

# SU MANIFESTO Form 2021/22

Position: Vice Presidents,  
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Practice

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Please state up to 5 of your aims for the year

- Continue to develop networking events between Contemporary Performance Practice and other courses in the school.
- Facilitate events between Contemporary Performance Practice students and peers on other Central courses, allowing collaboration and opportunities to present works created together that are unrelated to coursework.
- Work with Central's Marketing Team and Alum Office to further promote Contemporary Performance Practice work within the school and in the industry, creating more awareness about the artists who study on Writing for Performance; Drama, Applied Theatre and Education; and Performance Arts.
- Work with CPP staff and the Academic Experience Team, to restructure the way feedback is received so that there is accountability from the school to make changes. Work with the union and SAS to restructure the way complaints are made, allowing the process to be more accessible and understanding of student's experiences.
- Ensure all students, especially those who identify within majority, minority, and marginalised groups, on CPP and in the school are supported to voice their experiences and concerns, and express their needs, for both course related and non-course related issues.

We, Jaydon and Owen, are running together for Vice President Contemporary Performance Practice because we believe that the students on CPP are a collective of brilliant and innovative artists, and we want to fight to ensure that we as artists during our time here at Central are getting the representation we need, and that our works are effectively showcased to the wider community - Central and beyond!

Jaydon has been a course rep for 2 years, is a member of the CPP Social Media Team, and spent this last year serving as your VP for CPP, and alongside Owen would love to serve you again! During his time as VP Jaydon created the first SU Fest, a huge networking opportunity for students during lockdown, has worked with the media team and alum office at Central to promote students works, has worked to restructure course committee so that feedback of different experiences are recognised rather than just course related issues, and spent many hours in meetings with the schools executive boards and senior management team discussing ways the school can create the best possible student experience. And together, Jaydon and Owen want to continue and further this work.

We want to address the way feedback is given to the school, so often issues are brought up and students never know when actions are made on these issues. Through working with staff, we aim to help implement systems so that you as students know when problems are dealt with, holding staff and the school to more accountability.

We also know that reporting complaints can sometimes create more problems than it solves, this shouldn't be the case in any environment, so we will work alongside other officers and staff to address the flaws in the current complaint's procedure, allowing students to feel more comfortable addressing issues.

Networking is something that both of us are extremely passionate about, and we aim to create more events and opportunities that will allow students on all courses across the school get to know each other better. The connections Jaydon made with staff across the school as part of SU FEST will help with this! We want you to graduate knowing you've got a wide range of colleagues you can call on for support when you go to make your own work within the industry.

All students should have access to safe learning spaces, we will work with other liberation officers and staff to help support queer, global majority, ethnic minority, disabled, neurodivergent, international students on CPP and around the school to feel best supported in this academic environment.

If you want to get in touch to discuss anything or ask any questions, please don't hesitate to contact either of us at [jaydon.merrick@cssd.ac.uk](mailto:jaydon.merrick@cssd.ac.uk) or [owen.whiteside-ward@cssd.ac.uk](mailto:owen.whiteside-ward@cssd.ac.uk)  
Thank you for taking the time to read this! We hope to be able to represent you next year, Jaydon and Owen.