

EXAMPLES OF MANIFESTOS

Vote Krish for Co-President Democracy & Education



Hi, I'm Krish. I'm a final year undergraduate from India studying IR and World Philosophy. I do stand up comedy, write for TV and Radio, and all 'round I'm a solid 6/10 person. I've been the SOAS **Anti-Racism officer** from 2018-2019. I worked to completely revamp the school's mass emailing system. Students now have a new avenue to organise independently when they are being blockaded by people in power.

A union is inherently political.
If elected I will:

- Be loud and annoying with management in the face of cuts, **neoliberal restructuring** and the marketisation of education
- Thoroughly **challenge** SOAS' progressive image
- Make sure that that ^ leads to **material changes** for precarious staff and students
- Partner with national campaigns to make sure the UK doesn't turn into a **degree factory**

Improve student health & wellbeing by:

- Dealing with faculty, student reps, and various bureaucrats to accommodate for students with **alternative needs** (like myself - shoutout folk with OCD and ADHD) through screenings, assistive tech, and shifting the burden away from the student to perform their disability
- Encouraging **alternative assessment techniques** with a focus away from exams
- **Preventing Prevent** to reduce the psychological impact of surveillance on students

Also, in my role in the SU I've had to learn a lot of strange SU jargon and I've read our constitution. That's one point for me.

For me **decolonising the institution** means...

- Closing the **BME attainment gap** by **anonymising** marking across the board to tackle racial bias; **lowering entry tariffs** to accept more students (so the school doesn't close); increasing academic support to ensure students who come in with lower tariffs are given necessary resources; **removing barriers** in accessing mental health support for BME students
- **Increasing** the number of BME academics
- **Supporting** existing campaigns like BDS, Fractionals For Fair Play, J4W; **building new links** between students and workers
- **Creating new channels** to better distribute community resources (for example, into bursaries)

Maintaining **transparency and accountability** through:

- Recording and publishing **all** meetings (even the secret ones)
- Ensuring that students are aware of the SU's expenditures
- Welcoming strong, open and **public** criticism
- Setting up **liberation caucuses** to amplify marginalised voices

MANIFESTO

- Third year Philosophy and Politics student.
- President of People & Planet, and committee member of three other societies
- Member of the Executive Committee for a national campaigning organisation

Planning and organising many campaigns on campus including: Fossil Free, Fair Pay Campus, Stop the Privatisation of Student Debt (remember the red boxes?), Sweatshop Free, Running student projects: Go Green Week, Vegbox and Food Co-op, Co-ordinating the National Week of Action on Fair Pay on campuses.

Your Union should be just that - YOUR Union. It should not feel separate from students. It should be run by the students that it's made up of and ensure it's working for the things they care about.

FAIRER HOUSING



- **Warmer Homes, Cheaper Bills:** Use Home Run to lobby private landlords to insulate student houses, meaning your house stays warm and your bills stay low.
- **Stop the Accommodation Fee Rise:** UEA is planning to raise the cost of living in halls of residence. Accommodation fees are already excessively high, and we should be campaigning against further increases.



OPEN DEMOCRACY

- **Mass, Open General Meetings:** Regular general meetings which any student can attend and feed into, helping to shape the direction of the Union and formulate decision making.
- **Raise Your Voice Online:** A space on our website, where students can submit any idea to improve the Union. Ideas with over 300 votes of support to automatically be debated by Council.



BIGGER CAMPAIGNS

- **Let's Make Our Campaigns BIG:** Huge stunts, flash-mobs and creative actions! Our campaigns should be vibrant and wide reaching, as well as hard hitting and successful.
- **And Let's Take On the Big Issues:** Studying at university is getting more and more costly. £9k tuition fees, NHS charges for international students, and private companies owning our student debt with the opportunity to retrospectively increase our interest rates. The Union needs to talk about and campaign to reverse these changes on a local and national level.



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CAMPAIGNS AND DEMOCRACY

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