



ARCHIE DODD **(HE/HIM)** **PRESIDENT**

Hi, I'm Archie, and I'm running to be president of the QMU this February. I'm a final year maths student who has been at the University of Glasgow since 2019, and in that time have been involved in the QMU since the 2021 Freshers Week, since then I have hosted some pub quizzes, been a freshers week team leader and been a CSR. The QMU has always had an important place on campus for cultivating musical talent and being at the forefront of progressive campaigns. As president, I hope to continue this and make it a priority.

Manifesto

Events, Social, and Appearance:

The Big Bar quiz has been an incredible outlet to support the growth and development of our student bands. I want to continue this support by providing them more opportunities to perform by implementing even more frequent gig nights and encouraging more active collaboration to grow both our and their platforms.

Following the success of jazz night every other Tuesday I want to expand this to allow other societies to expand their reach and ability by putting on 'open decks' nights with the electronic music society to put on live jam sessions open to all genres of music.

To utilise the amenities in Games bar as well as increase our overall awareness with students I would like to get students involved with amateur darts and pool tournaments. This allows us to have a consistent stream of students and helps improve the overall presence of the QMU.

I believe that sponsoring GUSA clubs by providing them with a bar space to socialise before events would greatly benefit the union as it would provide us with consistent revenue in Bar while also helping to cement the union's place in the forefront of these students' minds. Overall, it also allows us to support our sports clubs which are a core part of the university community. We should work to build our image with these clubs from day one.



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A sustainable union:

I want to see the QMU do more for the plant-based options available at the cafe and Bistro, currently, it is not very consistent. I want to see the QMU move to a high proportion of plant-based menu items, with a move to plant-based milk as the standard. I want to see the food outlets at the QMU involved in the Too Good To Go service, to reduce our waste.

I would also like to start a food bank in reception which collaborates with local businesses to donate food with cosmetic damage or nearing their sell-by date. This aids students impacted by the cost-of-living crisis while also reducing food waste.

Student Wellbeing and Safety:

The QMU Campaigns committee has been working tirelessly for the past two years to implement the Emily test charter over campus. I would like to dedicate my time to implore the University to finally agree to a consultation and waiting list. The university has not done enough to combat Gender Based Violence on campus and I want to see the QMU continue to be at the forefront of this.

The QMU has a responsibility to make sure students' mental health is catered for on campus, the University has gutted the counselling and physiological services, and I want to work with the board to lobby the university to stop the privatisation of this essential service.

This year the Gender Affirming Clothes swap has been a resounding success. I want to ensure we do a Freshers Week one, to cement the QMU as a safe space for members of all communities as early as possible. I want to continue this success by hosting Non-Binary and trans-only spaces during the year to study, meet up with friends and socialise.