



ABIGAIL CLOSE (SHE/HER)

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT:

HI, I'M ABIGAIL CLOSE, AN ECONOMICS STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW, AND I'M EXCITED TO RUN AGAIN FOR THE ROLE OF CURRENT STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE (CSR) AT QUEEN MARGARET UNION (QMU). BEING PART OF THE QMU BOARD OVER ALMOST SIX MONTHS HAS BEEN A FUN EXPERIENCE. OVER MY TIME AS CSR, I HAVE ENJOYED BEING ABLE TO ATTEND THE BOARD MEETINGS AND GETTING TO KNOW THE OTHER MEMBERS. I WOULD LIKE TO RUN FOR CSR AGAIN AS I WOULD LIKE TO GET MORE INVOLVED WITH THE UNION BY GETTING MORE INVOLVED IN MEETINGS AND THE EVENTS AT THE UNION.

THIS TERM, I WOULD LIKE TO FOCUS ON BRINGING IN INPUT FROM OTHER STUDENTS TO ENSURE THAT OUR BOARD DISCUSSIONS RECEIVE DIVERSE PERSPECTIVES, FOSTERS INCLUSIVITY, AND TRULY REPRESENTS THE COLLECTIVE VOICE OF OUR COMMUNITY. I WOULD TAKE MEASURE TO ENSURE THAT QMU REMAINS A SAFE SPACE FOR STUDENTS WHERE THEIR VOICES CAN BE HEARD. BEING ON THE BOARD HAS ALLOWED ME TO GET INVOLVED WITH MANY WONDERFUL INITIATIVES AND CAMPAIGNS SUCH AS THE FIGHT FOR THE NIGHT MARCH. GOING FORWARD I WOULD LOVE TO CONTINUE PARTICIPATING IN THESE EVENTS AND BE MORE INVOLVED WITH THE PLANNING ASPECTS OF THESE INITIATIVES. UPON REFLECTION I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO WORK TOWARDS ASSOCIATING MORE SOCIETIES WITH THE UNION SUCH AS THE COFFEE SOCIETY TO UTILISE THE WONDERFUL FACILITIES PROVIDED BY THE QMU. CREATING MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR SOCIETIES TO ENGAGE WITH THE UNION WILL ENHANCE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY BUILDING. I AM ONCE AGAIN EXCITED TO KEEP WORKING TOWARD MAKING QMU AN INCLUSIVE, SUPPORTIVE, AND DYNAMIC SPACE FOR ALL STUDENTS. ADDITIONALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A PETITION FOR ST. PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATIONS TO ALSO HONOUR ALL GINGERS AROUND THE WORLD AND I WOULD PERSONALLY WEAR A GINGER WIG (I AM GINGER) AND I WOULD LOVE TO RECRUIT MORE IRISH STUDENTS TO OUR UNION