

Alex Toomath, Liverpool Hope SU Vice President Education



Hello! I'm Alex Toomath (she/her) and I am your Vice President of Education, (2024/2025 & 2025/2026).

I am passionate about ensuring that each and every student has the best possible experience during their time here at Hope.

As a recent graduate, I know first hand the challenges that we face in our journey through university. If reelected, I will continue on my mission to make education more accessible, inclusive and empowering for everyone and will work tirelessly to ensure that your educational experience is as rewarding and enriching as possible.

So far I have been actively involved in supporting students' by attending Student Voice Meetings, improving Moodle and ensuring that the student voice remains at the heart of the Hope Community.

Outside of university, I have been working with other Sabbatical Officers across the country to improve the Renters' Rights Bill. I have also passionately advocated for Women's Rights this year by attending & helping to organise the Reclaim the Night March.

Students deserve an environment that adapts to their needs, supports success and nurtures wellbeing, ensuring education at Hope is more inclusive, accessible, adaptive and empowering for everyone.

Together, we strive for change.

Manifesto

1. Provision Of Exceptional Student Support

- Significantly reduce/eradicate fees to student spaces such as the Capstone Theatre - students /societies should not have to pay to use student spaces.
- Sessions for third year students to prepare them for post-university life – For example, LinkedIn Workshops and subject tailored Careers sessions.
- Review of library opening hours - Ensure students get more time in the library on evenings and weekends.
- Book donation points for students - Creation of a space in which students can donate unwanted textbooks to save students in costs and promote sustainability.
- Contingency plan for Dissertation Supervisors that go on leave - I will work with faculties to ensure students have a 'back up' supervisor in place to help if they should need it.

2. Strengthen & Champion the Student Voice

- More social events for Course Reps - Being a Course Rep should not be just about attending your Student Voice meetings. For example, providing 'Lunch & Learn' sessions for Course Reps to allow for socialising as well as the opportunity to give their feedback and ideas on how to shape change at Hope.
- Continue to build strong relationships with faculty, departments and academic staff to ensure student feedback is taken seriously.
- Advocate for students on placement: - Ensuring that students are aware of their placements 10 days before.
- Promote the 'Peer Mentoring' system available from the library to support new and struggling students with their academic journey.
- Alternative ceremonies to make graduation more accessible for neurodivergent students.

3. Prioritising Mental Health & Wellbeing

- Work with academic staff to promote a healthy study - life balance for students - work with faculties & staff to ensure clearer plans of work for all students in all subjects and strive to review timetable structure.
- Champion initiatives that allow for diverse learning methods by encouraging at least one outside of classroom learning session for students.