

GRANT SIMPSON

TECH CONVENOR



Hi! I am a 21-year-old 3rd year Computing Science student born and raised in Glasgow! I got involved with the QMU during fresher's week 2020 where I was a tech freshers' helper. There I discovered I loved working with tech and the union, leading me to become a senior tech and tech leftie! My work with senior tech and exec throughout the past year or so has made me feel like I am more than ready to become the next conveyor, I have so many ideas and can't wait to put them forward! (If I get the position that is!)

If I am elected as Technical Conveyor, I plan to strengthen the QMU by:

1.) Increasing recruitment to tech team.

It's no secret that Covid crippled many student bodies, and while many have been recovering throughout the past year or so, it's clear that a large recruitment drive is required for the Union. I plan on bolstering recruitment through workshops aimed at all skill levels of tech such as filming, running lights/ sound for club nights and more. The union is in a unique position where tech is entirely run by the student body, meaning that students involved in running tech for events get the opportunity to gain valuable skills while earning some money. This should be a primary selling point for the union, and I plan on highlighting this by reaching out and targeting specific societies and student bodies.

2.) Pushing for further funding for fixing up the building and its equipment to get the building to the industry standard.

The QMU is a historic concert venue, this is established, but what is not so well known is the fact that much of the equipment is also historic. No building should be forced to run as the QMU does, and I plan on pushing for new, much-needed equipment in the areas where it is needed most, such as new audio appliances, and lights for both bar and venue.

3.) Increasing the organisation of the building's tech

Running a building's tech is hard, but with the organisation of its equipment, it's achievable to have the building running like a well-oiled machine. I plan on achieving this through implementing systems for the union's tech including databases, and a proper checkout system for equipment.

The tech team is the backbone of the QMU, and a strong, organised tech team will mean a prosperous QMU.