



Rachel Young

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Welfare Convenor

Candidate Statement:

Hi, I'm Rachel, a third-year English Literature and Philosophy student! I first got involved with QMU last September as a Freshers' Week volunteer, and since then I've become more involved with the Union by joining committees and becoming a member of the Welfare Committee. I'm running to be your Welfare Convener because I want to build on the amazing work the committee is already doing, while bringing new ideas and opportunities to students. I want to make Welfare something that is visible, accessible, and genuinely enjoyable for everyone at QMU.

Manifesto:

The first thing I want to do is continue and expand our amazing masterclasses. I want to continue with our Mocktail Making Masterclass for Dry January and our BSL Masterclass with the BSL Society, while introducing new masterclasses throughout the year based on what students want to see.

I want to continue our relationship with Therapets and keep bringing them to QMU during exam seasons, giving students the chance to take a break and relax with the dogs. I'd also like to explore bringing Therapets to campus more than once a semester, so students can benefit from them throughout the year rather than only around exams.

I also want to make sure welfare is always accessible at our biggest events. For events such as St Patrick's Day, I want to establish a dedicated safe space alongside a Welfare table, where students can take a break, have a quiet sit-down, and access welfare resources and materials.

The Welfare Committee is currently a relatively small committee, and I want to change that! I want to increase our presence around QMU and encourage more students to get involved by promoting the committee through our events and making it easier for students to see what we do. I want to build a stronger committee that students feel excited to be part of



I also want to build stronger relationships with other societies and committees, both within QMU and beyond. By working together, we can create more events, share resources and bring different groups of students together.

Finally, I want to expand the Welfare Committee's current operations and connections both on and off campus. I want to look at new opportunities, partnerships and initiatives that can give QMU students even more support, activities and opportunities throughout the year.

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