

# OLIVIA WRIGHTSON | PRESIDENT (STUDENT VOICE)

Hi, I'm **Olivia (she/her)**, and I'm running to be your **President (Student Voice)**

During my time at University, I have made it my goal to represent **YOU!** I have spent two years being **YOUR Student Officer**, chaired both the **Commuting Students Network and Access**, been a **StAR for Law**, and **co-chaired the Disability & Equality Interest Group**. Through this I have sat on multiple committees, and been the only current student in rooms where decisions were made, but **student feedback did NOT always translate into meaningful change**.



## STUDENT VOICE STARTS WITH YOU

- Student voice has often been treated as a tick box, rather than influence. I would change this by:
  - Getting **YOU into the rooms where decisions** that impact your student experience are being made.
  - Strengthening how you can share **your voice so feedback leads to clear visible outcomes**.
  - **Requiring transparent responses from the University and Students' Union** so you can see how decisions are made and why.
  - Ensure **policies are assessed based on their real impact on YOU**, so decisions reflect you, not assumptions.
- I will listen to **YOU**, and let **YOUR VOICE** lead.

## STUDENT EXPERIENCE SHOULD REFLECT YOUR REALITY

- Student life doesn't always fit into outdated systems, and it shouldn't have to. I will modernise the student experience by:
  - Bringing **back self-certification** or expanding the current EC policy to cover what was lost.
  - Ensuring all courses have **block timetabling** and opportunities to **join online** when needed.
  - Advocate for all **policies to be more inclusive**, so they **do not negatively impact underrepresented groups**, such as the attendance policy.
  - **Improve the SU and University websites** so that information can be found more easily, especially in regards to academic policies.
- If the system doesn't work for **YOU**, I will change it so it **DOES**.

## PROTECT WHAT WORKS. IMPROVE WHAT DOESN'T

- We must protect the services that **YOU** value, while improving what can be better. If elected, I will:
  - **Protect the services YOU value most** during financially challenging times, ensuring your experience is not compromised.
  - Deliver and strengthen my **Heating Campaign and Safe Taxi Scheme**, with full implementation by November 2026.
  - Revamp the StAR scheme by **improving training, strengthening ongoing support**, and ensuring students know who their StAR is, so **student voice leads to meaningful change**.
  - Continue **celebrating student achievements** by reintroducing StAR of the Week and expanding **recognition of successes both inside and outside the University**.
  - **Strengthen SU presence** at West Downs and Medecroft, ensuring students there are **equally represented and supported**.
- I will listen to **YOU**, protect what works for **YOU**, and **IMPROVE** what needs to change.

Over the past two years, I have seen **Student Voice be an afterthought**. I am **ready to change** that. If elected, Student Voice **will not sit on the sidelines**, it will sit at the **center of every decision made**. Student voice will **no longer be symbolic; it will shape the decisions** which impact **YOU!**