

DHIRAJ CHAUDHARY

"BY YOU, FOR YOU AND WITH YOU"

I'm Dhiraj, and I'm running for Vice President of Community and welfare because every student deserves to feel included, supported, and valued. My experience as the Nepali Community President taught me how to bring people together and listen with purpose. I want to create a campus where diversity is celebrated every day. I'll organise cultural events that highlight all communities and strengthen our shared identity. I will build support networks so no student feels alone. I'll host open Tea & Talk sessions to make sure your voice is always heard. I want to create more social events that spark real friendships. Mental health and wellbeing will stay at the heart of everything I do. I'll stand up for students who feel unheard or overlooked. I'll support student-led community projects that make a meaningful difference. My goal is to make our campus feel welcoming, warm, and connected. I will bridge gaps between international and local students. I'm committed to listening, understanding, and acting with compassion. Vote Dhiraj for VP Community—One Community. One Heart. One Future.

FREDDIE CRISP

Clear Plan, Bright Future.

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I'm Freddie, and I'm standing to be your Vice President for Community and Welfare. As the former President of Newcastle and Stafford Colleges Group Students' Union, I've always believed that student voices can drive real, impactful change. I have a proven track record in delivering for students. During my time in office, I lobbied for lower food prices on campus, and reformed the food bursary from £4.15 to £20.75 - ensuring that the support truly met students' needs.

Now, I want to bring that same commitment here, standing up for student support, accommodation, building stronger communities, societies and improving welfare services for every student.

I know how vital it is to have a reliable voice that listens, takes action, and delivers results. That's why, as your Vice President for Community and Welfare, I will ensure that no one is left behind.

My first steps for change

Regular Support and Communication by holding regular support surgeries and providing transparent updates so every student feels heard, informed and supported.

Stronger Representation and voices by empowering students to lead change by amplifying their voices and ensuring fair representation across all communities.

A Greener Campus driving sustainability through eco-friendly initiatives and a commitment to making our campus greener.

Enhanced Wellbeing Services expanding wellbeing, mental health and educational support for all students.

Building Local Partnerships by working with local organisations to create more opportunities for students.

Keeping You Safe and Included, keeping all campuses safe and ensuring all SU spaces are welcoming and accessible.

Regular Support and Communication

- I am committed to holding regular support surgeries for students to voice concerns directly.

- Implementing better communication and transparency, keeping students updated on what I'm doing to support them, and what's going on around campus.

Stronger Representation and Student Voices

- Creating stronger platforms for commuter, mature, and international students.

- Ensuring student welfare issues are heard in University and SU planning.

- Supporting our University societies and communities to grow and thrive.

A Greener Campus

- Increasing recycling and composting across the University.

- Lobbying for more sustainable food and energy use on campus.

Enhanced Wellbeing Services

- Expanding Mental Health and Educational Support.
- Creating student-led groups to provide friendly, accessible help and reduce isolation.

Building Local Partnerships

- Collaborating with Wolverhampton City Councillors and local MPs to advocate for changes that impact you.
- Working with local organisations and businesses, from across Wolverhampton, Telford and Walsall, to create more opportunities for students.

Keeping You Safe and Included

- Ensuring every campus hub is welcoming, accessible, and student-focused.
- Collaborating with the University to address safety concerns, improve awareness and ensure a secure environment for all students.

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VUMI

A Voice for YOU & ME: VOTE VUMI

**A Community That Cares. A Community That Acts.
For everyone, from everywhere.**

Hey Wolves! I'm **Bhumika Dhakal (VUMI)**, an international student, and I'm running for **VP Community & Welfare**. I know how it feels to be **far from home, lonely, or just unsure where to turn**. That's why I don't want to just listen, I want to **make things happen**. No student should ever feel ignored or left out.

🌀 **A few things I'll start with... and there's plenty more coming!**

- **Clear Fees, No Surprises** - Work to make sure students have all the fee info **before CAS**, so decisions are easier and **stress is lower**.
- **Affordable & Inclusive Events** - Fun social events for **everyone**, because **belonging** shouldn't cost a fortune.
- **Celebrate Every Culture** - Every festival, tradition, and culture **deserves to be seen and celebrated**.
- **Better Support Systems** - Look into safer accommodation and smoother transport, making student life **safer and more comfortable**.
- **Stronger Student Welfare** - Focus on mental health, wellbeing, and support networks so students feel **heard, safe, and included**.

Community is **for everyone, from everywhere**, and at Wolves, **no one should feel alone**.

Jyosila Khanal

"Turning student voices into action"

Vote Jyosila Khanal for Vice President Community & Welfare

Because Every Student Deserves to Feel Supported, Safe, and Connected

Hi, my name is Jyosila Khanal, and I'm running to be your Vice President Community & Welfare. As an international Psychology student at the University of Wolverhampton, I understand firsthand the challenges we face balancing studies with part-time jobs,

managing finances, dealing with housing issues, navigating mental health struggles, and sometimes feeling isolated in a new environment.

I'm not running because I have all the answers. I'm running because I've lived your struggles, I've listened to your concerns, and I'm ready to fight for the changes we desperately need. University should be more than lectures and deadlines, it should be a place where you feel valued, heard, and genuinely supported.

My Vision: Three Pillars of Change

1. Prioritize Mental Health and Wellbeing—Make Support Real, Not Performative

Too many students suffer in silence, unsure where to turn or worried, they'll be dismissed. Mental health support shouldn't be a checkbox exercise—it needs to be accessible, responsive, and genuinely helpful.

What I'll Do:

- Launch proactive outreach campaigns to ensure every student knows what support is available and how to access it
- Work directly with the mental health team, disability services, and inclusion departments to reduce waiting times and improve service quality
- Establish partnerships with external mental health organizations to bring additional resources to campus
- Create peer support networks where students can connect with others who understand their experiences
- Push for mental health training for staff and student leaders so support is embedded across the university
- Advocate for flexible academic extensions and compassionate policies for students experiencing mental health crises

As a Psychology student with volunteering experience through the chaplaincy and Students' Union, I understand both the theory and practice of effective support. I'll be an active listener, not just a figurehead.

2. Tackle the Cost-of-Living Crisis—Fight for Financial Relief

Rising costs are forcing students to choose between eating properly, heating their homes, or buying essential course materials. This isn't just a financial issue—it's a wellbeing crisis that affects academic performance, mental health, and your entire university experience.

What I'll Do:

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- Push for affordable meal options on campus and subsidized healthy meals
- Advocate for fair, transparent accommodation costs and hold landlords accountable for poor housing conditions
- Partner with organizations supporting international students with accommodation, part-time employment, and placement opportunities
- Create clear, accessible information guides about financial support, benefits entitlements, and employment rights

Students shouldn't have to work multiple jobs at the expense of their education and wellbeing. I'll make sure the university understands your financial reality and responds accordingly.

3. Build an Inclusive, Connected Community—Nobody Left Behind

University can feel isolating, for home students, international students, mature students, or those juggling family responsibilities. We need a

community where everyone feels they belong, regardless of background, campus, or circumstances.

What I'll Do:

- Strengthen collaboration between societies, encouraging cross-cultural events and inter-campus activities
- Make Students' Union spaces genuinely welcoming and accessible for all students, including better facilities for commuters
- Support student-led initiatives, volunteering programs, and society events that bring people together
- Organize regular "town hall" meetings where you can raise concerns directly with me
- Improve communication between the Students' Union and students across all campuses

Having actively participated in cultural events and society gatherings, I know the power of community. I'll work tirelessly to ensure no student feels invisible or excluded.

What Sets Me Apart

I'm not promising miracles. I'm promising genuine commitment. My experience working with diverse communities, my understanding of mental health from both academic and personal perspectives, and my firsthand experience as an international student give me unique insight into what students truly need.

I'm approachable, determined, and ready to challenge the status quo when necessary. I'll celebrate our wins together and fight our battles alongside you.

My Promise to You

If elected, I will:

- Be accessible and responsive to your concerns
- Provide transparent updates on my work and progress
- Prioritize student voices over administrative convenience
- Fight for realistic, meaningful change not empty promises
- Work collaboratively with students, staff, and external partners
- Never forget that I'm here to serve YOU

BENJAMIN SEKPE

A HOME AWAY FROM HOME THAT IS TRULY SUPPORTIVE, INCLUSIVE, AND EFFICIENT

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BENJAMIN SEKPE: VP COMMUNITY & WELFARE

SUPPORTIVE, INCLUSIVE AND EFFICIENT!!!

University life is about more than just lectures, assignments, exams and degrees; it is where we live, how we travel, and how we feel. Too many of us are struggling with a lack of support and a sense of isolation. I am **Benjamin Sekpe**, and I believe you deserve the best.

My experience as a Course Rep and an international student has taught me that inclusion and wellbeing are not just essentials but an ideal component of a good student living. I am running for **VP Community and Welfare** to change the narrative that will break the cycle of frustration. I am not just asking for your vote; I am asking for your mandate to build a community where every student is seen, heard, and supported. My vision is anchored on three non-negotiable pillars:

1. FOSTERING STUDENT SUPPORT & SAFE LIVING

Your home whether a university hostel or a private rental should be a sanctuary, not a source of stress. I am committed to ensuring every student has access to safe, affordable, and comfortable living.

My key priorities:

- **Solving the Transportation Crisis:** I will advocate for free or significantly reduced fares to ensure navigating our campuses is seamless and financially accessible for everyone.
- **Demanding Housing Justice:** I will challenge local authorities and landlords to uphold higher standards and fair pricing. I will be a firm voice in demanding the development of more dedicated student hostels directly on campus.
- **Building a Peer Support Safety Net:** I will establish a coordinated peer-group system so that no student ever feels stranded or unsupported during a crisis.

2. AN ALL-INCLUSIVE & RESOURCEFUL COMMUNITY

Your presence here is a testament to your resilience, and nothing should stand in the way of your dreams. We are more than just a student body; we are a family. When one of us struggles, we all feel it, and it is my mission to ensure that no one walks this path alone.

To care for our community, I will focus on:

- **Nurturing Mental Wellbeing:** I will lead a campaign rooted in compassion, moving beyond empty promises to provide real, accessible mental health support. Together, we will build a culture where every background is honoured, and every student feels safe enough to be heard.
- **Ensuring No Student Goes Hungry:** It is heartbreaking that anyone in our family should worry about their next meal. I will work together with the university, relevant trusts and local partners to establish a **Campus Mini Food Bank**, providing reliable support when needed most. I will also sit down with our campus vendors to find ways to make healthy meals affordable for every budget.
- **Unity of Purpose Forum:** I will launch a Unity of Purpose forum to bring our incredible cultural, faith, and academic societies together. I want to bridge the gap between our societies and the wider world. By creating this purpose driven forum, I will facilitate community volunteering and mentorship schemes that give you real world experience. I will actively engage parent organisations to support our campus societies with professional training and participation in broader national events. We won't just meet; we will build a network of support that boosts your employability and celebrates our collective achievements.

3. EFFECTIVE & BOLD REPRESENTATION

When you face challenges, intimidation, or unfair treatment, you deserve a voice that stands firm. I am here to ensure you are never silenced.

To provide the bold leadership you deserve, I will focus on:

- **Your Fearless Advocate:** As your VP Community, I will be your eyes, ears, and mouthpiece. I am dedicated to representation that is not just efficient, but courageous and focused on solving your real-world problems.
- **Uncompromising Representation:** Whether I am sitting with the University Board or the Local Council, I will speak your truth directly to power without backing down or compromising your interests.
- **Real-Time Engagement:** By staying deeply connected with our societies and peer groups, I will gather your concerns as they happen. This ensures the issues we bring to the authorities are accurate, urgent, and impossible for them to ignore.

No doubt, we are surrounded by unlimited opportunities the only thing missing is a community that truly has your back. It is time to build a **Home Away From Home** that is supportive, inclusive, and works for every single one of us. With your vote, we can turn this vision into our reality.

VOTE: BENJAMIN SEKPE FOR VP COMMUNITY & WELFARE.

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BIJAY SIGDEL

Better Support, Better Opportunities, Better Student Life — Welfare That Works for Every Student

My name is Bijay, and I am running for Vice President Welfare because I want every student at the University of Wolverhampton to feel supported, safe, and valued. University life can be exciting, but it can also be stressful and challenging. I want to make sure students know they are not alone and that help is always available when they need it.

If I am elected, one of my main priorities will be mental health support. Many students face stress from studies, work, and personal life. I will work to make mental health support easier to access and better promoted so students know where to go for help. I will support wellbeing events, workshops, and awareness campaigns to encourage students to talk openly about mental health.

Another important area is financial support. Many students are worried about money, especially with the rising cost of living. I will work to make information about hardship funds and financial help clearer and easier to understand. I will also support workshops about budgeting and managing money. I will work with the university and local businesses to find more student discounts and support options.

I also want to make sure every student feels included and respected. The University of Wolverhampton has students from many different backgrounds, and everyone should feel like they belong here. I will support student groups, societies, and campaigns that promote equality, diversity, and inclusion. I will listen to students' concerns and work with the university to improve support where needed.

Housing is another issue that affects many students. Problems with accommodation or landlords can cause a lot of stress. I will work to make sure students know their housing rights and where to get help if they have problems. I will support better guidance and partnerships with housing support services.

Good communication is very important. I will make sure students can easily share their opinions and concerns. I will organise surveys, meetings, and open sessions where students can talk about welfare issues. I will be easy to approach and ready to listen.

I also believe it is important to focus on prevention, not just support when problems happen. I will support activities that help students relax, connect with others, and manage stress. This can include wellbeing events, social activities, and awareness weeks.

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Being Vice President Welfare means standing up for students and making sure their voices are heard. I am passionate about helping students have a positive university experience, not just academically but also personally.

Together, we can create a university where every student feels supported, respected, and able to succeed.

ALI AHSAN TAREK

Together We Connect, Together We Care, Together We Build a Home Where Every Heart Belongs.

Hello everyone!

My name is Ali Ahsan Tarek, and I am standing to be your next Vice President of Community. I am an international student from Bangladesh and currently serve as the Faculty Representative for FEHW. In this role, I have had the privilege of working closely with the Students' Union, listening to student concerns, and helping create real improvements based on your feedback. I am also the founder and President of the Bangladeshi Society, a community that celebrate culture and brings people from all backgrounds together.

Creating this society strengthened my belief in the power of unity, representation, and a supportive community.

I am running for this role because I truly care about student wellbeing, fairness, and the overall student experience. I want every student to feel seen, supported, and valued during their time here.

My Top 3 Objectives as Vice President of Community

1. Better Accommodation Support for All Students

Accommodation is one of the most important parts of student life, and many students face challenges with cost, maintenance, and communication.

If elected, I will:

- Improve communication between students, accommodation providers, and the university.
- Advocate for quick and reliable maintenance responses.
- Push for fair pricing, transparent contracts, and better support for international students.

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- Create regular accommodation feedback opportunities, ensuring your voice directly shapes improvements.

2. Clearer Access to Funding & More Financial Support

Many students are unaware of the financial support already available. I want to change that. I will:

- Build a simple and central place for students to find all funding, grants, hardship funds, and job opportunities.
- Advocate for expanding financial support for students who need it most.
- Organise financial wellbeing workshops to help students manage living costs with confidence.

3. A Strong, Inclusive, and Connected Student Community

- University life should feel welcoming for everyone. As VP Community, I will:
- Support more cultural, social, and wellbeing events that bring students together.
- Strengthen societies by giving them better resources and more opportunities to collaborate.
- Advocate for improved mental health support and accessible wellbeing services.
- My goal is simple: to help build a community where every student feels like they belong.

As a Faculty Representative, I have gained experience in:

- Listening to student concerns
- Bringing issues to the right platforms
- Working with SU officers
- Turning feedback into real changes

These responsibilities have prepared me to take a bigger step and make a larger impact as Vice President of Community.

Founding the Society taught me leadership, teamwork, and the importance of creating safe cultural spaces. I want to bring this same spirit of unity and inclusiveness to the entire student community!

I understand how the SU works. I know how to raise student concerns effectively, and I am committed to working hard for everyone!

MUHAMMAD USMAN

“Your Voice. Your Power. Your VP.” • “Let’s Make Campus Better.”

Vote Muhammad Usman for Voice President Community

University of Wolverhampton

Subject: Human Resources Management

Together, we can build a Wolverhampton community where every student feels valued, included, and empowered to succeed from the first week to graduation. I am running to be your Voice President Community because I believe in creating a University experience where students are heard, supported, and celebrated, regardless of their background, location, or personal circumstances.

Whether you are based in Wolverhampton, Walsall, Telford, or studying online, whether you commute, work part-time, care for family, or study around life’s challenges, you deserve a student experience that works for you. Our University community is diverse, talented, and full of potential, and the Students’ Union must reflect that diversity in every decision and action it takes.

During my studies in Human Resources Management, I have witnessed the strength and resilience of our student community: supportive staff, determined students, and a culture of collaboration and care. However, I have also seen areas that need improvement—communication gaps, limited access to resources, and students feeling disconnected from campus life. I am running because I want to bridge these gaps and ensure that every student has a voice that is recognized and acted upon.

My Achievements So Far

Actively participated in multiple university initiatives to support student engagement and wellbeing.

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Assisted in organizing events and workshops that brought students together across campuses, improving inclusion and collaboration.

Volunteered in mentoring programs, helping new students navigate university life and feel welcomed and supported.

Developed leadership and organizational skills through coursework and practical experiences in Human Resources Management, which I plan to bring to this role.

These experiences have prepared me to serve as a Voice President Community, ensuring that students' needs are prioritized and their feedback is translated into meaningful action.

My Priorities as Vice President Community

Clearer Communication: Students deserve timely, consistent, and accessible information about courses, assessments, services, and campus changes. I will work to streamline communication and provide updates that are easy to understand and practical, including "You Said, We Did" reports, so students can see their feedback leading to tangible improvements.

Wellbeing & Financial Support: University life can be challenging. Many students juggle work, family, commuting, and studies simultaneously. I will improve awareness and accessibility of wellbeing services, financial aid, and hardship support, ensuring that no student feels unsupported.

Celebrating Diversity and Inclusion: Wolverhampton is one of the most diverse universities in the UK, and this diversity should be embraced in everything we do. I will work with cultural, faith, and identity-based societies to plan events in advance, support underrepresented students, and improve campus accessibility. Whether you are international, part of the LGBTQ+ community, mature, postgraduate, or otherwise underrepresented, your voice matters, and I will ensure it is heard.

Supporting Societies and Student-Led Activities: Societies are vital to building friendships, confidence, and skills. I will provide societies with better resources, collaboration opportunities, and recognition, ensuring that all student-led groups thrive and contribute to a vibrant campus life.

Enhancing Everyday Student Life: From housing, transport, safety, and affordability, I will work with local organizations and the city to make day-to-day life easier, safer, and more inclusive for students.

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Empowering Student Voice: I will work closely with Course Reps, Faculty Reps, and SU staff, ensuring student feedback drives real change. Through open forums, surveys, and regular engagement across campuses, I will make myself accessible so every student feels they can speak up and be heard.

Why Vote for Me

I am committed to building a Students' Union that listens, acts, and stands alongside every student. A Union that celebrates diversity, supports wellbeing, promotes inclusion, and empowers societies and student-led initiatives. I want to ensure every student sees their feedback lead to meaningful action.

If elected, I promise to bring energy, dedication, and transparency to this role. Your concerns, ideas, and aspirations will shape the University experience for everyone. Together, we can create a community that is stronger, more connected, and truly representative of all students.

You're Voice. You're Campus. Our Change.

Vote Muhammad Usman for Voice President Community