



Candidate for the position of Non-Portfolio Officer (PT)



Irfan Rahman

Here to Listen, Here to Act

Hi fellows, I'm running for **Non-Portfolio Officer (PT)** because I want to help make sure your experience here at UEA is heard, supported and improved in practical ways. This role is about being available, responsive and ready to help across all areas of student life, while working within union policy and respecting the responsibilities of other officers.

University life isn't the same for everyone. We juggle deadlines, part-time work, wellbeing challenges, navigating support systems, forming friendships and planning for the future. Sometimes it feels like no one is really listening to the day-to-day issues that matter most. As your Non-Portfolio Officer, I



sessions, both in person and online, so you always have a space to raise anything on your mind. Whether it's a suggestion for a new society, a concern about a service, or feedback about your experience, I will take that straight to the right team and follow it through.

Communication matters. Too often students are unsure where to go or who can help. I will work with the SU teams to improve how information is shared, making it clearer, easier to find and relevant. This includes collaborating with other officers so we present consistent, joined-up support across the union.

I also want to bring more student voices into everyday decisions. I'll work to create regular forums and surveys on key issues, so we're not guessing what matters most. When you speak, I will make sure your voice shapes the union's responses and priorities. If something needs to change, I won't just note it; I'll ask the hard questions and push for solutions.

Part of this role is also about being proactive. If I see trends or patterns in what students are saying, I will bring these forward with ideas and evidence. I will support student groups and societies in their goals, help new initiatives get started, and celebrate what's working well while identifying what can improve.

At the same time, I respect the structure of the Executive Committee. I will support officers in their work and make sure I amplify what they do, not overlap with it. I will take on tasks that unlock progress across the union and step in where flexible support is most needed.

I care about making the Students' Union work for all of us. I'll be approachable, accountable and committed to real outcomes. I will listen more than I talk, and when it's time to act, I will act with clarity and purpose.

If you want a Non-Portfolio Officer who hears you, stands with you and works for you, I'd be proud to serve in this role.

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