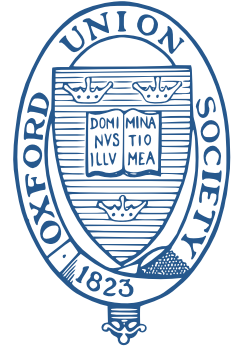


the OXFORD UNION ELECTIONS
Michaelmas Term 2021



Short Manifesto Booklet Large type version

The Returning Officer and the Deputy Returning Officers work to ensure that Union Elections are free and fair.

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Election of Junior Officers and Committees Michaelmas Term 2021

Poll date: Friday 26th November 2021

Where to vote

Polling takes place in person in the Union's Goodman Library (the room on the ground floor, next to the marble staircase), from 9.30am to 8.30pm precisely. You must bring proof of membership to vote.

How to vote

There are six elections for different Junior Offices and Committees. For each election, simply number your preferences against each candidate from 1, 2, 3, 4, and so on until you have finished expressing your preferences between the candidates. Expressing later preferences in no way harms your earlier preferences.

Candidates' Claims in Manifestos. Allowing members to judge the relative merits of manifestos.

The Returning Officer has ensured to the best of their ability that all claims made in Manifestos are true; they advise, however, that Members acquaint themselves with the commonly used terms below in order that they are not misled. Members may wish to consider other similar words used as holding the same meanings and draw inferences from the fact that a Candidate has been unable to make the most substantial kinds of claims.

Stronger Claims:

Raised / Secured - the Candidate must prove primary responsibility for the production or negotiation of a contractual arrangement, to claim to have raised/secured funds or partnerships.

Brought - the Candidate must prove that a speaker visited the Society as a direct result of their confirmation.

Confirmed - the Candidate must prove primary responsibility for a speaker accepting an invitation to visit on a mutually agreed date, or the Candidate has drawn up an as yet unsigned contract, following agreement from involved parties on its contents which is set to be signed in due course.

Organised - the Candidate must prove their primary control of an event's inception and development. Where primary

control is shared comparably with another Member, co-organised shall be used.

Responsible for / Led / Ran - the Candidate must prove primary responsibility for the content of claim.

Arranged - the Candidate must prove a substantial degree of control of an event's development, but not the contribution to inception that any organised claim requires.

Negotiating - the Candidate must prove primary responsibility for an ongoing negotiation, clear interest in response to their proposition, and further progress from this towards a confirmed claim since then.

Weaker Claims:

Assisted / Helped to – modifiers used where there is sufficient proof that a Candidate contributed substantively, but insufficient to prove that they have the necessary level of contribution or control for the stronger claim.

Interest from – where there is insufficient evidence for a stronger negotiating claim, but there has been clear interest received to their invitation or proposition.

Invited / Contacted – proof has been provided that the Candidate had primary responsibility for the invitation.

Supervised / Oversaw / Co-ordinated – proof has been provided for a lower level of involvement in an event or project suitable for these claims.

Facilitated / Worked – proof has been provided that a candidate contributed significantly to an event, usually but not necessarily the logistics or hospitality.

Weaker claims will be used often in Manifestos even by good Candidates: usually only Candidates for Office will be able regularly to make “stronger claims”. The distinction is nonetheless worth making.

Candidates for Secretary's Committee

Victor Lamotte
St Peter's College

#CONNECT

Oxford **MUN Delegate**. 400 metre *track star*. **Amateur chess player** and football fanatic. *Help make Lamotte a Victor!*

Justin Hayto
Linacre College

Engineer, experienced strategy consultant, and MBA candidate architecting the future of business.

Bridging business and politics for the Oxford Union.

Imaan Saeed
St Edmund Hall

#CONNECT

School MUN Sec Gen. and **debater**; won best chairperson. *Oxfam volunteer*. Avid vintage shopper! *Take the lead, vote Saeed!*

Roshni Sen Amitha
Merton College

#CONNECT. Indian Classical Dancing Diploma (Bharatanatyam). Ran school-wide mental health week. Lived in three countries. *Amitha-nk you for your vote...*

Anvee Bhutani
Ex-Logistics Officer, *Magdalen College*

#INSPIRE
International media figure. Fervent journalist. Avid Twitter user. Oxfess famous. Anvee is your cup of tea!

Lukas Seifert
Christ Church

#CONNECT
German army soldier. *Brown belt karate*. Also, *poet*. 50+ hrs teaching refugees. Trilingual. *It can't hurt to vote Seifert*.

Cartell Cheema
St Catherine's College

#CONNECT
Ran for *local election*. **Volunteer youth football coach**. Aspiring **quidditch** player! *As Narcos shows, don't mess with the Cartell*.

Jana Everett
Wadham College

Led team of 17 across 4 countries. **Managed \$2.2 million annual nonprofit** budget for 2+ years. **Committed** to institutional integrity.

Eva Stuart
Lincoln College

#CONNECT

Cadet LeaderHead Girl. ; Raised **£1000+** for *charity*. Casual **artist** and **magazine editor**. *Do me a favour: Vote Eva!*

John Karanasios
Pembroke College

#INSPIRE

Lover of finer things in life, **Proud Greek**, Killer on dancefloor, Everyday unpaid philosopher. Vote Johnny, he's no **phoney**

Alec Lau
Pembroke College

#CONNECT. Debatemate Champion and Oxford Schools' Finalist. **CBBC contestant** — TV quizshow loser. Keen runner. *Al-Lau me to serve you!*

Disha Hegde
St John's College

#INSPIRE

Charity Trustee. Women of the Future Award Winner. Percy Pig enthusiast. Avid baker.

Don't delay, vote Heg-de!

Israr Khan
Regent's Park College

#INSPIRE

Student Parliament President; Pro-bono legal work; Union Debater; Pub Crawl Leader; Tribal man. ***Khan't go wrong with Israr***

Tallulah Brady
Trinity College

#CONNECT

Netballer; award-winning school debater; **feminist**. Taller, clumsier than average. **Suffrage discussion panellist** with **MP**. *Don't be shady, vote Brady!*

Alex Garcia
Balliol College

#INSPIRE

US CONGRESSIONAL Campaign Intern. UN Youth Political Forum Speaker. Mediocre Rower. John Lennon Impersonator! GarSEE you at the polls!

Ciaron Tobin
Magdalen College

#INSPIRE

Parliamentary Intern. JCR Secretary-Elect. “Stellar” Rower. BOP Enthusiast. SU Class Act Campaigner. **Tik Tok famous. Tobin for the Win!**

Nidhi Madhani
University College

#INSPIRE

BBC Actress, School Council Leader, BFI Film Academy Graduate, **Cricket Lover, Oxford Dancesport Team, trilingual, *Get **Giddy***, Vote **Nidhi!****

Amelia Potocka
Worcester College

#INSPIRE

*Three emergency debate speeches. Course undergraduate representative. Volunteer tutor. Polish **LGBTQ+ rights protester**. Insane spice tolerance. Worth **AMELion** votes.*

Jenny Grehan-Bradley
Hertford College

#RESILIENCE, *Ran School Foodbank trips*, GREAT PARTY HOST!, CAFOD Rep, NHS worker, Ballot Beats Writer, **GB's the One for me!**

Vinay Raniga
St Cross College

#CONNECT

Dentist. Political Leadership Scholar. Lived as a **monk**. Founded **six-figure start-up**. Average actor. *Say Hooray, Vote Vinay!*

Matthew Dick
Magdalen College

#CONNECT

Floor speech winner! Real tennis **tryhard**, boat and barn **builder**. School prize-winning historian. *Dick by name, not by nature!*

Leo Buckley
Trinity College

#INSPIRE

Youth MP - **Debated in Parliament**. Articles in national press.
Documentary Producer. *Kitten Worshipper*. Halloumi Addict. Style Guru. GO L-E-O!

Nicole Reid
New College

University Debating novice finalist. Proud Dubliner. **Sang** on Moldovan national television. Speaks **six languages**. *Know what you need - vote Reid!*

Emma Zinkin
Keble College

#RESILIENCE, **Won Novice Imperial Schools**, National Olympiad Award, Tutors, Pianist, **Karate Black Belt**, **INVENTED DRINKING GAME**, DON'T SINK **vote Zink**

Candidates for Standing Committee

Simon van Teutem
Ex-Elected Member of Standing Committee
St Peter's College

#CONNECT

DEDICATED:

- **WORKED** 40+ Vac Days
- **HELPED RAISE** £800k+ in Membership Drives
- **DELIVERED** TWO paper speeches
- **FACILITATED** TWO Union Balls

ACCOMPLISHED:

- **MANAGED** £185k budget - Merton Ball Treasurer
- **CO-FOUNDED** International access scheme
- *Twitter Political Pundit: 13K+ followers*

VISION:

- **Dutch Politics Panel**

Larissa Koerber
Women's Officer
Mansfield College

#CONNECT

DEDICATED:

- **WORKED** 19+ Vac Days
- **CONFIRMED** Belarusian Opposition Leader
- **INTEREST FROM** Bridgerton actress
- **CO-ORDINATED** Women's Karaoke, Union's *Girls' Night In*
- **HELPED ARRANGE** Moulin Rouge Ball

ACCOMPLISHED:

- OxWIB Sponsorship Director
- *Mansfield Ball President: **£83k+ budget***

VISION:

- Boycott Beijing Olympics Panel

Jacobus Petersen
Elected Member of Secretary's Committee
St Peter's College

#CONNECT

DEDICATED:

- **CONFIRMED: 15+ Treasurer's Treats, Helped Confirm Russian Ambassador,**
- **HELPED RAISE £420k+ (Membership Drive)**
- **INTEREST FROM *princess***
- **FACILITATED 14 events: Oxtoberfest, Cranston**
- **WORKED 13 Vac Days**

ACCOMPLISHED:

- College Boat Club Treasurer
- **Published graphic designer**

VISION:

- **Future of EU Panel**

Alex Fish
Elected Member of Secretary's Committee
Hertford College

#RESILIENCE

EXPERIENCED

- **Organised Gin Tasting Evening_** - *spearheaded TOAD partnership!*
- **Created Communities Officer!**
- **Worked 10+** Vac Days
- Internal Pro/Am **Top Speaker**

DEDICATED

- **Confirmed Brian Cox+**
- **Secretary** of Secretary's Committee
- ***Stand-up Comedy Night Performer!***

PLEDGES

- **Homelessness Panel**
- ***Burns Supper***
- **Movie Club!!**

Joshua Chima
Elected Members of Secretary's Committee
Mansfield College

Experience

Treasurer 93% Club

Pro-bono Volunteer Oxford Legal Assistance

Brand ambassador for Latham & Watkins

Accomplishments

Powerlist Magazine's **Future Leaders List 2021/22**

Helped raise **£422,000 in Membership Drive**

Co-Founded Large Community Non-profit

Vision:

More Ordinary Member decision-making!

Northern Outreach

Lucy Banks
Elected Member of Secretary's Committee
New College

#CONNECT

DEDICATED:

- **CONFIRMED** *Former Archbishop of Canterbury*
- **HELPED RAISE** £422k membership drive, £8k sponsorship
- **HELPED ARRANGE** Meritocracy Debate
- **FACILITATED** 13 events: **Union Ball**, four debates
- **WORKED** 10 Vac Days

ACCOMPLISHED:

- *Three-time* school debating champion
- Delivered **Winning Paper Speech** - Liberty Debate

VISION:

- Future of Oxbridge Panel

Daniel Dipper
Press and Sponsorship Officer
Magdalen College

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PLEDGES:

- **Disability Panel**
- **DJ Dan** Performance

DEDICATED:

- **Worked 36** vac days
- Secured **Dick and Dom** for Oxford Union Ball
- Led **all the Termly Accessibility Consultations** in **2021**
- Responsible for **£4,000+** of Union Ball expenditure
- **JCR President-Elect**

Candidates for Secretary

Laura Smith
Senior Access Officer
St Anne's College

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Worked **MORE** Vac Days, *Chaired* **MORE** Meetings, Invited **MORE** Speakers than **ANY OTHER SECRETARY CANDIDATE...**

EXPERIENCED

- **20+** Vac Days
- CONFIRMED Six Speakers
- Helped Raise £422k+ (Membership Drive)
- Responsible for **State School Outreach** Initiative
- CHAMPIONED Ask for Angela. CHAMPIONED **Speaker Diversity Sponsorship & Access** on Standing Committee
- Attended Library Committee

ACCOMPLISHED

- “**Outstanding**” *Charity Award*
- INTERVIEWED by **BBC** and **talkRADIO**
- **HOSTED** Deputy Ambassador at University Talk

PLEDGE

- **MASQUERADE BALL!**- Cheaper **Tickets!**
- *Networking Socials!*
- **Comedy debate!**

Anjali Ramanathan
Press and Sponsorship Officer
Christ Church

#CONNECT

MORE EVENTS FACILITATED THAN ANY OTHER SECRETARY CANDIDATE

DEDICATED:

- Worked **14 *Vacation-Days***
- Finance Committee Elected Member
- **HELPED RAISE £422,000+** (Membership Drive)
- Facilitated **6** speaker events
- **SANG** at 2 Union **music nights**

ACCOMPLISHED:

- **CONFIRMED 4 speakers:** Big-Tech Founder,
Ex-Congresswoman
- **ORGANISED** Liberty debate, **HELPED ARRANGE** US debate
- Delivered **WINNING Social Justice Paper Speech**
- INTEREST from ***Big Tech CEO***
- **JCR President**

VISION:

- ***SECRET GARDEN BALL***
- **Concerts in the Chamber!**
- **Women of Colour** in *Politics* Panel

Candidates for Treasurer

Theodor Sergiou
Elected Member of Standing Committee
Keble College

#INSPIRE

SERVED on Committee **LONGER**, passed **MORE** rule changes,
ATTENDED **MORE** ACCESS, FINANCE and STANDING meetings
THAN ANY OTHER TREASURER CANDIDATE

EXPERIENCED:

- Former ***Access Officer***
- Helped Pass *5 Rule Changes*
- Ensured SCREEN-READER **ACCESSIBILITY**
- Helped **Raised £422k+** in membership drive

ACCOMPLISHED:

- **YOUNGEST RECORDED CONTRIBUTOR** to CABINET
- **EMMY-Winning** Documentary STAR!
- Campaigned to reinstate London U18s Free-Travel

PLEDGES:

- *UNION ENDOWMENT FUND* funding **CRANKSTART**
SCHOLARS free membership
- CAREER ***NETWORKING DINNERS*** WITH ALUMNI
- SBS Debating Workshops

Naman Gupta
Elected Member of Standing Committee
Merton College

#CONNECT

ACCOMPLISHED:

- **President of *Major Oxbridge-Access Charity***
- **Vice President (Engagement), RAG**
- **President-Elect, PPE Society**
- Elected Member, ***UK Youth Parliament***

DEDICATED:

- **RAN 2** pub quizzes, *and* **Vino & Vinyasa**, **ORGANISED** OxMas Soirée
- **CONFIRMED 4 speakers**: Financial Times Editor, Congresswoman
- **COMPLETED 25+** Vacation Days
- Secretary to **Debate Selection Committee**
- *Helped Arrange* Immortality Debate & Big Tech Debate.
- Helped raise **£422,000+** in membership drive

VISION:

- **Carbon Neutral Union**
- ***Expand Access Membership eligibility***
- **Outreach Program** supporting disadvantaged applicants
- Weekly yoga + pub quizzes

Candidates for Librarian

Dan Pauls
Chief Social Media Officer
Balliol College

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ONLY Librarian Candidate to deliver on all pledges

ACCOMPLISHED

- **RESPONSIBLE** FOR PUBLICITY FOR ALL EVENTS THIS TERM
- **CONFIRMED** 3 Speakers: Professor Francis Green, Andrew Halls, Michael Shermer
- **DELIVERED** 2 Winning paper speeches!
- **DELIVERED** Digital Membership & New Website (pledged on previous slate)

HIGHLY EXPERIENCED: 3 TERMS ON COMMITTEE

- **ASSISTED** Religion Debate, Social Mobility Panel, **BIG TECH DEBATE**, NHS DEBATE
- Vice President of OFS (Careers)

PLEDGES

- BIGGER MEET & GREETINGS
- MEMBERS' SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS
- SPORTS DAY
- SBS NETWORKING EVENT
- HAPPY HOUR £1 PINTS

Charlie Mackintosh
Elected Member of Standing Committee
New College

#CONNECT

CONFIRMED MORE SPEAKERS, **WORKED** MORE VAC DAYS, **RAISED** MORE MONEY, **SERVED** ON MORE COMMITTEES THAN ANY OTHER LIBRARIAN CANDIDATE

DEDICATED:

- **WORKED** 45+ Vac Days
- Ex-Secretary: Finance Committee
- Ex-Press Officer

ACCOMPLISHED:

- **CONFIRMED:** 14 speakers; Global ex-PMs, ex-Foreign Secretary
- **ARRANGED:** Scotland Debate; Sponsored 'Wine and Cheese' Social, Alumni Debate
- **HELPED ARRANGE:** Class, US Leadership debates
- **HELPED RAISE** £422,000+ (Membership Drive); £9,000+ (Income)

VISION:

- Union TikTok
- **Debating Scholarship**: students from under-represented regions
- YouTube '**debating guide**'

Candidates for President

Ambika Sehgal
Elected Member of Standing Committee
Lincoln College

#CONNECT

MORE SPEAKERS CONFIRMED, **MORE** ACCESS SOCIALS ORGANISED, HELPED RAISE **MORE** MONEY FOR THE UNION THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENT-ELECT CANDIDATE

DEDICATED:

- **CONFIRMED** 6 speakers: Nobel Peace Prize-Winner, Jeffery Archer, Jenny Packham
- **HELPED RAISE £430,000+** (£422,000 in membership drive, £8,000 in sponsorship)
- **ARRANGED** TT21 Art Debate
- **FACILITATED:** Social Justice Debate; Meritocracy Debate; Liberty Debate
- Secretary to Access Committee
- *Ex-Secretary of Secretary's Committee*
- **INTEREST FROM** *The Crown actor*

ACCOMPLISHED:

- **RESPONSIBLE FOR:** *Girls' Night In* Statement; solidarity closure of the Members' bar
- **ORGANISED:** Women's Karaoke Night TWICE; Union's *Girls' Night In* Film Screening; Musical Mercredi
- Entz CHAIR; managed **£3000+** budget
- Raised £6000+ for **charity** fashion fundraiser

VISION:

- *All event live-streams* for members
- Union bar loyalty card — **FREE DRINKS**

- **MORE** *socials with other societies!*
- **INCREASE** Access Committee Budget
- **ACCESS:** *remove nomination fees, increase Vac Day stipend*

Michael-Akolade Ayodeji
Librarian
University College

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**HOSTED MORE EVENTS, SERVED MORE TERMS, CHAIRED
MORE COMMITTEES THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENTIAL
CANDIDATE**

EXPERIENCED:

- WORKED **70+** Vacation Days- ***MORE THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE***
- **Arranged** Beyond Meat Debate, Oversaw Social Justice and US Debate
- **CHAIRED 3 Committees:** Library, Secretary's, Bar Strategy
- Ex Secretary and Ex Disabilities Officer
- Completed **3 *Library Booklists***

COMMITTED TO GROWTH:

- INTRODUCED Librarian's Book Club
- **Helped Raise £422k+** in Membership Drive
- Helped Arrange ***Black History Month Debate***

ACCOMPLISHED:

- **President** of University-Wide Society
- **RAISED £1500+** for MENTAL HEALTH Charities!
- **Only Presidential Candidate** to CONVENED and **JUDGED** Oxford Schools Regionals
- **HELPED RAISE £250,000+** for Telethon Campaign
- Mental Health: **Former MIND Strategy Consultant**

INSPIRE A WELCOMING AND INCLUSIVE UNION:

- **Tackle external Misconception: Demystifying the Union**
- **CULTURAL SOCIETY COLLABORATION**

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