KATE MARDON (VICE PRESIDENT, ACTIVITIES)



A vote for Kate Mardon is a vote for an inclusive and empowered student voice.

My name is Kate Mardon, and I am running for the position of Vice President, Activities.

I am a third-year Media and Communications student. I have been involved with the SU since my first year and believe that being part of an activity group and finding an interest has helped me develop as a person and I would love to help others get involved in all the great opportunities the activities zone has to offer.

During my three years at Winchester, I have been part of Sound Radio; currently, I am Head of Programming and Vice Chair of the society. In the past year, I have also volunteered for Winchester Hub committee comms team. Recently I've started presenting on community radio at Voice FM in Southampton.

If elected I would aim to create a vibrant activities zone that is inclusive, celebrates your successes, and cares for the rights, preferences, and wellbeing of all students.

Inclusion for all

I want to create an Activities Zone where all students feel they could become involved with what the SU has to offer, such as:

- Ensuring sports teams and societies are equally represented and promoted by the SU.
- Increasing awareness of the representational networks that the SU champions to help the voices of underrepresented students be heard.
- Encouraging as many sports teams and societies as possible to get involved in our Raising and Giving (RAG) week.

Recognition of opportunities the SU offers

I believe that being involved within the Activities Zone offers key opportunities to meet new people, make new friends, and take part in current and/or new interests that can enrich your Winchester experience, such as:

- Publicizing the opportunities that students can get involved with more frequently throughout each semester by advertising group activities digitally, and around campus.
- Continuing to celebrate student successes through Society in the Spotlight, Society of the week, Team of the week, RAG event of the month, and SU activities champions.
- Focusing on how the experience of Volunteering can be good for YOU and your community by highlighting the variety of volunteering and RAG opportunities the SU and external ventures offer in the wider Winchester community. I will do this by working alongside the University careers service and championing the enjoyment and personal satisfaction that volunteering can present.
- Promoting greater awareness of the engagement opportunities that Refreshers Fair can bring whereby societies, sports teams, and networks can showcase what they have to offer.
- Help to coordinate the effort of continuing campaigns that encourage awareness and make a difference.
- Continue to champion 'Give It A Go' week, a fantastic opportunity for students to get an insight into what societies have to offer.

Mental Health & Wellbeing at Winchester

- Ensuring that whatever activities you take part in that you have mental health support if and where you feel you may need it.
- Ensure that wellbeing rep training is made available for all committee positions.