

# MARIA KOSTOULIA

## Publications Convenor

Hi! My name is Maria and I am a fourth year French and Comparative Literature student, and one of the current online editors for qmunicate. Having been an online editor, my contribution was critical in keeping qmunicate engaging and active in an unusual year. I believe my work as part of the team, especially in my role, has given me the necessary experience and understanding of the publication process.

I have loved working as part of the team and I have a lot of ideas I want to bring to qmunicate and the union. I want to use the momentum and quality of our work this year to reach a wider audience as we get out of the pandemic!



### - Have an ongoing working relationship with the union.

I would like to actively pursue reciprocal working relationships with other committees in the union. Although qmunicate is one of the union's committees, we sometimes sit on the sidelines. While retaining our independence and continuing to create thought-provoking journalism, I want us to play an active role in the union and its goals.

I want qmunicate to be valuable for the union by reviewing QMU events and running features on the union's work to raise engagement and interest beyond just advertising. Collaborative events and charity opportunities are the perfect way to grow together as a community and benefit both our magazine and students.

### - Create opportunities for independent artists and writers.

As an online editor, I had the amazing opportunity to see the work of many brilliant photographers, illustrators, writers and other artists. I would like to work towards hosting online or in person exhibitions as part of our events in collaboration with art societies at the university and provide a space for independent artists to show their talent. Qmunicate should do more to be a hub for our artistic community!

### - Keep engagement levels high.

In this past year, our team has managed to keep online engagement high and successfully grow our following and contributions. It is my goal to create a welcoming environment for our contributors and I will work hard to appeal to a broad range of writers. Hosting events and collaborating should expand our reach, while introducing different themes will also diversify our audience.

### - Editor welfare and team decisions.

I want to establish strong relationships with my team. This year has shown the need for supportive and friendly communities. I will organise social and welfare events throughout the year.

Our editor team will also have a designated welfare rep to help support team members. Finally, I want everyone's voice in the team heard equally to ensure varied and well-rounded content and good communication.

Thanks for reading. Vote Maria #1 Publications Convenor for a bold and vibrant qmunicate at the centre of our creative and student communities!