

JOSH HAY

PRESIDENT

Hiya I'm Josh, a 4th year History student and I have been involved in the QMU for three years, serving as Social Convenor for two of these. I originally got involved to make positive changes for my fellow students, and I feel best placed to do this as President. I've been involved with all of the QMU's committees, and this experience has taught me that we are stronger together. The students need a candidate to fight for them, to lead with positivity and enthusiasm, and who will strive to make the QMU the best it can be.



- **I believe our best events are produced in collaboration. As Social Convenor I've worked with the Campaigns & Charities Committee in organising quizzes for Black History Month and LGBTQ+ History month, and had support from the Publications Committee in promoting our events in their magazine. We have also seen the benefits of working with other student bodies this year, notably during Freshers' Week, which is something I would want to continue.**
- **As President I will prioritise positivity in leading the QMU. I will support all member and Student Assembly proposals by sharing previous suggestions and working with the assembly to formulate them. I will continue to be a fully involved and approachable face within the union by attending committees, meeting with convenors and staff, and being open and honest in the role.**
- **We need to continue to listen to what students want from the QMU.**
 - i. They've said the place looks dated, so I will prioritise updating areas such as Venue and Bar.
 - ii. I will widen our drinks selection and look into providing more regular drink deals (a cause close to my heart).
 - iii. I will look into creating more study space within the building, by reviewing our current spaces and talking with the university.
 - iv. I will prioritise members' voices by asking for and welcoming suggestions from those who attend our events regarding what they would like to see, or feel could be improved upon.
- **I want to stand up and protect students, while offering them a reputable safe space on campus.**
 - i. I will uphold our Zero Tolerance policy, as well as promoting the Keychange initiatives in our Freshers' Week line-ups.
 - ii. I will ensure student safety in the QMU by updating and promoting support information materials, e.g. helplines, safety guides.
 - iii. I will continue to lobby the university on pressing issues like their involvement in the Arms Trade, and encourage their efforts to make the university more sustainable by ensuring it is discussed at official University meetings.
 - iv. We must support students' mental health during this pandemic to our usual high standard. I will ensure our mental health campaign Elephant in the Room is best supported by seeking to improve their funding.
- **As we head towards hopefully better times, my ambition as President is to push the QMU to the forefront of rejuvenating campus life. In my role as Social Convenor I have been part of the organisation of successful events which have been popular with students and made a profit for the union. The biggest challenge we face this year is the return from pandemic restrictions. I will work with the Student Assembly, management and cross campus to come up with safe ways to facilitate events that students want to see.**

A vote for me is a vote for a union that puts students first, a union that stands up for what is right and a union that is stronger together.

A vote for Josh will take the union to its Hayday!