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THE VISION

I want Norwich University students to feel confident to attend social events, make connections both professionally and personally, and use their voices to make change, not just in the university but in the creative industries once they graduate. I want every student to remember that despite the issues in the creative industry, there are many of us that feel the same way, and together we do have the power to make changes.

WHY ME?

For my first 2 years at university, I was a Student Representative, driving change within my course and the university as a whole. At the beginning of my third year, I took on the roles of Trans Liberation Officer and trustee for the Students' Union, giving me unique insights and knowledge of the development of the Union as it moved into Bank Plain and became a charity.

I have already fought to make university accommodation safer for trans students, as well as setting up financial aid for students to express their gender, helped to plan events such as a drag night and the university's first ever sexual health and guidance (SHAG) week and contributed to wider discussions about accessibility and inclusion in the university.

MY PROMISES

Make it easier for Norwich University students to join clubs at UEA and access sports equipment.

Currently the process to join UEA clubs is long and complicated, with very little information on what memberships are needed and the cost to access sports clubs. I want to make this process more streamlined and better advertised so that Norwich university students have easier access to exercise they enjoy, as well as more opportunities for socialising with other students.

Events that focus on our University's creativity.

I want to give the students of our university more opportunities to develop and exhibit their creative skills. I have already run DIY alternative fashion workshops this year as a student, and I plan to continue making spaces for creativity beyond classwork. I hope that these sessions will not only help students to interact and make friends with people with shared hobbies and interests, but also inspire creative projects and further research into subcultures, sustainability, and multi-media work.

Provide free self defense training to students that wish to take part.

With the political climate as uncertain as it is, many students are feeling unsafe out and about in Norwich, and I want to combat this by giving them the tools to de-escalate situations and keep themselves safe whilst still going out and having fun. I will also prioritise making self defense accessible to a range of abilities, as everyone deserves to feel safe and capable.



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