



# **LUCY STOBIE**

## **(SHE/HER)**

### **VPBOM**

**Hi, I'm Lucy and I am running to be VPBOM for the QMU this upcoming academic year. I am a third year English Lit and Philosophy student and first became involved in the QMU when I contributed to the QMUnicate magazine last Spring! I then decided to become a 2023 Fresher's Helper. This heavily inspired me to get more involved in the union, and since then I was elected as CSR in the Autumn elections. Outside of the QMU I am the welfare officer of the Model UN society and have recently become a member of the handball club.**

#### **Manifesto:**

##### **Welfare**

**The welfare of our board is the core foundation for our success and productivity as a student union. As VPBOM I want to be an approachable point of contact for board members, to ensure that everybody feels safe and supported. It is vital that all members of the board feel actively listened to, and I would like to achieve this by being available around the building and establishing regular check-ins with the board. Following this, as an executive member of the board I aim to ensure that there is an appropriate number of meetings at the beginning of the year to allow board members to better define their roles as well as to establish more familiarity with the exec. I want the board to feel appreciated within their roles and will achieve this by creating incentives for CSRs and by showing appreciation to convenors for their weekly efforts. I believe this will also in turn increase engagement within committees and help delegate their workloads.**



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#### **Accessibility**

**As a student carer, making the building a more accessible space is really important to me. I aim to achieve this by introducing an optional disability form for members, where they can input any requirements that they may have. This will also act as a feedback mechanism that will allow us to have advance information on where our building is falling short accessibility wise- e.g. the standards of the toilets or the ramp. The form will also push us to establish more inclusive programming and promotion, which will widen our range of events for students and increase engagement.**

#### **Events**

**As a union that is so connected to the arts and with such a rich musical history, I seek to put on bigger events for student bands. I think that having a weekly gig after the quiz is invaluable for nurturing student talent, and I would like to expand on this by pushing for more hallmark events in our social calendar for student bands to come together. I would like to ensure that these events are heavily promoted, to the same extent as club nights. I aim to work with societies, such as the home student society, to put on more socials for home students within the union. I would also like have a bigger push on promotion on our current home student days, as I believe they are effective in combatting isolation and ensuring that students who must commute far to the university still feel connected to the union.**

#### **Board Training**

**Ensuring that our board receives relevant training is imperative in building our credibility and trust as a union across campus. I would particularly like to introduce mandatory diversity and active bystander training to board members. I would also like to see this implemented into our freshers helping training regime. Overall, the well-being of students and the board is of utmost importance to me. I want to establish strong relations within the union, foster inclusivity, and maintain the excitement of student involvement.**