

# SU MANIFESTO FORM 2020/21

Position: Activities Officers

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- Exploring new ways to keep activities going during the ongoing COVID-19 situation, taking full advantage of new virtual possibilities and encouraging a wider geographical Central community to thrive from our homes.
- To bring our existing knowledge of student representative roles at Central to enhance the student experience.
- Collaborating and supporting both our Society Leaders and other SU Officers in their roles. Playing active parts in assisting events, promoting ideas and discussing further ways to enhance experiences at Central for the student body.
- To create safe, accessible and inclusive spaces for societies with a focus on ensuring consistency to the date, time and platform/room they shall be set in.
- Creating spaces throughout the year for further friendship and relationship building, particularly in the potential outcome of a postponed start to the new academic term.

## Manifesto

Hello! We are Phoebe and Hannah and we are running to be your Activities Officers for 2020-2021! We cannot ignore the unusual and uncertain times that these elections are taking place, and as such our aims and manifesto are focused around continuing your student experience both online and off in the next academic year, whether distant, on campus, or a mixture of both.

Our collective engagement in the school has given us both an insight into how Central works. Because of this, we feel we have extended knowledge and abilities to bring to this role in enhancing the student experience. Previously 2019 - 2020 Activities Officer, Phoebe would like to continue her commitment to the SU, picking up the missed opportunities of the summer term, such as events like a sports day, and following her work as Activities Officer through to the next academic year. As Course Rep for DATE in 2018 - 2019 and a current Student Ambassador, Hannah has experience representing fellow students and liaising with course leaders. She would like to extend this advocacy for the student experience with a position on the SU. If elected, we would both build on our knowledge of the institution and use it to the student's advantages in getting the best experience possible for the student body.

As Activities Officers we would continue the work to make societies at Central as accessible and inclusive as possible in line with the busy schedules of students whilst inviting active feedback from society members and leaders to enhance the student experience. The fast pace of Central means we would consistently be active in checking our emails, helping individuals to set up new societies and supporting current Society Leaders in their endeavours to create engaging spaces for extracurricular activities. On return to Central, we would ensure rooms are booked well in advance to avoid clashes or disruptions. We would also have a continued commitment to supporting our other SU Officers' activities as they deliver their manifesto pledges, so we do not just stand alone as Officers but as a whole Student Union who works together for your experience.

The current COVID-19 situation has proved that being socially distanced doesn't mean activities and extra-curricular activities must stop. If elected, we promise to continue activities regardless of whether they can take place in person or online. This includes implementing an extended Freshers Period of events across terms. For example, if more people can be on campus throughout the year, we will commit to compensating for missed experiences with continued social events. Having said this, during the start of Autumn Term we will host a variety of events for first years to support the fact that their start to the university experience may not be how they originally imagined and encourage those new friendships to form.

We would also work to create a geographically wider Central community to accommodate where students are studying from, including local student meetups outside of London. For example, if there are 20 CSSD students studying online from Manchester, we would hope to organise local, safe Central meetups so the Central community is not restricted to simply being in the building.

The events and activities we would hold and support throughout the year would be focused on continued student engagement, wellbeing and friendship building, particularly considering a potentially very different campus experience for the next year. We would work to make activities accessible to all students regardless of their circumstance such as time zones, health, location and timetables. These may include board game nights, quizzes or 'Countdown' both online and in person. A big hope of ours is to create a 'Side Hustle' Market where students can share and sell their craft ventures and engage in other students' creations. We have such a talented and passionate student body and would make every effort to champion and share the variety of skills we all have, so specific events around skill-sharing and celebration would be a focus for us.