

SUSANNA ZARLI

PRESIDENT

My name is Susanna and I'm a fourth year Classics student from Italy. I'm a big lover of second-hand fashion, art and languages (dead or modern)! I'm currently Publications Convenor at QMU, formerly qmunicate Online Editor. In the past two years I've run all sorts of events both online and physical, led successful charity projects, cross-campus collaborations, social media campaigns, and published three magazine issues. My biggest aim is using my leadership experience, enthusiasm and love for the brilliant QMU community to turn the Union into a vibrant, engaging and supportive platform for all student voices!



My name is Susanna, I'm a fourth year Classics student and current QMU Publications Convenor, and I'm running to be the next president of the QMU! For the past two years I have been directly involved in the activities of the QMU as Online Editor and now Editor in Chief for qmunicate. I've run many events, including creative workshops, talks, and launch parties, led successful fundraisers for charities including Ubuntu Women's Shelter, and published three qmunicate issues.

If elected as QMU President, my key priorities are:

- to ensure the QMU creates a strong platform for activist voices on campus and is vocal in the fight for sustainability and human rights
- to ensure the QMU is a safe, supportive and inclusive space for all
- to ensure the QMU increases its focus on supporting, nurturing and showcasing creative talent at UofG

It is essential that QMU becomes a stronger platform for activist voices on campus. I will continue offering active and explicit support to groups fighting climate change and set up an online platform for better communication on how students can fight climate change at home. Additionally, I will make sure we increase our levels of sustainability by introducing a weekly community kitchen and permanent communal food resources within the QMU. I will also work alongside societies such as GU Food Co-op and GUEST to dedicate a space in the union for donations to be taken to food banks by volunteers.

It is also crucial for the Union to provide inclusive support for students on campus. I will ensure QMU remains firm in upholding our pro-choice stance and work closely with Glas-gow Students for Choice and Elephant in the Room to increase mental health awareness and support concerning reproductive rights. Additionally, I'll set up an optionally anonymous online complaints box for students regarding housing, rent and landlords and redirect them to experienced activists such as Living Rent and Students Tenants' Union. I will also ask GUSTU to collaborate with us in informative events to educate students on their rights as tenants. I will make sure our Zero Tolerance for sexual assault policy remains firmly in place, and push for more cross-campus conversations on how to signal, report cases and communicate between student bodies better.

Finally, as an established music venue, the QMU has a long history of supporting the arts: I will make sure not only we remain a platform for musicians, but increase our involvement with student creatives across campus. These long months of lockdown have been difficult for artists: I will plan regular collaborations with arts-based societies (theatre, poetry, visual arts, etc) and offer them support and visibility to further foster the community of creatives at GU. I will also strive to have our bars repainted into brighter colours to match our branding and welcome everyone back after lockdown with a more colourful and inviting atmosphere!

To make the QMU a more activist, inclusive and creative space, vote Susanna Zarli #1 QMU President!