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WELCOME TO LIVERPOOL HOPE
STUDENTS' UNION 2020/21

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WELCOME

from your President **Harry Pearce**

Liverpool Hope Students' Union is, quite simply, every student at Hope coming together to make positive change.

Your Elected Officers work toward this by representing your views, needs and concerns to the University and relevant external organisations. We're here to offer advice on a variety of things from academic matters to housing, as well as giving you the opportunities to do what you love doing through our clubs, societies and sport teams.

Here at LHSU, we are part of a rich and proud history deeply caring about creating a sense of belonging and caring for students. As of the day you enrolled here at Liverpool Hope University, you became a part of our SU.

My aim is to ensure our members have the skills and capabilities they need to fulfil their potential; that they have memorable experiences and seize opportunities whilst at Liverpool Hope and that they are able to take advantage of opportunities which will enhance their employability.

I look forward to the year ahead and working with all of our students. Remember the Students' Union is here for you, please get in touch with us if you require anything.

Harry Pearce, SU President

Email: Pres@hope.ac.uk

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CAMPAIGNS THIS YEAR

TOP FIVE MANIFESTO POINTS:

#1

Working on a more inclusive education for all.
Continuing the work the Union has already done on this.

#2

Creating more opportunities for commuting,
exchange and mature students.

#3

Expanding the role of some course reps to take on
welfare/ buddying responsibilities, in particular with
people from different levels of study.

#4

Working on ensuring that all students get enough
opportunities to develop personal skills while at university.
Skills such as leadership, resilience, organisation etc.

#5

Show support and encourage the SU to get involved
with competitions ran within the University, such as the
Business School's Young Enterprise competition.

YOUR **STUDENT OFFICERS** FOR 2020/21 ARE:



Harry Pearce,
Students' Union President



Sally Wills, Vice President
Welfare and Community



Ollie Smith, Vice President
Sports and Activities

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SALLY, VICE PRESIDENT WELFARE & COMMUNITY

Hi I'm Sally, your Vice President Welfare and Community 20/21. My role puts me at the forefront of your well-being concerns and to bridge the gap between Hope and the local community.

During my three years of study as a (BA) Fine Art student, I found that my practise often focused on raising awareness and challenging social issues. Naturally, this led to a hands on role, campaigning for change locally with a particular focus on environmental concerns. My officer role allows me to continue and apply my passion to improving student experience here at Hope.

My particular aims are to build partnerships with local charities, which will provide students with personal development opportunities via volunteering and educational workshops. Giving students the chance to make a difference in areas that most concern them, which will have a wider community impact.

As well as collaborating with mental health focused charities, I want to increase housing support. Making students fully aware of what their options are from the University's mental health services, particularly to those from marginalised groups who may face isolation. Creating peer support systems will hopefully create a vigilance and stop students falling through the net.

I believe mental health focus is vital this year and as a result I will undergo my own training opportunities to be more knowledgeable and aware of such issues. I will be utilising my previous experience in climate action to address the University's environmental footprint. Making small sustainable differences day to day but ultimately reflecting on the University's impact at an institutional level.

Most importantly the SU is your forum for your concerns. Please don't hesitate to get in touch with us and we are happy to work alongside you in making the change you want to see.

If you have any welfare queries please email vpreswelfare@hope.ac.uk in the first instance.

 @vpreswelfare

Tel: 0151 291 365

OLLIE, VICE PRESIDENT SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Hi Guys, I am Ollie Smith, your elected Vice President of Sport & Activities for 2020-2021.

I would like to heavily focus on improving the student engagement around all campuses. I aim to achieve this through both academic and practical means, ideally students will have the opportunity to learn new skills in the class and implement these to benefit both themselves and the sport teams and societies around us.

I have studied at this University for the previous 4 years from undergraduate through to post-grad, I feel this leaves me open to hear from anyone and everyone, whatever you may be experiencing or concerned about, I likely went through the same too!

We have a vast array of clubs and societies here at Hope. I was very privileged in helping run a team myself for the past few years, I hope to re-create some of the hard working and positive ethos I installed there.

I look forward to the future, as should you.

 @Ollie Smith

 @vpsportnactivites

 Ollie Smith (VP Sport)

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WHY SHOULD YOU JOIN A CLUB OR SOCIETY?

CLUBS & SOCIETIES

University is a place where you have the opportunity to learn and progress in your chosen subject area, while under the tuition and guidance of experts in the field. This alone makes the student life more than worthwhile, but even better, the opportunities offered by the Hope SU clubs & societies; provides the opportunity for life-long friendships, sporting and academic success and personal growth.



SOCIAL LIFE

A huge part of being a member of a sport club or society is the social elements and benefits. You'll have frequent opportunities to bond with those all around you on campus, with those who share a common interest, this is a great way to make lifelong friends! From weekly meetings and socials, to weekly mid-week and weekend fixtures, to end of term tours and celebratory awards.

EXTRACURRICULAR

Being part of a club or society can be a great way to boost your CV, often setting you apart from an already hectic crowd. It is not always easy to balance a degree and being an active member of a society, but it's extremely beneficial. The list of skills you acquire throughout University will help set you on a positive pathway for life. Teamwork, communication, event planning, time management and positive reinforcement are some of many skills you can develop.



FOLLOW A PASSION

Joining a club or society is not only a fantastic opportunity for you to pursue and develop your current hobbies, but it's also a great way for you to try something new. Why not try something outrageous? This is your chance to express yourself! You owe it to yourself to at least try!



HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

A healthy body supports a healthy mind and joining a club or society can help you achieve both! From exercising regularly, to improving social connections and abilities, clubs and societies will always be there to support you throughout your time at university.

Did you know that you can create your own society? You read correct. All you need to do, is find 7 students who are interested in your idea and submit this form. Please contact union@hope.ac.uk to pursue any of your interests further.

SPORTS CLUBS

We currently have 14 active sports clubs at LHSU. All of our clubs play on a regular basis, mostly in the British University and Colleges Sports' leagues. There are no lessons on Wednesday afternoons to give you the opportunity to get stuck in to sport!

You can join any sports club by paying the £30 annual membership fee at www.hopesu.com - For just £30 you will receive:

- Guaranteed two hours training facilities provided
- Personal Accident Insurance in case of injury whilst playing
- Free travel to matches.

In recent years, Hope SU has been very successful. Last year our men's Rugby and women's Hockey won their league. The year prior to this, our men's Gaelic team were the All Ireland Champions. Our women's netball, men's football, and basketball all won their leagues.

Every Spring, we hold a Sports Awards to celebrate the achievements of our teams and we would love to see you there.

The sports teams we currently have are:

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| • Netball | • Men's Rugby | • Women's Rugby |
| • Women's Football | • Men's Football | • Women's GAA |
| • Men's GAA | • Basketball | • Women's Hockey |
| • Cricket | • Badminton | • Lacrosse |
| • Futsal | • Cheerleading | |

If you would like to set up a new sport's team, all you need is 7 other people that are interested and we can do the rest.



SOCIETIES

We have a whole host of different societies here for you to join. Whether you're looking for an academic society or just a group of people who like the same things you do, we're sure to have something you're interested in – just have a look at list below!

And if we don't? Start a society of your own! You just need 7 other students who are interested and we'll take it from there.

Current Societies:

- **Hiking Society**
- Disability Studies Society
- **Christian Union**
- Dance
- **British Sign Language**
- Musical Theatre
- **International Students**
- Power Lifting
- **Extinction Rebellion**
- Good Game Nerd Society
- **Catholic Society**
- **Students for Social Change**
- Labour Students
- **Irish Society**
- Table Tennis
- **Conservative Students**
- Samba Society
- **Afro Caribbean**
- Rounders Society
- **Feminism Society**
- Poker Society
- **Harry Potter**
- Baking
- **Snow Society**
- Politics Society
- **LGBT+ Society**
- Drama
- **Islamic Society (ISOC)**





Rt Hon Gavin Williamson MP
Secretary of State for Education
Department of Education
Sanctuary Buildings
20 Great Smith Street
London
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11 May 2020

Dear Rt Hon Gavin Williamson,

We write in support of my students at the University of Liverpool, John Moore's and Hope Universities and National Union of Students (NUS) and Students' Unions across the country to amplify the concerns regarding the state of Higher Education and the effect of the global pandemic.

The UK Higher Education sector is in crisis, which has been further exposed by the Covid-19 crisis. The public health crisis has created huge financial undertaking for universities across the country, both in preventing them from functioning as normal, but also by creating significant anxieties over future recruitment and the impact this could have on funding levels.

The effect of the pandemic on students is additionally an area of concern, particularly regarding student mental health and well-being. Students are struggling to pay for privately rented accommodation which they have vacated during the pandemic, accommodation that they may not return to for the remainder of this academic year.

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CAMPAIGNS

We are here to campaign for a better student experience. We lobby the University, as well as local and national politicians, to ensure that student views and interests are at the heart of all their decisions.

Key activities in the past have included:

- Lobbying the University to change dissertation deadlines
- Running a 'This Girl Can' campaign in partnership with the University to encourage more women to get involved in sport
- Lobbying Stagecoach to make the 86c 24hrs
- Lobbying the University to open the Our Place bar earlier for Wednesday games
- Lobbying purpose-built student accommodation during Covid-19 to ensure students are treated fairly.
- Lobbying the University to remove the last term rent.

The issues we take up are determined by you as members. If you feel there is a pressing issue that we should campaign on, get in touch with us on union@hope.ac.uk or pop into the office in the LTC building.



Dear Purpose Built Student Accommodation,

As lead representatives of Liverpool's Students' Unions, it is our duty to amplify the concerns of our student community and ensure their voices are heard at a time of national crisis and uncertainty. Chief amongst students concerns at present is the issue of accommodation rent payments and the uncertainty presented to students due to Coronavirus (Covid-19) and Government travel restrictions.

Across the country, following University and Government advice, students have been returning home – both for their personal safety and as requested in the national interest. In following such guidance, students now face increasing uncertainty as to where they stand in relation to their rent payments.

We are calling on all PBSA providers in the city to voluntarily enact five measures outlined below:

1. Ensure all tenants have access to clear and holistic public health advice
2. Every student landlord must offer a no-penalty release from tenancy contracts for the current and next academic year.
3. Where rent has already been taken for the upcoming period, we request that this should be refunded alongside their deposit.
4. A ban on evictions, for all renters, for the duration of the crisis.
5. For rent to be significantly reduced or waived for those tenants who have been financially impacted by the Coronavirus

We are facing a global crisis on a scale of which has not been seen for generations. We believe that, as big companies that have complex mitigation plans, the financial difficulties should be taken on by those who have the ability to do so – the shock should not be absorbed by students. That's why, alongside our call for you all to voluntarily enact these measures, NUS nationally are calling on Government to support you to do this.

Following on from Unite and Liberty Living's welcomed announcement on the 24th March, it is evident that you have the ability to do this as PBSA providers. We would expect that you would join this direction of travel in good faith.

In writing this letter, we are speaking on behalf of the tens of thousands of students across Liverpool. Student anxiety is at an all-time high and we hope you would do everything in your power to address these concerns.

We hope that you share this letter with your respective boards and take our concerns seriously.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,

Adnan Hussain
Dylan Thomsen
Jodie Sylvester
Hannah Nguyen

President, Liverpool Guild
Deputy President, Liverpool Guild
Vice President, Liverpool Guild
Vice President, Liverpool Guild

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TELL US
HOW WE
CAN HELP
YOU!

STUDENT VOICE

Our aim is provide students with a strong voice, the Students' Union has three elected officials; President Harry Pearce, Vice President Welfare and Community Sally Wills and Vice President Sports and Activities Ollie Smith. Our jobs are to improve student experience on wellbeing and academia and ensure the views of students are articulated at every opportunity.

Course Reps

Every course has Course Reps, elected students who are passionate about representing the views of students on academic issues at Staff/Student Liaison Committee meetings. Issues that are raised by Course Reps are taken up by your President to resolve and we also organise training and support for Course Reps throughout the year.

Want to become a Course Rep?

If you would like to be the Course Rep for your course, you will need to speak to your lecturer/tutor and ask for advice as to who you should contact with regards to becoming a Course Rep and/or if you have one already. The University is in charge of the actual Course Rep elections.

Forums

Our forums are a fantastic way to get involved in running your Students' Union. They are open to all students to attend and are held 4 times a year, 2 in the first term, then 1 each in Spring and Summer terms. We're looking for you to come along and have your say, giving us your ideas and policies to help improve your Students' Union!

GET INVOLVED

Big Ideas

No matter how big or small, we want to hear your thought on how to improve life at Hope University. Head over to the 'Big Idea' section of our website to let us know your 'Big Ideas' – you can even start a petition!

NUS Conferences

We send delegates to decide national policy at various NUS conferences. Any Hope student could represent the Students Union at these conferences. If you want to be a delegate to any NUS conference, keep any eye out for our emails or drop us a line at union@hope.ac.uk.



LEAD YOUR STUDENTS' UNION

We are student-led organisation, which means we're run by students, for students, through the four main roles:

- Student Trustee
- Part time Officer
- Student Officer

LHSU is a charity and we are run by a Trustee Board, who have overall legal responsibility for the Students' Union. If you think you have what it takes to be a trustee contact pres@hope.ac.uk

Part Time Officers

Every year, we recruit volunteer Part Time Officers (PTOs) to represent our various student communities. This is an excellent way to get involved with the SU and to shape Students Union policy. Some of the Part time Officers serve on the SU's Executive committees which help run the Union between forums. We'll be electing a new group of PTOs in October so keep an eye out.

Student Officer

Your Student Officers lead the Students' Union, representing your interests to Senior Management and staff across the University. Officers are elected every March and begin work in July. They have either finished their course or want to take a year out of study to run the Students' Union.

Being an Officer is an excellent way of proving to future employers that you have great leadership skills and are not frightened of making difficult decisions.

SU PART TIME OFFICERS (PTO)

YOUR P.T.O TEAM

We have elected and appointed our part time officers for 2020/21. They are:

Malcolm Thwala, BME Officer

Beth Thompson, Disabled Students Officer

Chantelle Foster, Women's Officer

Bella Mae Stapleton, LGBT Officer

Jack Evans, Trans Officer

Daniel Brice, Liberal Arts, Education and Social Sciences Officer

Jack Johnson, Residential Life Officer

Nikita Silaparasetty, Part Time, International, Mature, Post Graduate Officer

WE ARE LOOKING FOR PASSIONATE STUDENTS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SIT ON THE SU BOARD AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

For more information and a recruitment pack, please email:
pres@hope.ac.uk

ADVICE SERVICE

We have a dedicated Advice Service to offer you free, independent and confidential advice about any issue you may have. If you are having problems with your course or any other issue, please come and see us, we are here to help you!

We can provide advice and guidance on issues such as:

- **Academic Issues:**
 - Academic appeal
 - Complaints about teaching provision and facilities
 - Extenuating circumstances
 - Accommodation issues
 - Welfare issues
 - Problems with research supervision
 - Disciplinary matters
 - Discrimination
 - Academic misconduct (including plagiarism)
 - Bullying and harassment
- Fitness to practice
- Complaining to the Office of the Independent Adjudicator
- Problems with placements
- Procedural irregularities
- Unfair practices
- **Housing**
- **Employment Law**
- **Disability/ Mental Health (including issues with LSP)**
- **Money/Debt Issues**
- **Welfare Rights**

You can now book appointments via Facebook @Liverpoolhopesu Alternatively you can email suadvice@hope.ac.uk or just pop into the office.

We also have drop ins on a Monday with the LSH advisor, who advises on all matters housing.

NIGHTLINE

Alternatively, outside of the 9 to 5 hours we have a nightline service, which runs Friday through to Sunday between 10pm and 2am.

Nightline is a confidential listening and information service FOR students BY students.

NIGHTLINE ASSOCIATION

We listen not lecture.

Open from 10pm - 2am Friday to Sunday term time

Call on 0151 291 3692

OUR POLICIES

Confidential

Anything you discuss between yourself and our listener

Anonymous

We won't ask personal details

Non-judgemental

You can talk about whatever is on your mind

Non-advisory

We're here simply listen to you

Non-directive

We see both sides of the story

Wanted: Nightline volunteers!

Nightline volunteers provide a listening ear to students during the late hours of the night

We need YOU to volunteer to help keep the nightline service running

Are you interested? Email vpreswelfare@hope.ac.uk for more info.

All training is provided by the SU, the training occurs twice every week.

CONTACT US

Come and visit us in the Lecture Theatre Complex at Hope Park or in the Students' Union space at Creative campus.

Contact

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Connect

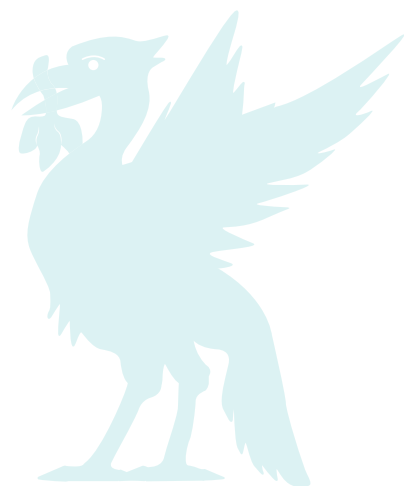
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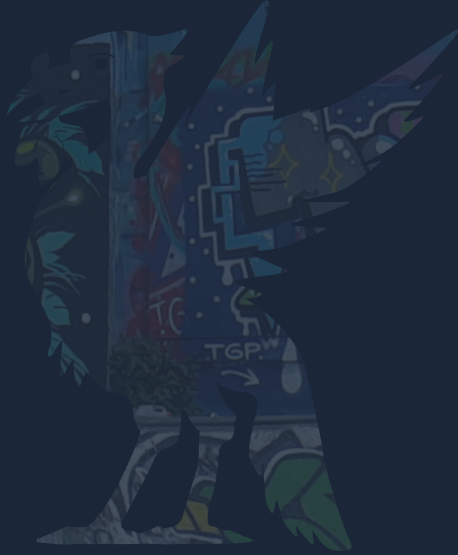
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