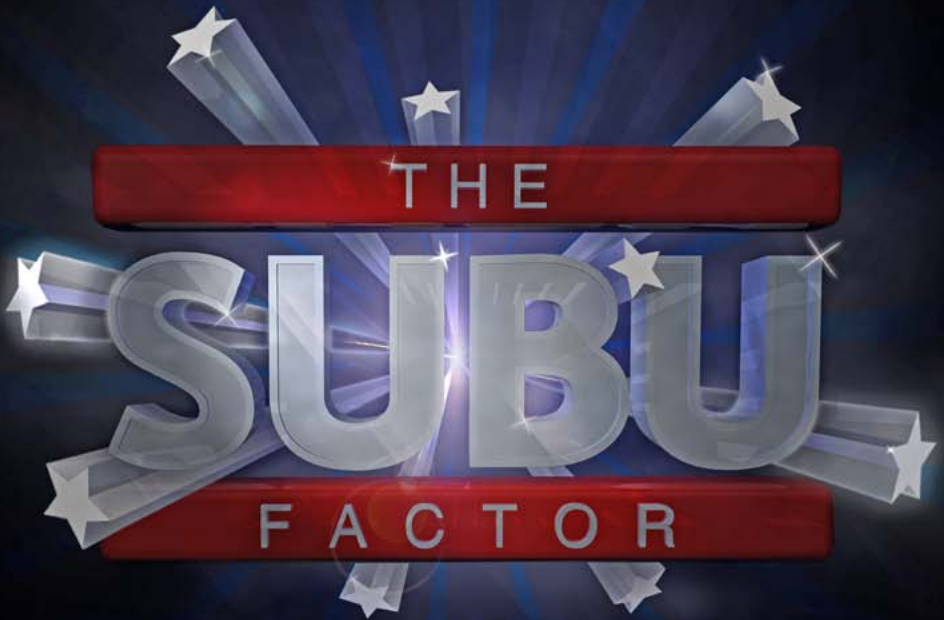


Have You Got...



**Part-Time Officer Elections**

**2011/12**

**Voting Open Now**



# Your Union. Your Voice. Your Vote.

So the nominations are in and there are 41 candidates running for 14 positions. Who will you vote for?

## What Am I Voting For?

These are the elections to recruit the part time volunteers who will help the full time officers (Toby, Philli, Kate and Jesse) represent the entire student body. Forming a full executive committee, the 19 officers will discuss the issues raised by you, make decisions on your behalf, and run campaigns spanning education, involvement and wellbeing to ensure that your time at BU is the best it can be.

## Who Should I Vote For?

Each of the candidates feel that they are the best person for the job. But that's their view -SUBU wants' yours. Read the manifestos inside this booklet and make a decision on who would best represent you as a student at BU. But don't give your vote easily - stop them, ask them questions, grill them, make them work for your vote.

## Why Should I Vote?

Because your voice matters, and the SUBU executive are your voice at Bournemouth University. They are listened to at every level and they make a difference to your time at BU. If you want to make sure that the right person is making the right difference for you, then vote.

## How Do I Vote?

You can either vote at Talbot Campus opposite Costa; at Lansdowne Campus in the SUBU office Studland House; or online from anywhere at [www.subu.org.uk/elections](http://www.subu.org.uk/elections) If you're still a little confused about what's going on then the image on the back page of this booklet should help explain.

Toby Horner,  
SU President

# Positions Available

Academic Affairs Officer

Accommodation and Transport Officer

Activities Officer

Campaigns Officer

Community Officer

Democracy Officer

Environment Officer

Equal Opportunities Officer

First Year Experience Officer

Health and wellbeing Officer

International Students Officer

Mature and Part-Time Officer

Postgraduate Taught Officer

Postgraduate Research Officer

RAG President  
(Position filled)

## Academic Affairs



Craig  
Jelley

The reason that I want to stand for this position is that the university has already provided me with many opportunities to do things that I enjoy, and because of this I would like to give something back. As a person, I am highly motivated and determined to achieve any goal that I set myself, no matter how hard/impossible it may be. I am able to communicate well and listen to other people, which is a vital skill needed for this position as I would be dealing with a variety of people. Friends and family view me as being approachable and confident when talking with other people, which again is a significant skill required for this position. An example of this is that I am currently my seminar group's representative, as well as the year representative for law which shows that I am liked and trusted by my peers. I know that I would be a perfect candidate for this position because for as long as I can remember, I have always set out to help people. I always strive to ensure that I have other's best interests at heart and put their needs before mine.



Louise  
Bryant

I'd love to be Academic Affairs Officer this year within SUBU; it's my final year at BU and I want to make the most of it, being as involved as I can be and making a difference while I still have the opportunity. We all pay a lot of money to be here and as you all know fees are increasing dramatically for the next academic year, so I feel that it's so important, now more than ever, to make sure that you are getting your money's worth from your education here. I've been a student rep for the past two years and have found that you really can make improvements to your course if there's someone to put your suggestions and ideas forward. I think that my experience as a rep definitely gives me a head start in being a successful Academic Affairs Officer. I'm really passionate about making the student experience here at BU the best it can be and ensuring that your voice is heard.



**Stuart  
Ferguson**

I would say my main strengths would be my ability to think ahead, form a rational persuasive argument and my ability to learn. On my course, especially during lab sessions, I have proven to show good leadership and organization skills in order to complete tasks as well as motivating the rest of my particular lab group. This proves I am capable of quick decision-making. Another strength of mine is that I constantly look for ways of improving ideas, methods and applications. I am also quite confident and able to speak out, allowing me to represent people effectively. I use to work in a pharmacy for two years, this proves I can communicate and give advice people effectively as well as showing that I can handle a job with high responsibility.

As Academic Affairs Officer, I promise to deal with any concerns, big or little with discretion while being persistent, so problems will be dealt, quickly and efficiently. Vote for me, and I promise to represent you in the best possible way.

## Accomodation & Transport



**Josie  
Westcott**

I would really like the chance to fill the role of Accommodation and Transport officer because I think that both topics play a key part in university life. We all pay for these services and rely on them heavily, and I feel quite strong that we should all be heard when it comes to these problems.

When it comes to buses, I feel that everyone should get the service that they pay for, and I would like to help to enforce this. I would like to make the university bus system fairer for paying customers as when they are not on time you are not getting value for money making it a unreasonable service.

Since I have been here, myself and my house mates have encountered several problems with our accommodation, and have not felt like we have been heard. I would like the chance to ensure others don't feel like this by always being open to suggestions and making their voices heard. I have always had a voice on matters that I have felt strongly about, whether this was in my tutor group in school or being the voice of my course at college, and I would like to continue this at university.



**Michael  
Golightly**

Being involved in the role of accommodation and transport, I want to create a bigger awareness of the routes the university buses take for example making students aware the U3 does go into town, improving the services for the student body, so they run efficiently and are reliable, especially provide a more frequent service for U3 and U4.

Housing week needs more of a vocal point at Bournemouth so everyone knows when it is occurring and what happens during this week. As many students don't understand what happens during housing week and how it can benefit them. From my experience of this week I didn't know what it was essentially about so for this year and years to come I want to give a better understanding of what this week is about.

Finally I want to be the connection between the students and SUBU so I can improve student accommodation for the better and understand what the students want from their experience in halls therefore being able to pass this information on to future fresher's so they have more of an understanding for what to expect. I believe I can make a difference.



**Ruby  
Limbrick**

Hey Bournemouth!

I would like to represent and support you in the SUBU as the Accommodation and Transport Officer.

If I'm elected I'll talk to as many of you as possible and will make sure your concerns are heard in the Students' Union and acted on where necessary. I'll make myself easily contactable and will create a facebook group where you'll be able to raise and discuss any concerns you have about your accommodation whether it be in Halls, Unilet or Houses as well as any transport issues.

I'd also like to visit as many of you as possible in your accommodation, especially if you're in your first year to check you're settling in ok and see if there's anything more SUBU can do to help you enjoy your time at Bournemouth. I love meeting new people, so will enjoy talking to you and taking your thoughts and opinions forward at the SUBU exec meetings.

Thanks for your support,

Much love

Ruby x

## Activities



**Ema  
Tsvetanova**

Managing university activities is hard work and I have to admit it - I would never have tried running for a position like this if I didn't want to see how far I can go. Just thinking of how many clubs and societies, events and activities there are at uni makes me slightly nervous whether I'll be able to do my best and at the same time manage my studies. But this is the most exciting bit - knowing that I'm part of something that helps students in their future, that inspires them and builds up memories keeps me on the run, keeps me motivated because there's no greater feeling than the one of a job well-done!



**Frances  
Elliott**

I have decided to run for the position of Activities Officer, mainly because I aspire to be a part of the Students experience, and I feel that right now, running to be an Executive committee member would be the most beneficial and rewarding way to get involved, and for me to grow as a person and develop my interpersonal communication skills. I also feel that being the Activities Officer would suit my personality, as I enjoy meeting new people and taking part in group activities.

Having already been a part of the Welcome Crew for this years freshers, and planning to take part in charity events such as Leggit and Lost this year, I believe that I have gained experience and am prepared to take on this role. If I am successful in the elections, I plan to use my initiative, not only to improve on existing clubs, societies and events, but when creating new ones. I would also like to expand upon my knowledge of SUBU activities, so as I can pass on this information to other students, and better their extra-curricular experience at BU, which will benefit not only me but them.



**Murray  
Simpson**

Hi Everyone! My name's Murray Simpson and I would like to be YOUR Activities Officer for Exec 2011/12.

I started getting involved in SUBU last year, and really believe I can make a positive impact to SUBU for all Bournemouth students.

With over 60 clubs and societies at BU, not to forget all the opportunities from Volunteering and Rag - my main aim will be to promote student involvement and ensure that all students know exactly WHAT is going on and HOW to get involved!!

I also want to push major campus events like BUUnique Week, and all the different opportunities offered by Rag.

With hard work and a wide range of ideas, I promise to be committed and dedicated to ensure that your time at BU really is totally unforgettable!!

So please VOTE FOR ME - Murray Simpson Activities Officer

## Campaigns



**Anushka  
Naidoo**

There are three main reasons why you should vote for me as your Campaigns Officer! I'm experienced, persistent and an excellent listener, all of which I

think are essential qualities for the role.

As far as experience goes I was part of the Student Union at my college. I started off as a Course Rep and from there was elected to be on the Student Union Executive and I found it very enjoyable and rewarding. I rose up the ranks to finally become Student Union President so have faith in me guys I won't let you down!

I've also run campaigns before and like I said it requires persistence and a good ear for what people really want. I've covered everything from charity events to a government led Anti - Discrimination campaign which received excellent recognition and support. I like to think I'm approachable too, so if you have any concerns or questions don't hesitate to talk me as I'm always ready to hear what you have to say!

So a vote for me is not a vote wasted I promise, and if I'm elected I'll make you all proud!



**Ashley  
Fraser**

If elected by the student body of Bournemouth University to the position of Campaigns Officer I pledge to:

1) Restructure the payment of tuition fees:

It is unnecessary for the payment of tuition fees to be completed months in advance of the completion of your course.

Whether you pay using student loans or through your own personal finance students are essentially powerless to do anything if there is a dispute over their course as the financial bargaining chip they should have is already lost.

2) Free our facilities and stop University profiteering:

Bournemouth University made just under £8million in net profit last year! And students here are getting a raw deal. We are charged for the use of library books, the use of printing and sporting facilities. All of these should not inflict further financial burden on students.

3) Greater financial transparency:

Just where is the money going? The SU needs to have greater financial transparency and publish on its website how much money it makes and where it is spending it, along side republishing that of the University as well, so that greater scrutiny can be given to both organisations making them more accountable.



**Emmy  
Smith**

Emmy Smith: I'm a second year advertising student... and I love it.

I think there is SO MUCH scope for campaigns at university. I want to be part of this and make sure everyone at university makes the most of their time here. Campaigns can be fun, be creative, and most of all make an impact on your student life.

I'm not scared to get involved in anything/everything! : I work hard, play hard. I have reliability to have an idea and run with it... I can ensure the campaigns over the next coming year you will want to get involved in!

I will propose that the campaigns over the year generate more active interest and involvement from students. Things that YOU care about, that YOU want to be part of: speak up, listen up, be seen, be heard, be happy.

As campaigns officer I plan to make a difference to your years at university so that this year is the best yet.

Short and simple: I believe myself to be an approachable, friendly person. I'll listen to you and reflect a student's voice.

Let's get voting!



**Samantha  
Stockwell**

As a Duty Manager of the Old Fire Station and an active member of the team since I started at BU, I am dedicated to ensuring that the Student Union receives the best possible income. This is achieved by giving the all the staff the resources they may need and an environment where they can have fun which we hope reflects in the experience all students have with us. Being part of the Promotions Team also means I can take a part in the responsibility in ensuring all students know what is going on in the hope of making their University experience one they won't forget. In running for Campaigns Officer I would hope to use this passion directly within the role and the Exec Team to make this as much of a reality as possible.

My experience as a final year Advertising and Marketing Communications student also means I am a creative thinker and am constantly challenged to see things differently. This would mean I can bring a creative mind to the communications team at SUBU being taught to always explore outside the box and challenge what isn't working to its potential.

## Community



**Cathryn  
Harper**

Hi my name Cat Harper and I'm running for community officer. My aim is to create a better relationship between students and the local community. I am very realistic about student life, I know there will be house parties, noise after nights out and that we enjoy leaving traffic cones and shopping trolleys in inconvenient places. So I also know how this would upset and effect the community and I intend to create comprises with local residents, Dorset Police and Bournemouth Council etc. so they can be warned and become more tolerant of this sort of behaviour. I will also voice the concerns of the local community back to students so you will be aware of how to keep them happy and how to be more considerate of your neighbour's wishes. I feel us students contribute a lot to Bournemouth and I want the local community to acknowledge this and realise we love Bournemouth just as much as they do. So vote for me so I can create better relations between students and the community and we can all enjoy Bournemouth the way we want to.



Dev  
Mistry

My name is Dev Mistry, I'm a first year Public Relations Student and this year I'd like to become your Part Time Executive Community Officer! The community is a huge part of not just the university, but our lives as students and as people!

My aims for the next year are to get the community more involved with the Uni, and vice versa! This could be getting our students to visit school and colleges around Bournemouth and Poole sharing their skills and creating partnerships, or talking to local businesses and getting them to share their hands on experience with us, to enhance our learning.

I aim to work closely with community groups and councils to develop partnerships and help solve issues that affect both parties! I want to create channels of communication where students and community members can talk about issues relevant to them, whether it be litter around the University area, or community groups looking to expand their following.

Alongside this I want to work closely with you as students enhancing our community roles, listening to your thoughts and ideas, helping you develop projects that bring together BU and the community around us.



Jennifer  
Jolley

We are all told "you can't please all of the people all of the time". But how many of us reply "there's no harm in trying?" I am a trier!  
As a Community Officer I will:

- Listen - to students, to local residents, to the police, the council and the community groups. To me you can 'Praise and Grumble', and I'll pass the message on to make sure every voice is heard.
- Organise - a SSHH campaign (to keep everyone in their neighbour's good books!) charity meets to bring up volunteering opportunities; and I'll work with other officers and local action groups to plan relevant community projects.
- Commit - I will report back from all meetings to keep everyone up to date. I will advertise every campaign so no-one misses an opportunity to give back to the community. I also promise I'll attend the Sunday morning litter picks!
- Negotiate - to see if this year we can prove the old phrase wrong, and manage to please all of the people all of the time!

Thanks :)

Jennifer Jolley



**Katie  
Aram**

It's traditionally renowned that students and local communities do not mix. Loud parties, loitering and borrowing traffic cones being the common stereotypes, but is this image outdated?

As your community officer I wish to establish long-lasting links with action groups in Winton. Not only listening to their views, but I want your views too! Are your neighbours bugging you with their rendition of Britney's "Baby one more time" at 2am...not necessarily, but you get the picture. I want to be your voice and representation, as well as theirs.

I also want to tackle the famous student stereotypes by front-running various campaigns to promote students as members of the local community. Conservation projects and volunteering are all great ways of proving that we're not all that bad (and it looks good on your C.V too!)

So why pick me? I have drive, determination and motivation to succeed. I genuinely care about the issues that will be raised. I want to find the solutions to these issues in the most rational and practical way. I also promise to stop singing Britney at 2am.



**Roseanne  
Blaze**

A cliché has been created that students and members of the local community that they live in do not get on. As a result people assume that the same old techniques have been tried and failed for there to still be this issue. So far the 'I <3 BH' campaign has worked well but I want to take this further and continue its success. If elected as the new Community Officer I want to work to make sure that we can avoid students and their neighbours finding themselves in conflict as a result of issues that are easily avoided. To do this I want to look at ways we can get these two groups interacting more and working as a whole community instead of acting like two polar opposite groups of people. At the same time I want to act as a mediator between the two groups with a direct contact so people can highlight any issues and problems. Finally I would love to build upon the Silent Student Happy Homes (SSH) campaign and make it more prominent at Bournemouth University but through using more exciting concepts that would involve the students instead of just lecturing them.

## Democracy



Leroy  
Winston  
Scott

Frustration. It's an emotion that is usually suffered in silence, easily overlooked and difficult to express, especially when there is nobody to show or explain this frustration to. One of the leading reasons for frustration is unfairness, not getting equal opportunities, or seeing others not having the chance to have their opinion heard. This university has an unparalleled amount of opportunities available to students from all walks of life, it is only right that each individual, if willing, has a chance to exploit every opportunity available to them to nurture and help their potential grow. One of the most effective ways in our society for this to happen is by democracy, this allows for each student to have their input/opinion on issues, positive and negative to be heard. For this to happen every democratic procedure must be just that, democratic, as it is the foundation of our society. For this to happen an open minded, confident and understanding individual must stand up for those that cannot. Confusion and fear can stop this from happening, but with myself acting as the Democracy Officer, not only will every voice be heard, every decision will be fair and clearly recited so that no longer will these reasons hamper anybody from experiencing the full student experience.

## Environment



Sally  
Fish

Growing up with two Environmental Health Officers for parents meant that environmental awareness was a part of my life whether I liked it or not. At my house, we owned six bins for all the different recyclable materials, everything was switched off at the plug and cycling to work or school was non-negotiable. Although I may have moaned from time to time, I am now proud to say I am environmentally friendly.

Whether it's cycling or walking instead of taking the bus or car, or being strict on recycling, every single Bournemouth student/resident can make a difference. The problem for the majority of the environmentally-unaware is a lack of information. If students knew the financial and environmental cost of leaving a laptop on all night for example, would they still do it?

Being green is easy, healthy and in many cases cheaper and I aim to help as many people as possible find out about the small steps they can take to keep Bournemouth beautiful.

## Equal Opportunities



**Gareth Hill**

Equality is a human right for all and this should include within university life. Whether that is fair representation to students on Lansdowne Campus to working with the NUS liberation campaigns with a proud history of fighting against inequality. However, equality cannot be given from the top down and in line with the NUS nationally I will campaign for the creation of a Black Students Officer, LGBT Officer, Women's Officer and Disabled Student's Officer so that these groups are fairly represented within SUBU structures.

I will also seek to increase the support given to students on Lansdowne campus, many of who are studying for work within the public sector, such as Nursing, Paramedic Science and Social Care, thus immediately facing greater difficulty in gaining work after university due to the coalition governments' ideological attacks upon the Welfare State.

The relevance of politics within student unions was becoming increasingly alien prior to the mass student movement that emerged last year. I will work tirelessly to continue opposition to tuition fees and the Higher Education White Paper and support lecturers taking strike action in defence of jobs and pensions. Our education is under attack. Together, students and lecturers can fight back.



**Natalie Morris**

I'm Nat Morris and I study Multimedia Journalism!

I want to ensure that BU continues to treat all students equally, regardless of race, gender, sexuality, disability or ethnicity.

I feel strongly that students should be free to voice their opinions and views and to be listened to and understood.

I want everyone to feel pride in who they are and to feel confident that they will be respected fairly.

I believe that happiness and comfort in oneself are extremely important factors whilst at university and an enjoyable university experience is greatly influenced by the happiness and wellbeing of each individual. I am confident that I will be able to aid every student in having that fantastic university experience they deserve. By treating everyone equally Bournemouth University will maintain great student satisfaction and help to create firm bonds between students. I am keen to promote campaigns relevant to equal opportunity societies and I am committed to attend termly meetings, to liaise with students and proudly represent them.

I have an approachable, friendly attitude and it would be an honour to be selected as SUBU's Equal opportunities Officer.

"Diversity is a strength, not a weakness" - Christine Sadler

## First Year Experience



**Patrick  
Wilson**

Hi I'm Patrick Wilson. I want to be your first year experience officer because I want to make everyone's first year as fun and easy as possible. I understand how hard it can be for such a huge lifestyle adjustment and I want to be there in the fray making that adjustment run a lot smoother. As a Journalism student my strength comes from talking to people and getting the facts of what they want and that's what I want to do for you. I want to remove any ambiguity or anxieties people have when they first come to our University. There's no need for people to feel like they are in the dark and alone when we have such a thriving and communal university and I want all our new students to feel that from the get go. This position isn't about me getting what I want, it's about using me as a conduit to get what you guys want and having the best first year experience you possibly can. When everything is so daunting we need to keep the experience of our first years as stress free as possible and as much fun as possible. I want to be the guy that makes sure that happens.



**Rachel  
Hall**

Hello,

My name is Rachel Hall and I want to be YOUR first year experience officer. As a fresher myself, I know that student life is full of late nights, even later mornings and very sore heads. And as this is meant to be the best year's of our lives, I will promise to listen to every complaint and ensure problems are dealt with.

As my secondary schools Hockey 1st team captain I know how to be a team player but can take the lead when it's called for, and my experience as the only student on the schools governing body means that I'm comfortable voicing issues and problems that need solving to staff and older students.

I am a very extroverted, happy individual who's always willing to listen and help others and if you vote for me, I will work hard to make your time at Bournemouth uni, the best it can be!

So please VOTE for me - RACHEL HALL - FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE OFFICER!

Thanks you xx



**Scott  
Mcgreal**

My name is Scott Mcgreal and I study Television Production at Bournemouth University, I would like to become First Year Experience Officer because I could bring a true first years experiences to the students union. As a fresher I attend nearly all events I can while maintaining a healthy working life, I live in Purbeck house where I am known by many and have a close contact with the unite team. Many of my friends live in Unilet housing which I have had mixed reviews about, there seem to be issues with some Unilet property's and there tenants don't know who to turn to for advice. I have been involved in campaigns, ambassadorships and many student events in the past and I feel I have already started to become known around the student union. If I was elected I would like to make sure all first years felt they were being heard, felt they had an open minded individual they could talk to and if not most of all make sure first years HAVE FUN.



**William  
Todd**

I feel that by electing me as First Year Experience Officer. I can help make a valued effort to increase freshers satisfaction. Not just nights out, but nights in and general freshers welfare. Since I've now got the freshers week (fortnight) experience I can help give a rounded view, offering my experience (both positive and negative) so that future first years really can make uni the best time of their life. Furthermore I feel that I can offer an enthusiastic and committed approach to the job, so that other freshers can strive to not just be second years (next year) but act as experienced helps to any freshers making the "moving in" stage much easier. For me this is the first time I've ever left home for more than a month and I've had friends that have had particularly negative view of freshers week and as a result felt that university was not to their taste. By focusing more on a diverse range of activities allowing the party animals to run free whilst satisfying the needs of those who prefer an early night. Finally, I think that this is a particularly important job, because one person's voice can make a difference, therefore by stepping forward I hope I can help every first year make, not just freshers week, but freshers year memorable.

## Health & Wellbeing



**Carl  
Kierulf**

WHY? - Because life has taught me that health and wellbeing is extremely important. I know as former chronic fatigue syndrome patients for many years. Life has made me very passionate and interested in wellbeing and health. I am committed in making a difference through working closely with the student union.

HOW CAN I BE OF SERVICE TO STUDENTS? - My Commitment

- Make sure all the students who are facing issues with health, social and sexual and wellbeing will be guided to someone that can really help.
- Listen to and encourage students to be open about their challenges.
- Engage in and create good wellbeing campaigns and projects.
- Offer 30 minutes transformative coaching sessions to interested students.
- How about a workshop about health and wellbeing? Ideas to cover:  
Wellbeing, goals, success, distinctions, the 3 principles: thought, mind and consciousness.

RELEVANT EDUCATION

- I am a coach. Trained in the US by some of the finest coaches in the world like Michael Neill and Paul McKenna.
- Premedical studies.
- NLP courses.

To your health & wellbeing,  
Carl

WE'LL TALK. I LISTEN. YOU WILL GET HELP :)



**Courtenay  
Bayly**

Choose studying. Choose flat mates, course mates, any mates. Choose clubs and societies. Choose nights out. Choose nights in the library. Choose fast food. Choose part-time jobs. Choose just the best bits.

A lot happens at university and it all needs balancing out: Academic, social and your health. You will miss some of the greatest moments if you are not feeling 100% you. I have been there and had the terrible university experience and I don't ever want anyone to go through that: The dark side of homesickness, the anxiety of meeting eighty new people in one go, the horror of not knowing where to turn to or who to talk to.

I believe that BU and SUBU provide all the help in the world to keep you on top form and it will be my main objective that every student knows about it and feels no shame, no worry in seeking it out. If the support you need is not there, I will do my utmost to implement it.

You are a special and unique snowflake and your time at university should enforce that belief. More than anything, I want to help you get the most out of that.



**Mark  
Lowe**

Hello everyone, I hope you're okay. I'm Mark, I'm in my final year of Scriptwriting for Film & Television and I'd like to be in with a chance of becoming the Health and Wellbeing Officer. This role to me stands for taking care of all you students and just basically making sure you are all fine and getting the most out of your university experience and all the potential it has on offer. I would be the best person for the job because I feel I am a very good listener, really friendly and approachable, and caring and considerate towards other people.

I would try my utmost best to help anyone out that needs it and to raise awareness on all sorts of issues that perhaps people are going through but for many reasons, feel they cannot speak up. My time at university has definitely not been easy and so I would love the opportunity to be elected for this role and do whatever I can to make sure that students' welfare is well considered and focused upon, and that everyone can have the best and most beneficial time at Bournemouth University.



**Martyn  
Elkins**

Hi everyone, I am Martyn and I am hoping to be your Health and Welfare officer for the year. So a little about me, I am a second year student nurse and as a student nurse health promotion and welfare is at the forefront of what I do. But once again I am getting in to the boring bits. But I want to ask you all why should it be boring, the Student union run some amazing events such as the upcoming SHAG week what I would encourage all of you to take a look at. I feel that the key for student health and welfare is to make it fun for you all, not just boring talks and dull colourless leaflets, but interaction and active promotion. What is the point of having an officer who cannot listen to the student he is here to support and be the voice for. If I was to be elected in to the role each student would be able to say the health issues close to their heart. For student health and welfare, students need to be involved that is what I'm offering, to give you the say on what matters to you.



**Mike  
O' Sullivan**

First of all, I would like to let you ask yourselves what you think the difference between health and welfare is? Personally, there is no difference between the matters as your welfare can affect your health in different ways. However, there may be different types of health such as your mental, social and physical health, and this could have an impact on the enhancement of somebody's wellbeing! Having been through a great deal such as learning from past mistakes, showing determination in wanting to achieve great things for the better and fronting out such negative emotion, I've learnt to deal with these through first-hand experience. This means that regardless of what anybody else goes through, which may have a negative impact on a chunk of their lives, there are many different ways of dealing with personal barriers anyone may have. As a student with a developmental learning difference, feeling proud to be appreciated with my current learning style, I feel that my enthusiastic and outgoing personality will let everybody shine as an individual. If elected, I would like to raise more awareness for disabilities and giving pastoral support for students. So vote for me, Mike O' Sullivan.



**Sarah  
Marston**

I am a second year undergraduate, studying Retail management. I am running for Health and Wellbeing officer because I want to keep up the fantastic projects that BU already bring and new innovative ideas to make this serious subject fun and ensure every student knows how to access help, if they need it.

During mental health week I would use events in Halls to give first year students help and advice on the services that BU has to support them, as there can be life changing aspects of moving to university that can allow depression and anxiety to occur.

Also I want to promote healthy eating and make students more aware of how alcohol can affect health and fitness, as many students put on weight when they move to university and I would like to encourage more walking and cycling. During sexual health and guidance week I would hope to encourage even more people to have the sexual health tests and to communicate the serious message of sexual health across with addition light-hearted fun activities on campus throughout the week.

I think I would be the right candidate for this role as I am passionate about it, am hardworking and a good communicator

## International



**Merve  
Tuna**

Merve Tuna

Hi! Hallo! ¡Ola! Salut! Selam! Yassou! Ni hao! I'm Merve Tuna and I'm running for the "International Students' Officer" position for the 2011 SUBU Exec Elections. As an international student myself, I know that it is a challenging experience to get adjusted to a new country, culture, language and surroundings. But, I'm here to help you and represent the "diversity" in BU where equality and many opportunities exist for each student.

If I get elected, my goals for the 2011-2012 Academic Year are

- to organise more traditional/national events, nights and festivals;
- trips to explore the country, local area, people and the culture;
- to raise awareness of issues effecting international students;
- consultancy on adaptation and cultural transition;
- better recognition and participation of the international students;
- integration of British and international students;
- to create more employability opportunities;
- to make you feel like home;
- and most of all, to make the most of your time here in the UK!

If it all sounds good, all you have to do is "VOTE FOR ME(RVE)" and let me be your voice, in any language you want... Cheers!



**Rutul  
Gandhi**

I am Belgian resident of Indian origin attending an international school with students from 70 different countries. This multi-faceted educational approach has exposed me to a vast array of cultures and philosophies and has helped develop me in an inter-disciplinary way. It has also given me experience in multiple languages such as; English, Dutch, French, Gujurati and Hindi - some of which I speak fluently. I have played cricket for under 15s and under 17s teams which sharpen my team-work and leadership skills. Previously, I have also taken part in survival camp where we were taught to live in the wilderness for two days with limited food and shelter. This experience was tough, but extremely rewarding because it thought me how to work with other people. I am also an Advanced Open Water diver which further builds on my ability to meet new people and make quick and difficult decisions under potentially life-threatening situations.

So being an international student, I can understand and communicate with other international student about an issues and/or concerns. Also my past experiences have really sharpened my skills to become a suitable candidate for the position of International Students officer.



**Sandra  
Vilceanu**

I am half Romanian and Hungarian and have lived in Canada and Brazil. In the past 2 years I studied in Denmark and to date am in my final year in the UK which has led me to have friends all over the world. This is what defines my international exposure.

I am a very open-minded person, keen on knowing a plethora of facts and people from different cultures. Enthusiastic, friendly and communicative are some of my characteristics that helped become who I am and also created the group of friends that I have.

Last but not least I am currently studying Business & Management, a course that requires global experience, international knowledge and understanding of various cultures.

Therefore, due to international background and social skills, I believe I would be a good candidate to execute the role of an International Students Officer.



**Tom  
Baraize**

Just like you, I wish to make the most out of my experience here at Bournemouth, and for that to happen, I need to know my student union is working with and for me.

The international community is massive here at Bournemouth university, and that is why it's voice must not be ignored.

The clash of cultures is immense, creating opportunities aswell as issues that must be raised and addressed properly within the university.

I wish to be the intermediary, who listens to what you have to say, and transmits it to the union to make sure your message does not get lost, or altered. That way you can be sure that Subu hears what you have to say and takes action consequently.

I feel it is my role as an international student, to take on this responsibility to ensure you have every chance that can be offered to you and make the most of your time here.

I have worked closely with last year's officer, as well as the international student association, and have therefore gotten a realistic insight and experience in the area, and strongly feel I would have a positive impact in this role of international student officer.



**Yeldana  
Iskhakova  
(Ellie)**

If you would like to see someone really dedicate their time and effort into fulfilling the international students officer position then do vote for me. I am deeply passionate about it as I really enjoy meeting people of different cultures. To paraphrase Martin Luther King, "I have a dream that one day international students will have more support and less difficulty in pursuing their dreams in any country." That is why I am deeply passionate about it and will truly put my heart into it.

My intentions:

- 1) Act as an approachable, friendly contact point for international students, referring them to the appropriate professional services, both internally and externally, and monitoring their progress.
- 2) Help in the organisation and promotion of social events for international students.
- 3) Raise awareness of any disadvantages suffered by international students in their education and welfare with the authorities of the Students' Union.
- 4) Report issues relating to international students to the Executive Committee for action as necessary.
- 5) Raise awareness of and promote the interests of international Students.
- 6) Providing international students with advice and assistance where required.
- 7) Ensure the provision of relevant information and support for all international students.



**Ziming  
Huo  
(Bill)**

Dear All,

I am Bill, I come from China. And I had one year work experience as a speaker in China. I am so confident to be a member of International student officers. I used to be a chairman in my school. So I had a lot of experience to organize other students together especially Chinese students. I hold more than 30 parties as leader in our college. And I found one of most important activity is Chinese New Year. So I think as a Chinese people, it is a good chance for me does this thing. And in my school, I also used to be a host. I host a lot of parties and weddings. I can say Chinese, Japanese and a little Korean. So I think I can do this job very well.

I like football and computer games. And I have a lot of friends here, and I want to have more friends. So I hope I can make more friends in our SUBU. My big weakness is my English; I promise I will try my best to let others understand my words.

Yours Bill

## Mature & Part Time



Linh Le

My name is Linh Le. I am studying MSc International Business Management Course in Bournemouth University. When receiving the email of SUBU about Part-time Officer Nomination Pack, I felt very interested in that. In my experience, I had a two-week period time to work in Welcome Crew of SUBU. So I suppose that these experience can help me if I am back to work in SUBU.

After seeing and reviewing carefully 14 available positions, in my point of view, the Mature and Part-time Student Officer is suitable for me. When I work in SUBU, I have ever joined to a conference about part-time students so I felt interested with this topic. Besides that, most of part-time students study post-graduate, as a result, being a Master-student, I can use all my knowledge and experience during my study course to solve their problems as well as ensure that SUBU officers are always useful for them.

I promise that if I succeed in this election, I will try my best to manifest and divorce my capability for SUBU and our University.

Thank you very much for your attention and please vote for me.

## Postgraduate Taught



Parmesh  
Saini

- I am a very proactive person when it comes to participating in different activities. From a young age, I have headed many clubs, some being the mountain trekking & swimming clubs.

- My leadership abilities can be judged by the fact that, most recently I was chosen as the Marketing Manager for my under-grad college fest and hence one can be assured that I possess fair knowledge of heading and running an organisation in a smooth and systematic order.

- I have also worked with Taj group of hotels as a Management trainee. I have personally catered to the likes of many international guests. During that course of time I was able to grasp sufficient knowledge about many different cultures from across the globe and hence would be able to use this very knowledge to understand and help my fellow international friends during their course of study in your university.

- After my under-grad, I have also assisted and worked with my professors closely to come up with new innovative ideas to help my juniors with their studies.

- To add to this, I would like to say that I am a team player and believe in learning from both superiors and my fellow colleagues.

## Postgraduate Research



**Sonia  
Travaglini**

Welcome to Bournemouth University ! So... you've made it to a PhD...but you still need a Student Representative!

- I represent your views as a Postgraduate Researcher at PhD level...your opinion matters!
- I help make Postgraduate Researchers more visible and involved in the entire student experience.

Why vote Sonia T?

- Years of experience at representing students and researchers
- Currently represents you at the PG Executive Rep & the SUBU Trustee Board
- Understands what it's like to study as a postgraduate
- Very active within the PGR research and social community.  
What will Sonia as a PGR Rep do for you?
- If you have something to say, want to suggest an improvement or just want to comment on something (good and bad!), your views will be represented - we help you make yourself heard!
- Bring together PGRs of many different Departments and subject areas
- Most of all...represent YOU!

Got Questions? Email Sonia directly at [BU\\_PHD\\_REP@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:BU_PHD_REP@hotmail.co.uk)

# Your guide to SUBU Elections 2011/12



## MAY RAG (Raising and Giving) Committee Elections

Can you be part of SUBU's fundraising committee, organising epic events like LEGGIT AND LOST?

## APRIL NUS National Conference Delegate Elections



Can you represent all of the BU students nationally, discussing student issues and setting policy?

## FEB/MARCH Full-Time Officer Elections

Nominations Open (6th-17th Feb)  
Elections Period (24th-2nd March)

Have you got what it takes to be the next President or Vice President? These are full time paid positions (19k) so start thinking seriously if you can take SUBU forward in 2012/13

## OCTOBER Part-Time Officer Elections

Nominations open (3rd-14th October)  
Elections Period (25th-27th October)

Can you join the full time officers 2011/12 to make important decisions and run campaigns on behalf of the entire BU student body (18,000 students)?



Full time  
Elected Officers



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For more information on any of the above positions or procedures, please email Toby Horner (SUBU President 11/12) via [supresident@bournemouth.ac.uk](mailto:supresident@bournemouth.ac.uk)

