



# VISION STATEMENT

<b>Candidate's Name</b>	Ahmed Khandia
<b>Candidate Team Name</b>	
<p>Hi. I'm Ahmed Khandia and I'm running for <b>Societies and Development Officer</b>.</p> <p>I currently support societies through the Opportunities Office, dealing with queries and finance requests, and I sit on the Societies Council Grant Panel, where I see first-hand how funding decisions affect whether societies are able to run events and grow.</p> <p>I am also the Charity Lead for the Islamic Society, organising regular charity stalls and social events.</p> <p>These roles mean I understand both the student and Union sides of how societies operate.</p> <p><b>Why This Matters</b></p> <p>Most students are balancing far more than just their degree. National Union of Students data shows <b>69 per cent of students work alongside their studies</b>, often limiting the time and energy they can give to society life. Societies therefore need to be accessible, well supported, and simple to engage with.</p> <p>When societies work well, they build community, improve wellbeing, and give students a real sense of belonging. When systems are unclear or slow, students disengage.</p> <p><b>My Priorities</b></p> <p><b>Making it easier to start a society</b> I will work to simplify and clarify the process so students with good ideas are not discouraged by unnecessary complexity.</p> <p><b>Making it easier to run events</b> I will push for clearer timelines, better communication, and more consistency around bookings, approvals, and finance.</p> <p><b>Fairer early support for new societies</b> New societies need visibility to survive. I will advocate for clearer early-stage funding routes so they can host events and attract members.</p> <p><b>Reducing barriers to participation</b> I will prioritise better promotion of smaller societies and support for affordable, accessible events that work for busy students.</p>	

**Listening to students**

I will hold regular, allocated times where students and society committees can come in, share feedback, and shape how societies are supported.

**What You Can Expect**

Clearer systems. Fairer access. A Union that listens and acts based on your feedback!

**Vote Ahmed Khandia**

For stronger societies at MMU

