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CANDIDATES:
UAL POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS GOVERNOR

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Ksenia Bulantseva, Sara Dobson, Sanya Dutta, Barnana Mandal, Shailendra Pathak, Siddhi Satyajit Patil, Ekabo donyi, Ashley Swartwout, Jiarui Yan

Sejal Arora – "Your Voice, Our Future – Together We Grow!"
Tell us about yourself My name is Sejal, and I'm studying MA Strategic Fashion Marketing at London College of Fashion. I'm approachable, friendly, and ready to listen to your ideas to make our school even better. Together, we can create a positive and inclusive environment for everyone! **Why are you standing for this position?** I'm standing for Postgraduate Students Governor because I want to ensure that every student's voice is heard. I'm passionate about representing our community and advocating for initiatives that enhance our experience and well-being. Together, we can make a positive impact! **If elected, what do you want to achieve?** Enhanced Communication: I want to establish clear channels for students to share their feedback and ideas, ensuring that everyone feels heard and included in decision-making processes. Well-being Initiatives: I aim to promote mental health and well-being programs that provide support and resources for students, helping to create a healthier and more supportive school environment.

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Himanshu Bablani – "Making CSM resources more accessible and equitable"

Tell us about yourself

I am Himanshu, an Industrial Design student with over a decade of experience running a design studio and working with artists to make Interactive art. I run a workshop in India and have been a visiting faculty in several Design colleges. You can find me working at the Platform Bar or in some arcade!

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I want to make the resources at CSM more accessible and equitable. I want to help students gain skills that would help them in future if they want to work in a design studio. I want to empower students with technical and practical skills that they can use in setting up their own studios in future.

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Chandrakant Chilcuri – "TOGETHER, INFORMED, INSPIRED"

Tell us about yourself

Choosing UAL was a deliberate decision. I sought a place where I could grow not only as a designer but also as a thinker, strategist, and leader. At LCF, I'm already inspired by the faculty, resources, and diverse student body, and I hope to contribute my experiences while learning from all of you.

Why are you standing for this position?

My journey to UAL hasn't been without its hurdles—from adapting to a new country to catching up after a late start— but I've learned so much already. Being new and still settling in, I know what it feels like to navigate UAL's rich environment and feel like there's so much to take in. Creating Confidence Through Awareness: Sometimes, it's natural to feel a bit lost, but we shouldn't feel bad about asking questions or reaching out. I'm here to keep us all updated about key events, workshops, and pop-ups.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

Sustainability and Diversity in Action: I want to advocate for tangible and impactful sustainability initiatives, from upcycling events to talks on sustainable business models. Celebrating our diversity is also key—I'd love to introduce events that bring students from all over the world together, breaking the ice and building confidence across cultures. Creating a supportive, inclusive environment where we celebrate each other's backgrounds and contributions. I want to build connections that extend beyond the classroom and foster a genuine community that feels like home. I'm committed to making a space where we're all comfortable being ourselves, where we can ask any question without hesitation, and where every event feels like an opportunity to learn and grow.

Jin Jin – "Be brave at critical moments, be cowardly when it's harmless"

Tell us about yourself

Hello everyone, I am Jin Jin, AKA-AU. I come from China and am a Manchu girl. I come from Central Saint Martins College. I enjoy horseback riding, photography, movies, and strolling in parks.

Why are you standing for this position?

There are many reasons why I am running for this position, one of which is about my graduate life. I want to make my two years of study more colorful. The second reason is that I want to provide some services to my classmates within my abilities through my own work and efforts. The third one is about my major. I need to communicate more with students from various professional backgrounds. I think this job can help me meet more friends.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If I am elected, I will bravely face my work and actively participate in everything I need to handle, including seeking opinions from classmates and providing timely feedback. I want to collaborate with various departments to build a more interesting and dynamic learning life for my classmates, which is my main purpose for competing for this position. In addition, communication with various sectors of society is also one of my goals, because communication and cooperation with various professionals are crucial in the process of campus learning. I am willing to become a good communicator and a perfect leverage point in the entire system.

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Siyao Ma – "Friendly, open, and always here for you!"

Tell us about yourself

Hi, I'm Ma Siyao, and it's a pleasure to run in this election! Currently, I'm studying at UAL's CCI. I am eager to assist you in expressing your needs and concerns. I'm here to be your voice, ensuring the school and stakeholders listen to our community. Let's work together to create positive change!

Why are you standing for this position?

I am running for this role because I believe my extensive volunteer and organizational experience from my undergraduate studies has equipped me with the skills necessary to effectively represent and serve you. I have a strong passion for UAL's community values and am committed to working towards enhancing our university's environment. If elected, I will make it my priority to listen closely to your concerns, ensure a wide range of opinions are considered, and work alongside the school to drive meaningful progress that benefits us all. Together, we can shape a stronger, more inclusive UAL.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If you choose me, my two main goals will focus on your professional growth and enhancing campus life. - Priority One My first goal is to help you all grow in your professional skills and discover exciting career opportunities. These two things are essential for both our university life and the future beyond graduation. I'm eager to create more workshops, networking events, and resources to support you in these areas, ensuring we all feel prepared for the future. - Priority Two I'll improve your campus experience, from better study spaces to enhanced mental health services, and more social events. I want you to feel comfortable, supported, and enjoy your time at UAL. Of course, I'm always here to listen—if you have any ideas or suggestions, feel free to reach out!

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Fabian Maxwell Drake – "Challenge the University, Change our Future!"

Tell us about yourself

From BA Design at LCC to MA Animation at CSM - I'm Fabian, and I've been part of our University for almost 5 years. Knowing it in and out, I will represent our students with confidence - holding UAL accountable for our experience, costs, and prospects. Audacity to challenge and actions to change!

Why are you standing for this position?

I believe those who run our University don't understand the realities students' face - and as such we deserve a Governor as stubborn, outspoken, and creative as our student body! Last term, I spearheaded a review of student experience that will influence and improve our University's new plans and strategies. I've fought Arts Temps against fire-rehire to win our students complimentary payments and lobbied our colleges for better and more equal showcases. With experience working for the US Embassy, managing cultural camps, and running film festivals I know how to stand up to bureaucrats and attack unjust policy proposals. UAL can't keep using our funds without true accountability and scrutiny. Student voices & ideas must be as loud as our corridors and as big as our student loans!

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

• Putting Collaboration at the Front of UAL: for too long we had to deal with an absence of real collaboration between courses and colleges. With such high tuition we can't settle for randomised groups, no collaborative space, and a lack of access to other campuses! || • Real Scrutiny of University's Direction: from the lack of dialogue when destroying our workshops and spaces, soaring accommodation costs, and embarrassing ID cards - I will lobby for and voice our collective anger. || • Representing Our Voice in the Search for New Vice-Chancellor: the rare opportunity to select the most important executive of UAL should have students' voice first and foremost. || • Community of Solidarity: continuing to pressure UAL to truly stand with our Palestinian brothers and sisters. ||

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Sanath Pati – "Educate, Agitate, Innovate!"

Tell us about yourself

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Why me? I have been a student leader before during my undergraduate days as an architecture student and have brought about significant change at a national level back in my home country, India. For me, innovation is currently a journey and people have always been an integral part. I have had experience as a student leader before and my track record has been being a good listener and getting things done. Implemented. In brick and mortar, not just surveys and screens. I see a little bit of myself in each of you and I know that you see bits of me in yourselves too. We have the platform, we have the resources. We need the catalyst. I volunteer to be the change. How will I do it? Work with the people in power for the people not in power

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

Why should you put me as your No. 1 choice? Because I'm an extension of you and want to extract the best possible resources for all of our growth. We need a stubborn and persistent Governor to get things done and I bring that to the table. I want talent, skill and vision to prevail and I intend to put together the best minds to catalyse innovation. If elected, I intend to listen intently, collaborate and voice your opinions as loud as mine. Ladies and gentlemen, boys and girls, theys and thems and everyone in between. Together let's achieve what we want! I have a dream and YOU are a part of it!

Ria Singh – "Representing you voice. Changing the game"

Tell us about yourself

Hey everyone! I'm Ria, a postgraduate student at LCF pursuing my MA in Fashion Entrepreneurship & Innovation. With experience in entrepreneurship, sustainability, couture and student leadership, I'm passionate about amplifying student voices.

Why are you standing for this position?

As PG Student Governor, I'll work to ensure our concerns are heard at the highest levels, advocating for better resources. I'm committed to bridging the gap between students and the industry industry, fostering more opportunities for all postgraduate students.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If you choose me, I will: * Work to bring more delicious deals and offers, ensuring our campus canteens and cafes satisfy all our cravings! * Offer more pathways for overseas students to gain valuable work experience in 20/week! * Celebrate and create a space where international students feel at home while celebrating and raising awareness of their unique cultures! * Organize engaging events & workshops for PG students with local industries to enhance knowledge! * Foster teamwork and encourage cross-departmental collaboration across all UAL colleges. * Organize engaging events and seminars to spark important conversations. * Plan exciting giveaways to enhance our student experience. * Ensure we have better mental health resources and one-on-one support.

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CANDIDATES:
CSM C – SCHOOL REP (Art, Culture, Performance)

Ekabo Donyi – "In Transience, We Change Through Exchange, Relate And Grow."

Tell us about yourself

Hi, I'm Ady/ekabo donyi, and I've just begun my MA in Fine Art. Originally from India, this is my sixth year in the UK. My practice aims to explore contemporary identity in all its complex glory. I'm a super extrovert, so I'm easy to talk to! I'd describe myself as a joyful, active amphibian xx

Why are you standing for this position?

I am standing for the role of school rep because I am deeply passionate about academia, and the power of community. Since 2021, my experience in organising exhibitions in London has equipped me with skills in listening, understanding, and solving problems in professional, collaborative settings. These experiences have shown me the value of clear communication and partnership. Inspired by bell hooks' approach to transgressive, community-based teaching, I believe education should be inclusive, transient, and transformative. Her work motivated me to return to academia, and I chose CSM for its active approach to transience and decolonisation at an institutional level. I will support student voices, embody our diverse experiences, and collaborate with the school to foster positive change.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected, my first priority will focus on diversity and inclusion, ideally creating safe and inclusive environments where Queer, POC, global south, and other marginalised communities can openly communicate their academic and course related concerns, challenges, and hopes. These spaces will foster a sense of belonging and ensure that voices from all backgrounds are heard. My second priority will focus on improving how courses in the C school communicate academic expectations and requirements to students from non-academic backgrounds. This includes ensuring clarity, providing easy access to academic support resources, explaining assessment criteria, and enhancing accessibility to online resources like Moodle.

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Leah Moran-Chadderton

tell us about yourself

Hi! I'm Leah, I'm a third year student & a second year course rep. I'm passionate about students feeling able to access the support and resources we need. I'm committed to advocating for better mental health services, more inclusive academic support, and access to learning materials.

Why are you standing for this position?

I want to support my fellow students in any way I can, being a listening ear and advocating for what you want to see. Accessing resources & support As a disabled student, I have often struggled to access some of the resources offered by the university. As course rep, I've advocated for easier access to resources and co-founded a collective to help disabled students access opportunities. As school rep, I'd like to make sure these opportunities are spread school- wide and help you take advantage of the resources we have at university.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

Facilities Getting into workshops can be really intimidating! I want to find a better way for us to be able to use ORB and feel confident asking for support when learning new skills. On Campus Food London is expensive! As course rep I've heard that people are finding it difficult to access the university because of the financial inaccessibility of food. As school rep, I'd like to help you stay in the studio as long as you can by advocating for more free soup afternoons.

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CANDIDATES:
CSM S – SCHOOL REP (Enterprise, GCD, PCID, Spatial Practices)

Nathaniel Ayileye– "Designing a better CSM"
Tell us about yourself I'm Nate, a BAPID student who wants to make CSM better for everyone. I'm pretty chatty, so I'll always be there to talk with you about whatever you want! I'm the Co-President of the Product Design Society, so I take the community seriously.
Why are you standing for this position? With the new S School, I want to take this opportunity to work for my community in developing and improving CSM, and give a voice to everyone in this school, providing a way for change to be made, with everyone's input.
If elected, what do you want to achieve? If elected, I want to improve induction access, and create more cross-course collaboration opportunities.

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Luke Croxford– "strengthening our union, connecting creative thinking"

Tell us about yourself

Hello! I'm Luke Averroes Croxford,I am currently pursuing a BA (Hons) in Product and Industrial Design at Central Saint Martins, UAL. I am also currently a course Student representative, and co-run the Persian Arts Society UAL. I also love sports particularly Fencing.

Why are you standing for this position?

I envision an Arts Students' Union that amplifies every voice, fosters creativity, and builds connections among all students. My goal is to ensure that our union is a space where everyone feels valued and heard. By advocating for your needs and concerns, I aim to create a supportive community that enhances our collective educational experience.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected, my primary goals would focus on enhancing the student experience and fostering a supportive and inclusive environment within the Arts Students' Union. Here's what I aim to achieve: 1. **Enhanced Communication 2. **Increased Engagement 3. **Support Services 4. **Networking Opportunities 5. **Inclusivity Initiatives 6. **Sustainability Projects 7. **Development Programs: By focusing on these objectives, I hope to create a more vibrant, supportive, and engaged community where every student feels empowered to succeed. Together, we can make a difference!

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I am actively running for this position because I want to make my classmates more comfortable in learning and communication through my work. When communicating with enterprises, governments, and professionals from various fields, one can enjoy the pleasure brought by information and the excitement brought by brainstorming more diversely. I will be a bridge for convenient communication between classmates and the outside world in diverse spaces both inside and outside the school.

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Aolei Kang – "Stand Together, Speak Together, Grow Together"

Tell us about yourself

I'm Aolei Kang, a Year 3 GCD student at CSM. I started in 2019 with the Foundation program, giving me a deep understanding of the school and its environment. With over four years of freelance art experience and involvement as a course rep, I'm passionate about enhancing the student experience.

Why are you standing for this position?

I am running for this position to use my experience at CSM and my background as an international student to create positive change. Since joining in 2019, I have gained a deep understanding of the school's environment and student needs. I empathize with the challenges international students face and want to amplify their voices. With my experience in freelance art, curating, and as a course rep, I have developed skills in problem-solving, communication, and collaboration. I aim to connect students, address their concerns, and foster a supportive and inclusive community.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

Priority 1: Amplify Diverse Voices I will ensure that students from various backgrounds have their voices heard and their concerns addressed, promoting an inclusive environment. Priority 2: Build an Inclusive Community I aim to create a supportive and connected community by organizing diverse events that bring students together and encourage collaboration. Priority 3: Strengthen Industry Connections I will work to enhance links with the industry, providing students with valuable networking and internship opportunities to prepare them for professional careers.

Himani Bhala– "Your Voice, Your Choice at CSM"

Tell us about yourself

Hey there! My name is Himani Bhala, I am currently in year 2 studying BA(Hons) GCD at CSM. I'm a passionate reader and an art enthusiast. I love connecting with new people, sharing ideas, and exploring creative projects. I'm excited to amplify our voices and bring positive change to our community!

Why are you standing for this position?

I am running for this role because I want to contribute to the university during my time here to make it a better place for exsisting and the new students and make their time at UAL memorable.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If I am elected, My priorities are - Utilize spaces around the campus to display the work of our designers' fortnightly. - Create easy accesibility to the services CSM offers on ORBs. - Enrich the recreational space that is provided for students. - More equipment and equal accesibility to workshops for all students.

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Devashi Gupta – "Hand in hand!"
Tell us about yourself
Hello everyone! I'm Devashi Gupta and I am a 2nd year Product and Industrial design student at Central Saint Martins. I'm running for the position of School Rep for CSM.
Why are you standing for this position?
I am standing for the position of School Representative at Central Saint Martins because I am passionate about fostering an inclusive community among students. During my time as a course rep, I honed my ability to listen, advocate, and take action on behalf of my peers. I believe that Every Voice Matters, and I commit to holding regular feedback sessions to hear your concerns and ideas, transparently communicating updates from faculty meetings, and actively representing students' interests in all decision-making processes.
If elected, what do you want to achieve?
I believe in the power of interdisciplinary collaboration and aim to facilitate cross-course projects with all CSM departments. I aim to create opportunities for students to showcase their work to the wider UAL community. Additionally, I plan to organise peer support groups and workshops focusing on mental health and wellbeing for all. Together, let's cultivate a culture of collaboration and inclusivity at Central Saint Martins. With your support, I am committed to making our school not just a place of learning but a community where every student feels valued and empowered. I would be honored to represent you during the coming year and to have the opportunity to make a positive impact on your university experience. Thank you for considering my candidacy.

CANDIDATES:
CSM M – SCHOOL REP (Fashion & JTM)

Dharam Rana

Tell us about yourself

My name is Dharam, a first year student at CSM studying BA (Hons) Fashion Communication: Journalism. I've actually been a UAL student for over a year now, completing the now Pre-degree at camberwell last year. In my spare time I run with UAL Run

Why are you standing for this position?

I've been an advocate for student voice since the very beginning of my time at UAL - standing for foundation rep and to emphasise the voice and experiences of commuter students. Now, as a London resident, I want to tackle issues surrounding minimising material and university costs to alleviate existing anxieties with how pricey living in London is as a student. I also love a conversation - I believe I'm super approachable. From working as a FoH assistant for the SU, I already work within a team to address student concerns and thought why not be a specialised resource point for CSM students, given that I'm there 4-5 days a week (so if you see me come and say hi!)

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

As a CSM school rep things I'd address will involve fostering and re-establishing the CSM community, creating a culture at CSM which places its students at the top. Working on student community events and overall existing as a bridge of communication to take in suggestions and concerns campus wide to pitch and solve. I want to be the voice of our space.

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CCW – ART SCHOOL REP

The following candidates for this position did not upload a manifesto:

Amy Zhao, Joe Davies

Rehan Deb
Tell us about yourself
I am currently studying at camberwell on the fine art painting course. I'm excited to put myself forward as a candidate for the role of Student Representative, to ensure that every student's voice is heard and that our collective experiences contribute to a vibrant and inclusive university
Why are you standing for this position?
Regular feedback through talking to a range of people from different courses enables me to get quantitative information, through the form of surveys and forums, to gather student opinions and concerns. Transparency and responsiveness will be my priorities in relaying this feedback to university administration as I've done previously as a student prefect as well as many other roles. I am committed to celebrating our multicultural community through hosting events such as a cultural day etc. Ual is the second biggest university representing an international body (by 55%). I feel as though this will help with making people feel more included and head. Together, we can create events and workshops that promote understanding and collaboration among all students.
If elected, what do you want to achieve?
I believe that in a shared voice it enables us to come with better results. Mental health and well-being are critical to our success. I have learnt how to spot signs of poor mental health through teaching army cadets for seven years. I will advocate for accessible support services and organise peer-led initiatives that encourage open conversations about mental health and well-being. My experience as a student leader has equipped me with the skills to listen, advocate, and drive change effectively. I am excited about the possibility of serving as your Student Representative. Together, we can build a university experience that is not only enriching but also reflective of our collective aspirations and values. I ask for your support in this journey to make our voices heard

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CANDIDATES:
CCW – DESIGN SCHOOL REP

The following candidates for this position did not upload a manifesto:

Xiaoying Zhu

Mengya Li – "Always here to help."

Tell us about yourself

Hi, I am Mengya Li.I am warm-hearted. I have strong communication skills, and creative problem-solving abilities. During my BA studies, I volunteered to assist those who are challenged in hearing. I also actively participated in organizing exhibitions holding club and workshops.

Why are you standing for this position?

My passion is strong which is for making our college an inclusive and a harmonious space for everyone.I am dedicated to being the voice of our student, ensuring that everyone is heard. My goal is to help to create a supportive environment where students can thrive, share ideas. I believe in transparency and open communication, acting as a bridge between students and faculty. Together, we can tackle challenges and make an even more inspiring place to learn and create.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

Hear from you. Connect with you. Bring bennefit to you and UAL. Help build a better cross-cultral enviroment and prevent racial discrimination. Help to create a more pleasant envrionment with you. Help to face future challenges solve other promblems.

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CANDIDATES:
CCW – PERFORMANCE & FOUNDATION SCHOOL REP

Yiran Li
Tell us about yourself
哈咯宝子们！我是wim戏服本科的李怡然。我经历过国内机构作品集的苦，也经历过英式初高中教育的抽象。 Hi! I'm Yiran from Wimbledon Costume. I've studied in China for 7 years and UK for 7,
Why are you standing for this position?
因为有七年多并不顺风顺水的留学经历，所以我现在中英脑回路都能理解！大家如果有什么理解不了的英国逻辑；或者跟老师同学们解释不来，但是中国人一说就懂的困扰，直接找我就好！！ I've been through almost all the living and language and cultural differences you could think about as a Chinese. I'll be able to be the bridge any mindset/system differences that you are struggling to convey or understand. So if you are finding anything in UAL that challenges your study experience, I can definitely be some help！
If elected, what do you want to achieve?
嘿嘿我可以给你解释英国人/学校难以理解的脑回路，也可以像学校传达他们难以理解的中国脑回路，和由此带来的学习上的困扰！其实大多时候你的学习能力和作品质量不是不够，而是其他乱七八糟的小因素影响的捏！如果我和我的经历能帮到你的话，小时候的我肯定也会欣慰的吧嘿嘿嘿！If you choose me, I'll be your translator. There will be less extra explanations and convincing to do when you want this university to know about your struggles. I can understand your frustration in a Chinese mindset, and address it to the university in an English way of phrasing. I could explain to you the reasons why things are done this way, if your solution happens to only require understanding different mindsets.

Angie Effio Mantilla – "For the pursuit of excellence and care of others"

Tell us about yourself

Hi my name is An-Camille! I'm a First Year Student in Production of Arts For Screen at Wimbledon College of Arts. My ultimate aim is to create compelling stories that inspire and help start important conversations from personal experiences to humanitarian issues.

Why are you standing for this position?

I have had prior experience being a leader outside of an educational institution, from assisting the management of creating accessible Courses for KS2, KS3, GCSE & A-level students with the Francis Crick Department of Education to being a panel member in Latin American Women's Rights Service. I've never been attracted to the idea of getting involved in the wellbeing of the school and its students until now. My course is important to me, time and organisation as well, just like other students attending their courses in CCW. Seeing this opportunity and being involved with classmates as course Rep has pushed the motivation in me to reach out and apply for this position.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If I am chosen to represent CCW, these are the things I promise to persist on and achieve: * A better handling of Timetables, through better communication between Course Leaders and UAL, it is imperative UAL Services establish a better professional relationship with the students by offering ONE official accessible timetable instead of spreading it into different Contradicting ones. *More Autonomy for Course Leaders, Course Leaders are currently unable to activate Moodle Hand-in Links, manage official Unit Starts and Ends, UAL must include the people who have to handle the final decisions into the equation to create less stress, dissonance and disillusionment in the students attending courses. *Travel Reimbursement for students when the lecture is cancelled and expenses exceed £5.00

CANDIDATES:
LCC – SCREEN SCHOOL REP

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Darya Moradi

Nipurn Kapoor – "Driven by Vision, Focused on Opportunity, Every Idea Counts!"

Tell us about yourself
I'm Nipurn Kapoor, a student in Immersive Media and Mixed Reality, with a passion for business and finance. I have strong analytical and leadership skills and enjoy collaborating with others. I'm curious and always eager to learn about new trends and practices that can foster growth and innovation.

Why are you standing for this position?
I am standing for LCC Screen School Rep because I believe in creating a supportive and inspiring environment for all students in our community. I want to bridge the gap between creativity and practicality, ensuring that everyone has access to the resources and opportunities they need to thrive. My goal is to amplify student voices, foster collaboration, and enhance our learning experience by advocating for initiatives that support both creative and entrepreneurial projects. Together, we can build a vibrant community that celebrates diversity and innovation while preparing us for success in our future careers.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?
If elected, my priorities are: . Incorporate Critical and Practical Thinking: Integrate critical and practical thinking into our work to enhance problem-solving skills. . Identify New Opportunities: Focus on discovering new and emerging ideas that emphasize entrepreneurship. . Facilitate Career Development: Provide resources and support for students to prepare for their careers effectively. . Bridge Gaps and Embrace Diversity: Foster connections among all students and promote an inclusive environment that values diverse perspectives.

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CANDIDATES:
LCF – MEDIA & COMMUNICATION SCHOOL REP

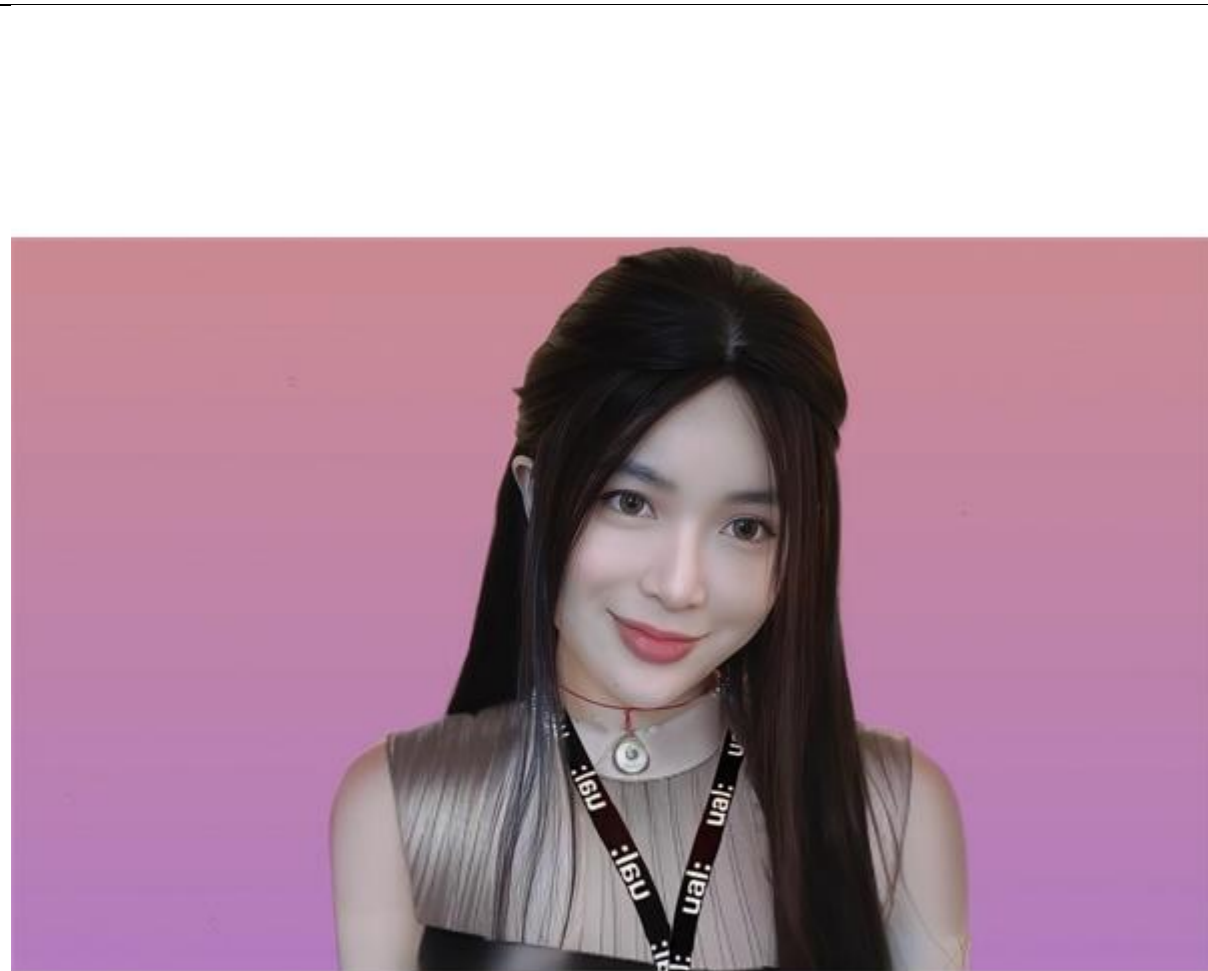**The following candidates for this position did not upload a manifesto:**

Ashley Swartwout, Lina Moundy-Holley

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CANDIDATES:
CREATIVE COMPUTING INSTITUTE SCHOOL REP

The following candidates for this position did not upload a manifesto:

Ksenia Bulantseva, Rahul Bagga

Grace Nguyen – "Together We Lead, Together We Succeed"

Tell us about yourself

Hi I'm Grace, I committed to fostering an inclusive environment for all students. With a background in Data Science and AI, I advocate for student well-being and understand our community's diverse needs through my involvement in student groups. I'm eager to represent your voice.

Why are you standing for this position?

I truly believe that it's essential for student voices to be heard and valued. Throughout my journey, I've witnessed many peers grappling with challenges such as academic stress, the need for mental health support, and a desire for more resources and opportunities. My role as a Course Representative has been instrumental in helping me develop the skills to listen, understand, and collaborate with both students and staff. It's important to me that every student feels seen and that their concerns are met with compassion and urgency. I am driven by the opportunity to advocate for improved mental health resources, more enriching extracurricular activities, and enhanced academic support. I'm here to ensure that every student feels supported and empowered to thrive.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If you choose me, I will: 1. Improve access to mental health resources. 2. Advocate for more student-led initiatives. 3. Strengthen communication between students and administration. 4. Establish a more inclusive campus. 5. Create opportunities for professional development. 6. Enhance academic support services. 7. Build a stronger, more connected student community.

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Krystyna Wells – "Turning Your Ideas into Action!"

Tell us about yourself

Hi, I'm Krystyna! I'm a first-year computer science student with a interest in reading, gaming, and climbing. I enjoy staying active both mentally and physically, and I'm always eager to learn and grow in everything I do.

Why are you standing for this position?

I'm driven by a desire to create a supportive and inclusive environment where students feel connected and empowered to effect meaningful change within our university. My previous experience working in student unions has equipped me with the skills to advocate for student needs effectively.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

- My first key priority is ensuring accessibility, particularly for students with disabilities to fully engage in university life and their courses. This issue is something I'm deeply passionate about and committed to improving. My second key priority is addressing the isolation that some students may feel, whether they are new to the university or have been here for a while I want to ensure that every student has the opportunity to build relationships and find there place within our community.

Siyao Ma – "Friendly, open, and always here for you!"

Tell us about yourself

Hi, I'm Ma Siyao, and it's a pleasure to run in this election! Currently, I'm studying at UAL's CCI. I am eager to assist you in expressing your needs and concerns. I'm here to be your voice, ensuring the school and stakeholders listen to our community. Let's work together to create positive change!

Why are you standing for this position?

I am running for this role because I believe my extensive volunteer and organizational experience from my undergraduate studies has equipped me with the skills necessary to effectively represent and serve you. I have a strong passion for UAL's community values and am committed to working towards enhancing our university's environment. If elected, I will make it my priority to listen closely to your concerns, ensure a wide range of opinions are considered, and work alongside the school to drive meaningful progress that benefits us all. Together, we can shape a stronger, more inclusive UAL.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If you choose me, my two main goals will focus on your professional growth and enhancing campus life. - Priority One My first goal is to help you all grow in your professional skills and discover exciting career opportunities. These two things are essential for both our university life and the future beyond graduation. I'm eager to create more workshops, networking events, and resources to support you in these areas, ensuring we all feel prepared for the future. - Priority Two I'll improve your campus experience, from better study spaces to enhanced mental health services, and more social events. I want you to feel comfortable, supported, and enjoy your time at UAL. Of course, I'm always here to listen—if you have any ideas or suggestions, feel free to reach out!

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CANDIDATES:
PRE-DEGREE & FOUNDATION SCHOOL REP

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Nina Mercado, Tilly O'Shea

Iris Seo – "'S'ave 'P'rogress 'A'ccess 'R'epresent 'K'ickstart – SPARK"

Tell us about yourself

Hi, I'm Iris Seo from South Korea, studying International Preparation for Fashion at Lime Grove. I'm passionate about fostering an inclusive environment where students can connect, grow, and succeed beyond university with full and easy access to the resources and support systems they deserve.

Why are you standing for this position?

I am running for this position because I believe university should be more than a stepping stone; it should encourage us to explore, grow, and build meaningful connections. My experiences have equipped me to represent our diverse perspectives and create an environment where we can all reach our potential. As a Prefect and Head of Yearbook, I gained skills in project management, collaboration under pressure, and effective communication. I remain consistent in my responsibilities, ensuring I meet expectations and benefit the community. As an international student, I aim to get the most value from our course and ensure every student can experience the enriching university life I envision. Together, we will build a supportive environment and SPARK change that goes beyond university.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected, I will focus on developing: • Podcast Series: A platform for students to share their creative journeys and university experiences. • Pop-up Events: Engaging activities like Karaoke Confessions and Mingle Cafés with free food to foster connections and build confidence. • Well-being Newsletter: Monthly updates on health support, cooking tips, and meal kit discounts. • Poster Competitions: Clear printing guidelines and competitions to promote health and well-being, with prizes. • Trade-in Program: Centralized storage for free art supplies or a trade-in system for unused materials. • Printing Improvements: Adding printers and partnering with local shops to reduce wait times. • Education Enhancement Systems: Anonymous feedback for teachers and practical skills workshops.

Liliana Panigada-Galdes – "KNOWLEDGE IS POWER!!!!!!! EVERYTHING IS ART!!!!!!! LIBERATION FOR ALL!!!!!!!!!"

Tell us about yourself

My name is Liliana!! I've grown up in Cornwall and London, I absolutely adore all forms of media. You can catch me scouring thrift shops, visiting art galleries, watching movies and updating my Letterboxd lol. I'm a multi-disciplinary artist and I make short films, I'll be making video essays soon!!

Why are you standing for this position?

I have a very strong sense of justice and I believe education is a right for all. I want everybody to have their voice heard and questions truly answered. I want to be there for anyone who needs it. I want to help educate students on knowledge that their education systems may have failed to inform them on- for example; how to prepare a meal, how to apply to a job, how to do laundry, how to remain productive with coursework, how and where to find cheap deals that make expensive city living more affordable to maintain- basically lessons in being independent. I also want to cover things that schools typically neglect to teach in an approachable or detailed manner: sexual and reproductive health, drug use info and surrounding laws, self care practices and how to avoid feeling lonely.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If elected, I will ☆ offer support for any student wanting to discuss their course (from anonymously reporting incidents to offering suggestions on bettering the campus) ☆ release free, handmade infographic zines covering topics like advice on cheap spending, easy and nutritional recipes, sexual health, information and laws surrounding recreational drugs, and advice + tips on general wellbeing and living independently - I will also gather input from students to offer balanced and informed advice. ☆ host social events for meeting and making new friends, eg. cinema visits, film screenings, cooking clubs, jewellery making workshops etc. ☆ raise money for charities like Palestine Solidarity, & AKT (queer homelessness support) through events like bake sales, live gigs and art sales.

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Shuyu Li – "VOTE SHUYU #1 SCHOOL REP"

Tell us about yourself

Hey, people! My name is Shuyu Li and I am a student on the UAL foundation course in the fashion& textile specialty and I am running to be the school rep for the foundation course.

Why are you standing for this position?

I am standing to bring about changes to issues I have observed in the school, some of which have impacted me personally. This means that if I get elected, I will be working alongside the school to draft policies that will directly benefit YOU. Furthermore, I will be working towards getting YOUR voices heard by the management in school to better your experience.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If I get elected, I wish to target the problems I have observed below: 1.No bursary for public transportation 2.Minimal access to storage space within the campus 3.Minimal material provided (paper, magazine) to students for creative practice 4.Limited choice of affordable food in canteen

Spoorthi Adepu – "Get ready to play Sporty all the way- Vote Spoorthi"

Tell us about yourself

Hey, I'm Spoorthi and my passion is fashion! I'm driven, approachable and also detail-oriented and committed to putting in the effort needed, which means I'll always go the extra mile to represent you; Whether it's organising events, supporting friends, or tackling a challenge.

Why are you standing for this position?

I'm standing for this position because I believe in the importance of student representation and ensuring that our voices are truly heard. I've seen the impact that strong leadership can have on improving the student experience, and I want to bring that same dedication to this role. My experience in student leadership, organising events and working in teams has equipped me with the skills needed to advocate effectively for you. I'm particularly passionate about addressing issues such as campus facilities and creating more inclusive opportunities. I'm committed to finding practical solutions to the challenges we face. I want to make a positive impact by working with you to shape a college environment where everyone feels supported, heard, and inspired to succeed.

If elected, what do you want to achieve?

If you choose me, I will: 1. Organise regular cross-cultural interaction sessions that promote understanding and celebrate our diverse backgrounds. 2. Advocate for longer access to study spaces for those who are more productive at night. 3. Create more platforms for students to express their ideas and feedback, including regular forums and suggestion boxes.

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