

Andy Harris

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I believe that the union is the heart and sole of any University. Whether it's the team that organise events, those behind the bar or those in front of it, everyone looks to the union for the spirit of the Uni. As an enthusiastic, positive and proactive student who enjoys being part of a productive team and thrives in highly pressurised and challenging working environments, I aim to boost the unions reputation amongst other university's and really get the students that make it what it is involved. I possess the interpersonal and communication skills and the ability to establish and maintain healthy relationships with colleagues and friends that enable me to work with people to the best of our ability whilst coming up with new and exciting ideas. I believe I would be suited to the position of Communications Officer as this role covers the areas that I am interested in. Currently working towards setting up a radio station for the university I really want to get students excited about the union and the direction its taking. Introducing student radio and giving students themselves the chance to work or even play on the station is an stimulating notion. I'm quick to grasp new ideas and concepts, and to develop innovative and creative solutions to problem thus helping me to offer fresh ideas and a positive outlook whether I'm working with the newspaper, radio or advertising campaign. Being able to adjust to new tasks makes me able to work well on own initiative and demonstrate high levels of motivation to meet all deadlines. I am already working towards setting up and working with a student based radio station for the Union. I have gained interest from students about this and hope to gain momentum in the coming months with my aim to have the station broadcasting by the end of September this year. I also aim to help the newspaper gain a wider audience and be more accessible. Having talked to students the general consensus is that it needs to be more available to those who wouldn't make the effort to read it. Finally I aim to really get students involved with their union. Whether this is through newspaper or radio or through getting more advertising campaigns to reach the students, making sure they see what's going on and making sure they feel they have an input.