

FATIMA SAEED

Events Convenor

Hi, I am Fatima Saeed, a second-year politics/economics student. I'm running to be your new events convenor. I have been a student representative for the past year at QMU and was part of the team that established the cultural subcommittee. I also regularly attend c&c, elephant meetings and helped organise BhM in collaboration with other societies on campus, including SOCNet and ACS. While my time here in the union as a CSR has taught me a lot, I wish to step up and take more responsibility and bring in the changes I feel are necessary to move toward positive progression.



If elected, my primary goals in terms of managing the events committee, will be the following:

1) Increase engagement within the committee:

since the past one-year events committee has had no engagement/ meetings because of the absence of an events convenor. It's my priority to restructure the committee in a more authentic way to what student volunteers would want from this committee. My focus would be to ensure that the committee gets more engagement from the prominent members of the union and new members.

2) Work with the culture subcommittee:

Having been a part of the team that started the cultural subcommittee at QMU, it means a lot to me to see it succeed. Since the committee's establishment, we successfully organised a black history month in collaboration with other societies on campus. I felt privileged to represent POC voices in the union, and I'd like to further solidify their representation by ensuring that the committee gets a proper structure. Working closely with the subcommittee will allow the events committee to put up inclusive and diverse events. This will also help QMU gain more traction with the international student community and increase engagement at the union. Glasgow University has seen a plethora of cultural societies get established in the last two years. It's the right time to provide them whatever support possible in the union to put up events, and as a part of the cultural subcommittee, that remains our priority.

3) Organise safe events post covid/online events during covid:

Hopefully, next semester, we will be able to organise physical events, And one thing that I would ensure that happens is that any event that is organised does follow the latest health and safety guidelines so to provide a safe and stress-free environment for everyone to enjoy after the stressful year that everyone has had. I also plan to make it a point that online events are organised so anyone anxious about any physical event that we have (if we do have them). They still have the opportunity to have fun and interact with people at the union. This mix of online and in-person events in the near future will allow us to slowly get out of the routine and work ethic we have got used to in the last few months. It'll also make our events more accessible to those who otherwise can't make it to our physical events.