**All Part-time Officer manifestos (2025-26)**

**Alicia Ndlovu; Open Seat**

As a dedicated and passionate student, I believe I have the skills, ideas, and enthusiasm to make a positive impact on our university community. I am eager to serve and represent the interests of my fellow students to create a better and more inclusive environment for everyone.

**My Vision:**
If elected as your student council officer, my primary goals will be:

* **Student Welfare:** Advocate for better mental health support and well-being initiatives.
* **Academic Support:** Promote peer mentoring and study support programs.
* **Events & Activities:** Plan diverse school events that cater to different interests and backgrounds.

I am eager to bring positive change to our school and work collaboratively with students, teachers, and administration. With your support, I will ensure that every student’s voice is heard, and together, we can make our school a better place for all.

**Cath Challoner; Mature & Caregiver Students’ Officer**

I am passionate about improving conditions for mature students and students in caregiving roles across the university. I have been a student at the University of Chester for eight years and am currently studying for a Masters in Museum and Heritage Practice, l also sit on the Mature Students' Society Committee, in the role of Secretary/Treasurer. As a mature student myself, and a carer for my mother-in-law for several years, l understand the daily challenges faced by mature students, with or without families, and those students who are also carers; it can be extremely demanding juggling multiple roles whilst completing your studies.

As the Mature and Caregiver Students' Officer, l would work hard to represent all mature students and caregivers, to ensure that your voices are heard, raising any issues that affect YOU at the student council, As a large part of the student body, l believe mature students and student/carers should receive full and proper representation, and I am passionate about the issues that affect YOU. I am committed to making your time at university a happy and successful one.

**Faseeh Ur Rahman; International Students’ Officer**

As an international student, I understand the challenges of adapting to a new culture, academic system, and social environment. My goal is to create a more inclusive, supportive, and empowering community for all international students.

I will advocate for stronger support networks, including mentorship programs and mental health resources, to help students navigate academic and personal challenges. I will work towards expanding career development opportunities, such as networking events, internships, and workshops tailored to international students’ needs.

Cultural diversity is our strength, and I will organize events that celebrate our backgrounds while fostering unity. I will also collaborate with university administration to address key concerns like visa support, housing, financial aid, and fair representation in student affairs.

Transparency, inclusivity, and leadership are my core values. I will ensure that every international student voice is heard and that our concerns are addressed effectively. Together, we can build a welcoming and thriving student community

**Jason-Ellis Platts, Transgender & Gender Diverse Students’ Officer**

Over the last year I have:

* Worked with the Athletics Union and BUCS on increasing and promoting inclusive sports and clubs
* Attended many meetings aimed at gathering and acting on student feedback
* Worked with staff to implement inclusive practices within the university
* Created our first gender diverse social group for students!

I aim to:

* Ensure all gender diverse students feel safe and supported in their accommodation
* Implement sanitary product dispensers in a range of bathrooms on campus so no one is left out!
* Create more social events and mixers for gender diverse students to build a strong community!
* Ensure students are able to access wider-community support for outside of university

If you want to find out more, email me at 2314830@chester.ac.uk or find me on insta: jason\_2314830

**Lili Berry, Open Seat**

Hi I'm Lili, I'm a first year law student. In my free time I am an independent town councillor in my local area. I am committed to standing up and advocating for people who have all different needs and abilities, as I have struggle in school and understand how hard it can be. I suffer with mental health issues and am a big advocate for mental support and to destigmatize it. I also am neurodivergent and have dyslexia.

My main point for my manifesto is increase support and access for disabilities as I have struggled with getting support and hate to think other people are having the same issues.

Better transport from campus to campus: this would be able to be fixed by the university speaking to the local council and I would be campaigning for the university to do something about this as it is quite challenging especially for international students or even student who suffer with anxiety.

I'm hard working and I'll make sure I get things done. I am not afraid to speak up especially for other people who need help.

**Liv Mcsharry, LGBTQ+ Students’ Officer**

I have been dedicated to making our university a more inclusive, supportive, and vibrant space for all LGBTQIA+ students. Over the past year, I have worked to amplify our voices, ensure representation, and create meaningful change. I am currently organising a university-wide Pride event to celebrate our diverse community, increase visibility, and foster a sense of belonging for all.

I will continue to advocate for the needs of LGBTQIA+ students by:

- \*\*Expanding Support Networks\*\* – Strengthening peer support groups and ensuring accessible mental health resources tailored to LGBTQIA+ students.

- \*\*Enhancing LGBTQIA+ Representation\*\* – Pushing for more inclusive policies and ensuring our voices are heard at all levels of university decision-making.

- \*\*Creating Safe Spaces\*\* – Establishing more gender-neutral facilities and ensuring our campus remains a safe, discrimination-free environment.

- \*\*Building Community\*\* – Hosting regular events, workshops, and networking opportunities to strengthen connections within the LGBTQIA+ community and beyond.

Together, we can continue making positive changes that celebrate diversity and inclusion.

**Lucy Jones, Open Seat**

As one of your open representatives, I want to bring your priorities and concerns directly to the Student Council. I’m committed to understanding what matters to you and ensuring your feedback is heard where it counts.

With major changes coming to our university in the 2025 Autumn Semester, your voice deserves to shape the decisions being made. Real representation starts with open conversations, and I promise to be someone who listens and makes sure your concerns—big or small—are brought forward.

Help us be heard. Our Students' Union is for all of us.

**Mahima Fiza Khan, BAAME Students’ Officer**

Coming from a mixed ethnic background, I understand the importance of diversity, representation, and inclusion. I am committed to ensuring that every BAAME student feels heard, valued, and supported at our university.

Throughout my life, I have actively engaged in leadership, advocacy, and community work—whether as a student leader, debater, volunteer, or cultural organiser. I believe that real change happens when we come together to celebrate our cultures, challenge injustices, and support each other.

At university, many BAAME students face underrepresentation, cultural barriers, and limited access to tailored support. If elected, I will focus on the following:

✅ Stronger Representation & Advocacy – Establish a BAAME Student Forum, advocate for more BAAME leadership roles, and strengthen anti-discrimination policies.

✅ Cultural Celebration – Organise multicultural events and push for inclusive academic content.

✅ Mental Health & Career Support – Campaign for culturally competent mental health services and better access to career opportunities.

With my leadership experience and dedication, I am ready to create a stronger, more inclusive community.