email, I WILL be there to answer.

### **-Personal Tutor System**

The personal tutor system is a dodgy subject amongst students, but I pledge to scrutinize the system and improve it as much as I can. If the university is willing on a whole to endorse PDP then all personal tutors should support this not a select few, it should be restructured and your PDP should be properly evaluated in meetings with your personal tutor. The personal tutor system could be an asset to our university and we need to make the most of it. Students who take modules in several departments are at a major disadvantage as there is a lack of communication between the departments. We as students can benefit from the personal tutor system, there should be more of an emphasis of approachability, we should feel that we can approach our tutors and ask for further feedback and help. The stumbling block of this point is that we need your input; your ideas and concerns on the personal tutor system, so we can tailor and improve it to your expectations!

I feel that I would be an ideal candidate for this; I am hard working and would rise up to the challenge and do my best to fulfill your expectations!

This is me--- **Ambitious**  
**Reliable**  
**Thoughtful**  
**Strong-minded**

***Vote knowledge, vote Newey***

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***Vote reliability, vote Ryan***