

Hi, I am Nicole and I study Geography with International Relations. I am currently Vice President of Women of Colour society; our events are focused on improving the wellbeing of students. I often meet students who don't feel represented on campus, which is one of the reasons why I am running to be your next VP Welfare and Community. It is up to us to bring the change we deserve. This position is often associated with mental health awareness on campus and I think Laura Barr and the current officers have made a lot of progress on these issues, which have improved the student experience. However, I believe there are additional issues affecting the University community that need to be highlighted.

I want to be the voice of the students. There needs to be a restructuring in the SUSU, which starts with us. I want to put student's needs at the heart of my term as VP, I'd like to use my role to improve current policies, and implement new ones, that are beneficial to the community.

If elected, I want to;

Make the process of reporting hate crimes and sexual assault more accessible to students. I feel this process needs more **transparency** regarding its progress, in order to improve the student welfare. I'd like to review the **current** protocols for reporting hate crimes and sexual assault.

Address the gaps in campaigns and events with cultural significance. There is much to be done with Black History Month, LGBTQ+ History Month and similar events. The BHM events should attract students with **empowering** topics and themes. Similarly, LGBTQ+ students deserve more input on the issues that are affecting them.

Address the gaps in inclusivity for students. I want to create events that appeal to faith and minority students. I'd also like to make the transition into university easier for international students. To do this, I will create campaigns, events, workshops and support services across campus and student accommodations to make students feel less **invisible** and **isolated** while fostering a **community** on campus.

Introduce a year-round student-led support system. This system will involve student volunteers being present in halls beyond freshers week. This can supplement PATs, or act as an alternative if necessary. Furthermore, they can bridge the gap between PATs and Enabling Services, with the hope of improving **student wellbeing**.

Ultimately, I want to make the university experience more inclusive and positive for all. That's why you should vote for me.