



Hi, my name is Leah and I'm studying Communication Design at MA level.

I am running for President of Community and Welfare because I believe that there is room for improvement within the support and welfare system at Norwich University Of The Arts. As well as this, I would like to build a stronger, inclusive university community. My years of education here have extended and developed my interpersonal skills with both staff and students, making me a great candidate for the role.

I am organized, friendly and approachable and will put student's concerns and/or worries at the heart of what I do.

My overall goal as President would be to make our support and welfare system more accessible and familiar to students. With the move of the SU and Student Support offices to Bank Plain, many people struggle to find these and because of this, fail to reach out for support. I would like to raise and fight for more funding for student welfare, and hold bookable/optional workshops or chats to explain application and support processes, and where to find officers when and if they are needed.

If elected I aim to:

- Re-organise how the wellbeing services are advertised to students, and familiarise all students with the support processes by completing workshops and meetings. Fight for funding to create and advertise wellbeing posters containing important support information, to spread around campus buildings.
- Hold drop-in sessions to explain the DSA and funding applications, as well as help students to fill it out if required.
- Request that Extenuating Circumstances for submission dates get extended further, as well as re-evaluate what claims get approved, for easier access to students that require this.
- Better the communication between tutors and students on mental health and welfare issues. Tutors should be introducing our Support services and funding available from day one of first year and throughout each term.
- Re-evaluate the support and lack of funding that part-time MA students receive for mental health/disability support, and raise money and awareness around this.
- Create and hold 'relaxation' groups and activities to alleviate any stress or anxiety created whilst at uni.
- Provide a confidential space to discuss worries, as well as fight for funding to create a 'Relaxation room'

Thankyou for taking the time to read my manifesto. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions, queries or ideas surrounding my proposed objectives at:

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