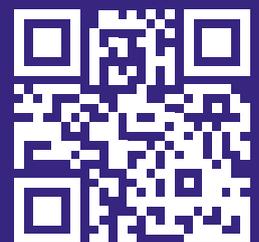




# Elections 2024

Vote online by  
Thursday 25 April



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# What are Students' Union elections?

Students' Union elections are your chance to choose who will represent you.

The elected students become either student officers or school representatives, and will act as your voice in the University. They can drive real change to help improve your university experience, so it's vital that you have your say on who wins.

## Why your vote matters

Education is one of the biggest investments you will make in your future, and it isn't cheap. Voting means you get to choose who is working on your behalf, so that you get the best out of your student experience.

Voting is one of the best ways to make your voice heard by the University. The people you choose have the power to create change. By voting you can decide what changes matter to you.

Our student leaders have a noticeable impact on your life at uni, from academic matters to your social life and wellbeing. With that in mind, it's a no-brainer to spend a little time having your say on who should hold that power.

## How does voting work?

We use the single transferable vote (STV) system. This produces more representative results than other systems. The system's name says a lot about how it works. You have one vote, which can be transferred to lower-preference candidates if needed. This means no vote is ever wasted. If your first choice candidate doesn't win, your second or third could instead. All the student officers will be elected in a single election. The specific roles will be allocated after the successful candidates are confirmed.

### How to vote

1. Rank candidates in order of preference. Number your favourite candidate 1, second favourite 2, and so on.
2. You can rank as many candidates as you like, but we encourage you to rank as many as possible - at least five in the student officer election.
3. If you don't like any of the candidates, you can vote to re-open nominations. In the case that this is the most popular option, no-one will be elected, and a new election will take place.
4. The system will take care of the rest, transferring your vote where needed. This means you will have a say even if your top choice doesn't win.

# Key dates

## Candidate question and answer sessions

### School representatives:

Wednesday 17 April, 12:00

### Student officers:

Wednesday 17 April, 13:00

*Go to [eastlondonsu.com](http://eastlondonsu.com) to find out how to attend*

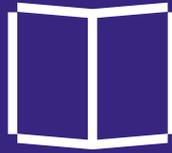
### Online voting

Monday 22 April - Thursday 25 April

### Results announced

Friday 26 April

# How do I decide?



Read through candidates' statements in this booklet



Discuss the elections with your friends



Attend or watch the candidate question and answer sessions

# Candidate conduct

It is vital that all our candidates follow the rules during the elections. If you think a candidate has broken the rules, report it to us at [su.elections@uel.ac.uk](mailto:su.elections@uel.ac.uk) so that we can investigate their behaviour.

It is against the rules for someone to pressure you to vote for a candidate, to try to make you log in to vote, or to try to make you use their device to vote. You are entitled to vote in private, and your choices will be kept confidential.

## Best practice for voters:

- Get informed – take the time to read the candidates' statements before you log in to vote.
- Consider the candidates on merit and vote for the candidates you think will be great student representatives.

# Student Officer



## Amartya Sen

Studying Master of Business Administration  
(Business Analytics)

### Why do you want to do this role?

I am driven by a genuine commitment to enhancing the student experience and advocating for the needs and concerns of my peers. Throughout my academic journey, I have witnessed various challenges and obstacles faced by students, ranging from academic stress to mental health issues. My goal is to create a supportive and inclusive environment where every student feels valued and empowered to thrive. By assuming the role of a student officer, I see an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to the well-being and success of our student body.

### Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because of my proven track record of leadership and dedication to fostering a positive campus culture. My experience in Human Resources has honed my ability to effectively communicate, collaborate, and problem-solve. I have successfully organized numerous events and initiatives aimed at promoting mental health awareness and fostering a sense of community among students. Additionally, my background in recruiting has equipped me with the skills to identify and address the needs of diverse student groups. I am committed to listening to the concerns of my fellow students and working tirelessly to address them.

### What are your main priorities?

Inclusivity and well-being will be my main priorities as a student officer. I will strive to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where students from all backgrounds feel valued and respected. This includes advocating for the needs of marginalized groups and promoting diversity and equity on campus. Additionally, I will prioritize mental health and well-being initiatives, ensuring that students have access to the support and resources they need to thrive academically and personally. I will work closely with student organizations and campus resources to develop and implement programs that address the unique challenges faced by our community.

# Student Officer



## Danagshanth Thavagnanam

Studying BSc (Hons) Cyber Security and  
Networks (third year)

### Why do you want to do this role?

I am deeply committed to enhancing the student experience and fostering a supportive community where every voice is heard. Serving as a student officer aligns with my passion for advocacy and my desire to contribute positively to our university. I am eager to work collaboratively with students, staff, and external partners to address challenges and implement solutions that benefit our entire community. This role presents a unique opportunity to make a meaningful impact and drive positive change, and I am excited to embrace the responsibilities and challenges it entails.

### Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because of my proven track record of leadership, my dedication to diversity and inclusion, and my ability to effectively communicate and collaborate with others. I have extensive experience in reading and analyzing policies and papers, which will enable me to navigate complex issues and make informed decisions. Additionally, my strong organizational skills and ability to work on multiple projects simultaneously make me well-suited for the demands of this role. I am passionate about student well-being and will prioritize initiatives that promote mental health support, academic success, and inclusivity on campus. Moreover, my involvement in student leadership committees and national organizations demonstrates my commitment to representing student interests at both local and national levels. By voting for me, students can trust that I will advocate tirelessly for their needs, amplify their voices, and work diligently to create a more equitable and enriching university experience for all.

### What are your main priorities?

My main priorities as a student officer will revolve around promoting diversity, inclusion, equality, and student well-being. I am committed to creating opportunities for students from diverse backgrounds to succeed and feel represented within our university community. This includes working to address any complaints or feedback from students regarding their experiences and ensuring that enough resources are available to support their academic and personal growth. I will work tirelessly to ensure that our university community is accessible and welcoming to students from all backgrounds. This includes supporting for the implementation of inclusive policies, supporting downgraded student groups, and raising a culture of respect and understanding. Additionally, I will prioritize addressing student complaints and feedback, ensuring that concerns are heard and acted upon in a timely manner. I will also focus on enhancing opportunities for student engagement and leadership development, providing resources and support for student-led initiatives and organizations. Central to my role will be promoting student well-being, both academically and personally, by advocating for mental health services, promoting healthy work-life balance, and addressing systemic barriers to student success. Through collaboration, communication, and dedication, I am committed to advancing the interests and well-being of all students at our university.

# Student Officer



## Dipika Gokulnath

Studying Master of Business Administration  
(with placement)

### Why do you want to do this role?

My name is Dipika, currently pursuing my MBA and I am running to be your next Student Officer for the Student's Union. I want to build a transparent representation system, that is visible to students, with a focus on making high-quality education and personal development a right, not a privilege.

I am currently also serving my term as the President of the UEL Indian Society as well as the Residential Life Scholar, where I help organise and implement various cultural festivals, educational and fun events, well-being focus groups and workshops. I also act as the main point of contact and the student voice and representative for all the students living at the halls of residence.

These two roles, made me realize how passionate I am to advocate for the student body. I understand the innate power of the student movement and understand the importance of a strong student union, to help create an impactful change.

### Why should students vote for you?

An ounce of performance is worth pounds of promises. Students at UEL deserve so much better than what they are currently getting. As your student officer I promise you that I will stand up for what we deserve, and make sure that our collective voices are heard.

### My Record:

- Project Intern, for the Mayor's Fund for London. One of the projects I worked on, was the Mayor's Entrepreneur Programme, where I helped with the successful implementation of the project. I worked closely with many budding student entrepreneurs in London (who are now successful business owners) and helped support them.

- Worked as a Student Ambassador, Admissions and Enrolment Ambassador and International Peer Mentor for UEL Career Zone. All these roles are student based and involved actively helping students.
- Access and participation advisory Board as well as student events committee board member here at UEL, lending my opinion on various key issues and being the voice of the student body.

I have been approached by students to help them in various issues related to Academics, student groups not feeling represented, lack of awareness regarding VISA restrictions as well as Internal communication gaps with University departments. These are just some of the issues that I would like to advocate for and help students with.

### What are your main priorities?

- Increased student safety on campus: Primary self-defense classes for everyone.
- Job Referral Board (Slack) and career accelerator network with unpublished referral leads and alumni tie-up for fostering professional networking and part-time jobs.
- Promoting Gender Equality, LGBTQ rights and Inclusion for everyone.
- Flexible support system for students who are carers.
- Free mental health services provided to all students, where we will reach out to everyone, instead of students having to reach out to us.
- Mandatory training provided to student societies, to help their management and event planning skills.
- Compulsory VISA information sessions for all international students to help bridge the glaring knowledge gap that exists. Tie up with other departments like the Legal Advice Centre to help provide free support.
- Cultural and International mixers

# Student Officer



## Sai Sampath Ganesh Sangu

Studying Master of Business Administration  
(with placement)

### Why do you want to do this role?

I am deeply passionate about making a meaningful impact on our university community. Here are a few reasons why I am enthusiastic about this opportunity: **Advocacy for Change:** I believe in the power of advocacy to drive positive change. As a student Union Officer, I see an opportunity to amplify the voices of my fellow students, advocate for their needs and concerns, and work collaboratively to address issues that affect our university experience. **Community Engagement:** I am committed to fostering a sense of belonging and community among students. I see this role as an opportunity to engage with my peers, build relationships across diverse student groups, and create opportunities for collaboration and mutual support. **Personal Growth and Development:** Serving as a student leader offers an invaluable opportunity for personal growth and development. I am excited about the prospect of honing my leadership skills, learning from others, and challenging myself to think creatively and strategically in addressing the complex issues facing our university community.

### Why should students vote for you?

I am deeply committed to representing their voices, advocating for their needs, and working tirelessly to improve the student experience at University. Here are a few reasons why I believe I am the right candidate for the role: **Dedication:** I am fully dedicated to serving the student community and making a positive impact on campus. I will approach this role with passion, enthusiasm, and a strong work ethic, ensuring that I give my all to represent the interests of my fellow students. **Listening and Communication:** I understand the importance of listening to students and effectively communicating their concerns to university administrators. I will be accessible, approachable, and responsive to student feedback, ensuring that their voices are heard and respected. **Collaboration:** I believe in the power of collaboration and teamwork. I will

work closely with students, faculty, and administration to identify common goals, develop creative solutions, and implement positive changes that benefit the entire university community. **Vision for the Future:** I have a clear vision for the future of our university, grounded in principles of inclusivity, equity, and excellence. I will work tirelessly to advocate for policies and initiatives that promote diversity, support student success, and create a vibrant and inclusive campus community for all.

### What are your main priorities?

My main priorities revolve around enhancing the student experience, advocating for the needs and concerns of our diverse student body, and fostering a supportive and inclusive campus community. Specifically, I am dedicated to prioritizing mental health support services, promoting healthy living initiatives, and advocating for resources that prioritize student wellbeing. Additionally, I am committed to ensuring that students have access to adequate academic support services, including tutoring, mentorship programs, and resources to assist with study skills and academic success.

# Student Officer



## Anbarashan Jagadeesan

Studying BSc (Hons) Computer Science  
(third year)

### Why do you want to do this role?

The reason I want to be in this role is that I really care about helping our student community. I've seen that some students face challenges and don't always have the same opportunities. I want to change that. My goal is to bring everyone together, improve academics, and make sure everyone feels supported. I'm ready to make sure all students' voices are heard. This role means a lot to me because I want to make a real difference for everyone on campus.

### Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because I have the passion, vision, and dedication needed to effect real change. My approach is student-centric, prioritizing your needs and concerns above all else. Having actively engaged with various student groups and communities, I understand the diverse challenges you face and have concrete, actionable plans to address them.

My commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and vibrant campus life is unwavering. I believe in action, not just words, and my track record of advocacy and leadership within and beyond the campus stands testament to my ability to bring about positive transformations.

I am a proponent of open, transparent communication and believe in the power of collaboration. By voting for me, you are not just electing a student officer; you are empowering a dedicated advocate who will tirelessly work to ensure your voice is heard, your needs are met, and your university experience is enriched in every possible way.

In essence, my candidacy is not about personal ambition but about collective empowerment, progress, and creating a university environment where everyone can thrive. Your vote for me is a vote for a brighter, more inclusive, and dynamic future for all of us.

### What are your main priorities?

My main goals focus on three important things: including everyone, doing well in school, and taking care of our whole selves. Inclusivity means making sure every student feels valued, no matter who they are. I want to make sure everyone has what they need, especially students with disabilities and those from different backgrounds. By celebrating our differences, we can make our campus a welcoming place for everyone.

Academic excellence is also really important to me. I want to make sure our classes and tests are top-notch and help students reach their goals. I'll work to provide great academic advice so students can do their best in their studies.

Taking care of students' well-being is just as crucial. University life can be tough, so we need good support for mental, physical, and emotional health. I'll push for more spaces like the new relaxation area in Stratford, where students can take a break and feel refreshed.

Overall, I'm dedicated to making our campus a place where everyone feels included, succeeds academically, and thrives in their well-being.

# Student Officer



## Alexander Lutes

Studying BSc (Hons) Music Performance and Production (third year)

### Why do you want to do this role?

Being a part of this university has been great. From performing at live events to hosting radio shows on the UEL channel at the media building at Docklands Campus. My short time here has been an education. It has also been a priceless experience in which I've been taught by the great tutors in the music and music production teams. I came in on my third year and I wish I'd got here sooner. This is why I want to play my part as a student officer and stay here. To help the university to continue to function in the most excellent way possible.

### Why should students vote for you?

In my role as Student Officer, I intend to play an integral role in making this university and its student union better. An already first-class system can always find room for improvement and this where I hope I can help. As a student myself at UEL I have begun to see how the building functions on a day-to-day basis and have also been affected by these bustling campuses and their libraries, venues, events and excellent technological facilities continue to function side by side with teachers and students and everyone else in between. I've been affected positively at every session and tutorial I've ever attended. Still, I can see room for improvement in any area a student or any student group wishes to make clear. As a student officer, the concept of wellbeing albeit financially, physically, spiritually and emotionally is paramount to my personal values and I hope to every person who attends this university regardless of role or status. Being a student here has obviously taught me many things, that's why we are here after all. But what I have learned here at UEL is to understand people. In these times, everyday things can be a challenge. I hope to ease these challenges.

### What are your main priorities?

My main priorities for my role as a student officer are to represent and support and develop. To represent students on all educational matters such as funding, inclusion, student development, sustainability and assessment. And support to improve the student union in a professional and mature way such as the student should see fit.

Development is also key to my core values and priorities, there is always space for improving communications between the union and its students and this can be for a myriad of reasons. It is my intention to prioritise representation, support and development for the betterment of the institution.

# Student Officer



## Aswin Mathew

Studying Master of Business Administration  
(Project Management)  
Currently Education Officer

### Why do you want to do this role?

Hello everyone, I am eager to run again for the role of student officer this year. Drawing on my experiences as both an education officer and a student here, I am well-prepared to amplify your voices and enhance your university experience. This position offers a unique opportunity to channel student concerns effectively and advocate for meaningful changes.

### Why should students vote for you?

Over the past year, my tenure as Education Officer has provided me with invaluable insights into the operational aspects of our university and a deeper understanding of student needs. My experiences have equipped me with the perspective needed to prioritize and address the most pressing issues. We are a diverse student body facing unique challenges, and my goal is to ensure that every student feels heard and represented.

If I get re-elected I will use the opportunity to lobby for meaningful changes across the university and will be always in the forefront to defend student rights both internally and externally.

With your support, I believe we can drive real change that will positively impact every student, regardless of their background or field of study.

### What are your main priorities?

Last year, I focused on:

- Narrowing the award gap
- Introducing a more inclusive curriculum
- Enhancing the academic advisor system

I would be certainly working on completion of this priorities in rest of my period, due to the changes in elections this year I can't really say what I would do if I got re-elected to a certain post. But my general priorities would be:

- Promoting policies that support student wellbeing and foster a supportive environment from both academic and professional staff.
- Increasing academic and personal support for all students, with special attention to the needs of home and international students.
- Expanding graduate-level opportunities to enhance career prospects.
- Cultivating a more inclusive and student-friendly university culture.
- Strengthening ties with local communities to offer more volunteering and networking opportunities.
- Collaborating with fellow officers, both within our university and across others, to safeguard student rights (both home and international) and ensure a strong representation for international students, including advocating for increased funding for universities, increase in student maintenance loan, defending graduate route visa, fight for international students to be entitled for student funding.

Together, let's build the change we all envision.

Reliable, strong, empathetic.

# Student Officer



## Stuti Sah

Studying MSc International Business Management

### Why do you want to do this role?

The idea of making a change on such a large scale is very important to me, and taking on a leadership position as a student officer would allow me to achieve this and be a voice for my fellow students, because I believe in our power to create a better university experience for everyone. I'm passionate about making sure every student feels supported, included, and ready to take on the world - academically, personally, and environmentally.

### Why should students vote for you?

I am the type of person to continue striving for what I and other people believe in to ensure we are being represented properly by the university and the union. I am a highly dedicated individual and will endlessly try to make sure your voice is heard and acted on as your student officer. I'm a dedicated listener, an empathetic advocate, and a determined problem-solver. If elected, I won't just hear the concerns of my fellow students; I'll ensure that the necessary action is taken. I want to work with you, the student body, and university leadership to enact fresh ideas that truly improve the student experience and make the journey of all students as smooth as possible. I'm passionate about driving meaningful initiatives that matter - from supporting mental health and diversity to championing sustainability.

### What are your main priorities?

- **Empowered Students:** I'll make sure every student knows about the resources available - from counselling to career services to financial aid. No one should feel lost or unsupported.
- **Amplified Academic Support:** I'll strive to make sure all students receive help on educational matters, improve assessment methods, establish a better environment for research and develop better connections between students and faculty to promote academic success for everyone.
- **Eco-Conscious Campus:** Advocate for the integration of sustainable practices and policies within the student union and campus-wide, along with raising awareness about sustainability issues among students and staff through workshops and campaigns.
- **Unforgettable Student Journey:** Strive to work in order to create more opportunities for social connection and exciting events, ensuring student's involvement - a vibrant campus life enriches the educational experience.
- **Holistic Growth:** I'll prioritize workshops and programs focused on mental wellness, stress management, and practical life skills - ensuring students graduate prepared for all of life's challenges.

# Student Officer



## Kyle Alexander Wilcox

Studying PgCert Post-compulsory Education and Training

### Why do you want to do this role?

I want to help this university modernise itself and become a more inclusive and diverse London University. Bringing student issues to the forefront of everything I do and helping these shape and change school policy. Due to the degree path, I am undertaking, I know this role will help me gain skills and experience that will help me find and grow in the jobs I get.

### Why should students vote for you?

I am a disabled, LGBT, immigrant who wants to bring forward the voices of these and more minority groups in the university to help them feel more represented and included in the school.

My goal is to listen to as many groups as I can and represent them as best as I can to the university, so the changes that will be made have strong student backing and will represent what they want to have.

Regardless of what position I am given, I want to be a present and available middle person to help connect students to the school and vice versa to help make changes that make their time here as beneficial as possible.

### What are your main priorities?

Docklands has an excellent selection on the ground floor of single-stalled gender-neutral bathrooms. I want to bring such bathrooms to the other Campuses in the SU run areas. This will allow all students to have a safe bathroom experience.

Allow more students to Showcase their heritage, culture, and background outside of degree showcases. With regular digital releases to ensure all students can access this.

Improve the communication between school departments and the students. By making the websites more accessible, responses more straightforward, and removing the issue of miscommunication due to lack of understanding. Ensuring that all issues are dealt with within a good timeframe so that students can stay on their course.

# Student Officer



## Suryateja Kotte

Studying MSc International Business Management

### Why do you want to do this role?

I'm excited to apply for the student officer role at University of East London Students Union. Being a voice for fellow students is both a responsibility and an honor to me. The role perfectly aligns with my belief in the impact of student leadership. I'm particularly drawn to its emphasis on inclusivity, recognizing that diverse perspectives enrich decision-making. With my prior experience in corporate system, my passion for positive change and dedication to listening make me a strong advocate for student welfare. I'm ready to work tirelessly to address issues and foster an inclusive campus community. Ultimately, I believe in the power of advocacy and collaboration to create an exceptional university experience for all students. Thank you for considering me for this role.

### Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because I bring a combination of relevant experience, passion, and dedication to the role of student officer.

Firstly, my involvement as a course representative for MSc IBM cohort, I actively organised various campus activities and organizations like Business Advice Center has provided me with valuable insight into the needs and concerns of the student body. Through these experiences, I have developed strong communication skills and a deep understanding of how to effectively advocate for student interests.

Additionally, my professional background in HR & Marketing has equipped me with analytical skills and problem-solving abilities that will be valuable in addressing complex issues facing students.

Furthermore, my commitment to inclusivity and collaboration ensures that I will work tirelessly to represent the diverse voices within our student community. I believe in creating opportunities for all

students to have their voices heard and actively engage in shaping the direction of our university.

Overall, students should vote for me because I am dedicated to making a positive difference on campus and have the experience and skills necessary to be an effective advocate for their needs and aspirations.

### What are your main priorities?

Based on my previous engagement sessions with Paddy Reilly and considering the needs of the student body, my priorities would be:

- Advocating for improved mental health services and access to resources that enhance student welfare.
- Pushing for more academic resources like tutoring, advising, and study spaces to aid student success.
- Leading initiatives that celebrate diversity, support underrepresented groups, and create an inclusive environment for all students.
- Advocating for upgrades to campus facilities and resources, including technology, recreational areas, and dining options, to improve student experiences.
- Promoting increased participation in campus activities, clubs, and events to enrich the student experience.
- Ensuring open and transparent communication channels between students and the university administration to facilitate involvement in decision-making processes.
- Collaboration with student organisations such as clubs, societies, and advocacy groups so that we can advise policies and initiatives that prioritize student needs and interests.

These goals are aimed at addressing student concerns and enhancing the quality of student life at the University of East London.

# School Representative (Architecture, Computing and Engineering)



## Abdul Hadi

Studying BSc (Hons) Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (second year)

### Why do you want to do this role?

As an international student, I've faced various challenges during my time at our school. I understand how tough it can be for students who are from different countries or backgrounds. Sometimes, it feels like our voices aren't heard, and that's why I want to step up as a school representative. I really care about making our school a better place for everyone. I believe that by being a voice for students like us, I can help improve things around here.

I'm really passionate about making sure everyone gets the support they need, especially in their studies. I know how tricky it can be to adjust to a new school system, especially for students who are new to our country or are facing other challenges. That's why I want to focus on helping students with their academic needs. Whether it's providing extra tutoring, organizing study groups, or working with teachers to improve the learning experience, I'll do everything I can to make sure every student has the support they need to succeed. Together, we can make our school a place where everyone feels included and supported in their academic journey.

### Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because I truly empathize with their experiences and challenges. Being a student myself, I understand the pressures of balancing academics, extracurricular activities, and personal life. I've faced similar struggles, so I know firsthand what it's like to navigate through them. Additionally, I'm someone who exudes confidence, which means I'm not hesitant to voice concerns or advocate for student needs. I believe effective communication is the cornerstone of any successful endeavor, and I pride myself on being an attentive listener who values the opinions and feedback of others.

Furthermore, my strong moral compass guides my actions and decisions. I firmly believe in honesty, integrity, and fairness, and I'm committed to upholding these values in all aspects of my role. Students can trust that I'll always act with transparency and accountability, ensuring that their interests remain at the forefront of any discussions or decisions.

Moreover, I'm dedicated to fostering a supportive and inclusive university environment where every student feels valued and respected. I recognize the importance of diversity and inclusion, and I'm passionate about championing initiatives that promote equality and celebrate our differences. Whether it's advocating for academic resources, mental health support, or campus facilities, I'm determined to work tirelessly to address student concerns and enhance the overall university experience.

In essence, I offer a unique blend of understanding, confidence, communication skills, and strong values that make me a standout candidate for this position. By voting for me, students can rest assured that they're choosing someone who is extra deeply committed to representing their interests and making positive changes that benefit the entire university community.

### What are your main priorities?

As a school representative, my primary focus will be on ensuring academic excellence for all students by providing the necessary support to succeed in their studies. Additionally, I am dedicated to fostering a sense of community among students interested in extracurricular.

# School Representative (Architecture, Computing and Engineering)



## Akashkumar Rameshbhai Vanzara

Studying BSc (Hons) Computer Science (first year)

### Why do you want to do this role?

To Help Our Ace students for their problems and Improve academic and overall experience in our university.

### Why should students vote for you?

I'm School representative and I have experience of getting feedback from students, I did forward so many problems and Complaints of Students to the faculties. And now I would like to stood up for helping not just Computer Science students but Students from Architecture, computing and Engineering. School representative role is quite similar to the course representative but in 1 level further.

As a students you have to choose who is good for you So it's not about voting for me but voting for your best experience.because it's your right to vote. Thank you.

### What are your main priorities?

My main priorities are students feedback and complications during the University. As a School representative I can't change anything because I don't have authority but with the support of students we can definitely inform management and faculty team what we are lacking in and what needs to be improved. As a school rep I'll often have word with student officers and higher authorities. My priorities are simple for students for study and for Experience. Thank you.

# School Representative (Arts and Creative Industries)



## Aadya Khare

Studying BA (Hons) Drama, Applied Theatre and Performance (second year)

### Why do you want to do this role?

While working as the course representative, I have gained valuable insight into the key issues faced by students in our school, including the need to improve accessibility for students with disabilities and mobility issues, as well as the desire to enhance career opportunities for those in the visual arts cluster. This experience has prepared me to be an effective advocate for our students, and I am eager to take on the additional responsibilities of this role to drive meaningful change.

### Why should students vote for you?

Throughout my time at UEL, I have demonstrated a deep commitment to the performing and creative arts, as well as a strong desire to advocate for the needs of my fellow students. What sets me apart is my genuine passion for networking and getting to know each person in our school community on an individual level. I understand that effective representation requires a nuanced understanding of the diverse perspectives and unique challenges faced by our peers. By taking the time to connect with students across all our programs, I will be able to amplify their voices and ensure their concerns are heard and addressed. With over 2 years of professional acting experience and a specialisation in applied theatre focused on social work, youth, homelessness, homophobia and autism, I have gained a deep understanding of the creative industries. I am passionate about the performing and creative arts and I am committed to using my skills and experience to ensure the student voice is heard and their needs are met.

### What are your main priorities?

As the elected school representative, my top priority will involve developing clear action plans for each meeting, ensuring that tangible progress is made on addressing key issues. Finding effective ways to communicate student feedback to the university administration, working closely with support staff to drive meaningful change. This includes a particular focus on enhancing opportunities for the visual arts cluster, whether through increased funding, expanded career services, or greater recognition of our programs. Furthermore, I believe I can leverage my expertise in areas like project management and digital content creation to help establish a stronger East London arts brand identity, positioning our university as a leading hub for the visual arts.

With my extensive industry experience, my deep commitment to the performing and creative arts, and my proven track record of effective advocacy, I am uniquely positioned to be a powerful voice for my fellow students. I am passionate about this role and I am confident that I can drive meaningful change to enhance the student experience and unlock new opportunities for our community. I kindly ask for your vote to allow me to take on this crucial position.

# School Representative (Business and Law)



## Courage Aigbeviosa Okoro

Studying LLB (Hons) Business Law (first year)

### Why do you want to do this role?

I am the current course representative for LLB Business Law Level 4, having previously served as the first business course representative for the International Foundation Programme (IFP) at the UEL International Study Centre (ISC) during its 2022/23 academic session. As a course representative, I effectively championed the interests of the students at my level. I have also served as a pioneer member of the ISC student voice group. I am dedicated to promoting students' interests, enhancing students' voices, and creating a conducive environment for student success. I seek this role because of my quest for a conducive student learning environment.

### Why should students vote for you?

Over the course of the 2023/24 academic year, I have watched with keen interest the struggles of students, specifically in the School of Business & Law and at the university in general. It is at this end that I have adopted the CAAP that fits in why students should vote for me. These are;

- **Commitment to Student Voice:** I firmly believe that students should actively participate in shaping their educational journey. If voted for, I will serve as a steadfast advocate for student voices, working in collaboration with the course representatives and other stakeholders to ensure students are not only heard but also given due consideration in all matters concerning school policies, organisations (timetabling and class allocations), events, etc. Together, we will build a school culture where every opinion is valued and every student feels empowered to contribute.
- **Accessible and Approachable Leadership:** Accessibility is key to effective representation. If elected as course representative, I promise to be readily available and approachable. Whether it's through regular office hours, online platforms, or in-person meetings, I will always make myself accessible to listen to student

concerns, ideas, and suggestions. Their input will be the driving force behind the decisions I make as we collaboratively navigate challenges and celebrate triumphs as a united student community.

- **Advocacy for Student Needs:** I firmly believe that an engaged student body is a thriving student body. To this end, students' needs and aspirations are at the forefront of my priorities. I am dedicated to advocating for enhancements in learning facilities, resources, and academic programmes to ensure that students' university experience is enriching and fulfilling. Together, we will engage with school administration, making certain that our voices resonate in the corridors of decision-making, leading to tangible improvements that benefit us all.
- **Promotion of Diversity and Inclusivity:** Our diversity is our strength, and inclusivity is our shared responsibility. I will tirelessly promote diversity and inclusivity within our school, fostering an environment where students from all backgrounds feel respected, supported, and celebrated. Through proactive measures and meaningful initiatives, we will cultivate a culture of understanding and acceptance, paving the way for a truly inclusive and vibrant school community.

### What are your main priorities?

The CAAP encompasses my main priorities. It ensures student representation, enhances accessibility, advocates for student needs, and promotes diversity and inclusivity within the School of Business and Law and the University of East London. I am passionate about this role and I am confident that I can drive meaningful change to enhance the student experience and unlock new opportunities for our community. I kindly ask for your vote to allow me to take on this crucial position.

# School Representative (Education and Communities)



## Abdulrahman Nasiru Ajani

Studying BSc (Hons) Early Childhood Studies  
(first year)

### Why do you want to do this role?

I'm running for the position because I'm deeply passionate about fostering inclusive communities and empowering individuals through education. As a candidate in the University School of Education and Community, I believe in the transformative power of education to break down barriers and create positive change. I want to contribute my skills and dedication to supporting students and educators in creating an environment where everyone feels valued and has the opportunity to thrive. My experiences have taught me the importance of collaboration, empathy, and advocacy, qualities I'll bring to this role to amplify student voices and address their needs. Together, let's build a stronger, more connected community where education is a tool for empowerment and social justice.

### Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because I bring a blend of experience and commitment to serving their interests effectively. As a former course representative and volunteer in various community projects, I understand the pulse of student concerns and needs. My involvement in education-focused initiatives has equipped me with valuable insights into the challenges students face and the strategies to address them. Moreover, my communication skills and ability to listen empathetically make me an approachable advocate for student voices. I'm dedicated to fostering an inclusive environment where every student feels heard and supported. If elected, I'll work tirelessly to implement initiatives that enhance student well-being, promote academic success, and strengthen the sense of community within our school. Together, we'll make impactful changes that benefit all students and ensure their voices are heard at every level of decision-making.

### What are your main priorities?

My main priorities will revolve around enhancing student support, fostering inclusivity, and promoting academic success. Firstly, I aim to establish comprehensive support systems tailored to students' diverse needs, including mental health services, academic advising, and career development resources. Secondly, I'm committed to fostering an inclusive environment where every student feels valued and represented, regardless of background or identity. This involves implementing diversity and inclusion initiatives, promoting cultural awareness, and advocating for equitable policies. Lastly, I will prioritize initiatives to promote academic success by enhancing learning resources, facilitating collaboration between students and faculty, and advocating for innovative teaching methods. By focusing on these priorities, I aim to create a nurturing and empowering educational community where every student can thrive and reach their full potential.

# School Representative (Health, Sport and Bioscience)



## Khadijah Noor

Studying BSc (Hons) Biomedical Science  
(second year)

### Why do you want to do this role?

As a biomedical student, I am passionate about enhancing the student experience for myself and my peers. My journey as a course representative has shown me the power of student voices in shaping our education system. I want to continue making a positive impact by taking on the role of School Representative. My motivation stems from a genuine desire to improve the academic and social aspects of student life, ensuring that every student feels heard and supported.

### Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because I am committed to tangible improvements that directly benefit our community. For instance, I will advocate for biomedical students to have their own dedicated social space for study, similar to what psychology students currently enjoy. Additionally, I aim to organize sessions where external mentors can provide valuable career advice tailored to future biomedical sciences students. My experience as a course representative has equipped me with the necessary skills to effectively communicate student concerns, negotiate with faculty, and implement positive changes. I am approachable, proactive, and dedicated to representing our collective interests.

### What are your main priorities?

- **Student Support:** Implementing initiatives to improve mental health resources, academic advising, and accessibility services to ensure that every student has the support they need to thrive.
- **Academic Excellence:** Promoting bigger allotting of classrooms and longer breaks during lectures. Ensuring better sound quality for lecture recordings, provided before class. Incorporating more interactive sessions into our curriculum.
- **Campus Community:** Organising events, workshops, and networking opportunities to foster a sense of belonging and camaraderie among students from diverse backgrounds.

## School Representative (Psychology)

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