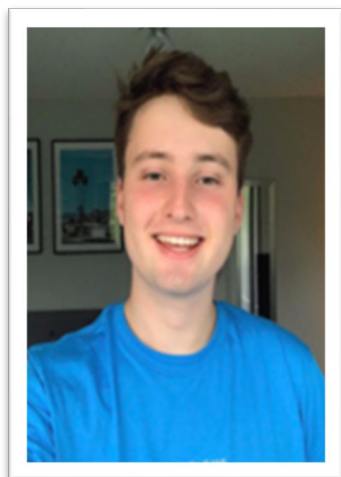# DAN CHEVALIER
(VICE PRESIDENT, EDUCATION & WELFARE)

Leading with Compassion. Driven by Change. Vote Dan Chevalier for Vice President, Education and Welfare.

We are currently living through extremely challenging circumstances, trying our best to maintain our quality of work, whilst in the middle of a pandemic. I'm running to be your next Vice-President Education and Welfare to improve your quality of education and to deliver on my promise for your mental wellbeing to be our top priority going forward. Coming out of the toughest part of this pandemic provides an opportunity for change and healing. As a mental heath advocate, I want you to put your trust in me to deliver positive change, fighting for your best interests within education and welfare, and delivering on my commitments to represent your academic and wellbeing needs. I will work tirelessly to make sure your voices are heard, and not simply forgotten. Here are my main manifesto promises:

Education:

1. **Module assessments:** Ensure that students are given enough choice and creative freedom so that they can tailor their course to best suit their strengths and interests.
2. **Assignment feedback:** Ensure students are getting adequate feedback on work, and that grades are released within a reasonable, transparent timeframe. Build on self-certification policy to make sure that assignment return dates are clear and fair.
3. **STARs: -** Encourage StARs to engage more widely with their whole course cohort. Introducing a Stars feedback survey template, so every student has the chance to note down their concerns, enabling trends to be identifiable on a course and university-wide scale.
• Increasing awareness from the beginning of 1st year of the StARs scheme. Who they are, what they do, what they've achieved to encourage early student engagement.
4. Maintain **open** and **inclusive** communications between myself, academic staff, StARs and students ensuring greater transparency, consistency and accountability.
5. Have a **consistent approachable presence** on campus for students to discuss concerns. Sitting in on lectures to identify areas that could be improved to ensure the highest student satisfaction with their course engagement.

Welfare:

1. Deliver a **COVID-19 mental wellbeing recovery initiative**, focusing on how best we can support students through campaigns and networks, as we slowly begin to come out of a stressful and challenging period for everyone.
2. **Separate the role of VP Education and Welfare into 2 roles**, creating a new Vice President: Welfare for 2022-23 academic year. This enables both zones to achieve their full potential and gives student welfare the full platform it desperately requires.
3. Run **campaigns** to continue to break down stigmas around men's mental health, LGBTQ+ and minority representation, female empowerment, sexual health etc. (Including expanding the Period Poverty campaign and taking onboard student feedback on campaign priorities).
4. Ensure **student union staff mental wellbeing training** is reviewed and updated where necessary to reflect the substantial challenges with the constantly changing 'new normal'.

I will work closely with the university to continue to improve our **sustainability** and reduce our carbon footprint across campus. If you'd like a VP who leads with compassion and is driven by making a positive difference to your university experience, **#VoteDC4VP.**