

# **MARTIN AASTERUD**

## **(HE/HIM)**

### **VP BOARD**

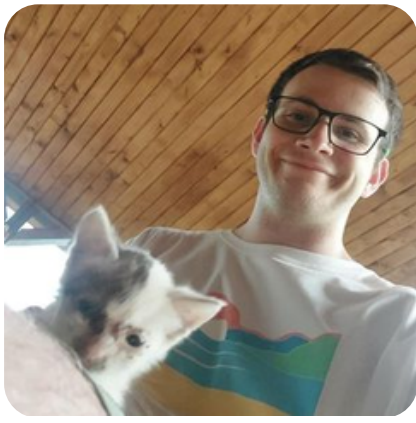
**Hello! My name is Martin, and I am campaigning to become VP Board of Management. I'm currently a 4th year Astrophysics student and the current Convenor of Current Student Representatives. I first got involved with the QMU in 2022 when I became a Fresher Helper, and that convinced me to run for CSR. Since then, I have participated in organising many of QMU's events, such as writing rounds for the Big Bar Quiz and promoting massive events such as Oktoberfest. As a Convenor, I initiated several CSR projects, such as obtaining a new table for Board flat.**

#### **Board Wellbeing and Cohesion:**

**The wellbeing of Board members will be my highest priority during my term. They are vital for the functioning of this Union, and therefore, they will have my undivided attention when they share their suggestions and concerns. My continuous goal throughout my term will be to ensure that all Board members are happy, motivated, and supported in their roles. This goal will also extend to committee members not on the board because they are the potential Board members of the future. Cohesion is likewise crucial to the functioning of the Board. I aim for all Board members to work well together and develop strong friendships. Furthermore, I will endeavour to ensure that all Board members participate in as many committees as possible, while also providing detailed information to ensure everyone is aware. I hope this will increase coordination between committees, thus enhancing the overall cohesiveness of the Board.**

**To accomplish these goals, I will:**

- Engage with members, listen to their concerns, provide constructive feedback, and offer encouragement.**
- Encourage training sessions such as GBV, minuting, and tech for both Board and committee members.**
- Ensure that all committee minutes are well-structured, with action points clearly outlined, and make them accessible to all board and committee members.**
- Host Board socials even more memorable than last year's and improve Board merchandise.**



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#### **Events at the Union:**

**The QMU needs to host more events, both large and small, to attract more students. I will collaborate with the Social Convenor to organize additional weekly events in addition to the Big Bar Quiz. I will work with Events to develop new ideas for major events and maintain their high quality.**

**Additionally, I want to help reinvigorate Campaigns and Welfare by getting more people involved so that those committees have the manpower they need to help students deal with their issues and tackle the problems affecting the student experience. Although Freshers' Week 2023 was incredible with great headliners and excellent organization, there are areas for improvement. During the planning stage of Freshers' Week 2024, I plan to introduce changes to the shifts and duties Helpers must undertake, which will hopefully improve the experience for Freshers and reduce stress for Helpers.**

#### **Societies, Study & Leisure:**

**Cooperation with societies is another top priority of mine. I aim for the QMU to be the first choice for university societies when considering event locations. To achieve this, I will reach out to friends within various societies and encourage them to utilize our spaces. I will consistently promote the Affiliation package and display it on notice boards throughout the Union. Furthermore, I want students not only to have their lunch breaks at the QMU but also to use it as a study space. I will discuss with management the possibility of outfitting Jim's Bar with more plugs to better accommodate studying, and I will explore options for improving or replacing seating in Games. Thank you for reading my manifesto and remember to vote Martin #1 for VP-Board!**