



VISION STATEMENT

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<p>My vision is a university where every student feels a true sense of belonging, not just academically, but socially, culturally, and personally. Too many students arrive at university excited, only to feel isolated or disconnected, even when societies exist around them. I want societies to be at the centre of building community by creating welcoming, meaningful connections from the very start of the university experience, especially during those crucial first weeks. I believe that when students feel supported and included, they are able to thrive, engage more fully, and contribute positively to the wider campus and city community.</p> <p>As General Secretary of Asian Society, I have seen firsthand how societies can become a home away from home for many students, while also experiencing the challenges societies face in being heard, supported, and represented. This experience has shaped my vision for a stronger sense of community, more inclusive events, and a student voice that leads to real, meaningful change. I understand that societies are more than just clubs. They are the backbone of student life, offering a space for students to grow, connect, and develop skills that extend far beyond the classroom.</p> <p>Student life should not revolve around alcohol to be enjoyable or social. Many students do not drink, choose not to drink, or simply want alternatives, and they deserve social spaces where they feel comfortable and included. I will champion non-alcohol-centric events and activities that allow students to connect authentically and confidently. This includes workshops, cultural showcases, wellbeing initiatives, volunteering opportunities, and collaborative projects between societies that encourage engagement and participation from everyone.</p> <p>Our student body is diverse, and our events should reflect that. I want to see more inclusive, culturally aware, and representative events that go beyond traditional socials and actively celebrate the wide range of identities, beliefs, and backgrounds within our community. At the same time, I want to ensure that students with hobbies, passions, and interests outside of cultural or social events are fully supported. Whether it is sports, gaming, arts, music, academic clubs, or any other extracurricular activity, students should have the resources, space, and encouragement to explore and develop their passions. Societies and student groups should be places where everyone can feel seen, respected, and empowered, no matter their interests.</p> <p>I aim to provide societies and student groups with the resources, training, and guidance they need to develop strong leadership structures, plan innovative events, and support members' personal growth. By doing so, we can create societies and clubs that are inclusive, sustainable, and impactful year after year.</p> <p>At the heart of my vision is a stronger student voice. Students and societies must feel genuinely represented, with clearer communication and real opportunities to influence decisions that affect them. I will actively listen to feedback, ensure that concerns are heard at the highest levels, and</p>	



work to turn student ideas into actionable outcomes. By strengthening transparency, collaboration, and trust between students, societies, and the Students' Union, we can build a community that listens, supports, and celebrates everyone.

Beyond representation, I want to focus on wellbeing, accessibility, and personal development. Societies and clubs should be equipped to provide peer support, safe spaces, and programs that promote mental health, resilience, and confidence. I want to ensure that no student is left behind and that everyone, regardless of background, culture, ability, or interest, has the opportunity to participate fully in student life. Through mentorship, committee training, and collaboration across societies, we can cultivate a culture where students feel valued, inspired, and capable of leading positive change.

Ultimately, my vision is for a university where students are not just present but are active contributors to their communities. A university where voices are not only heard but acted upon, where communities are built intentionally, and where societies empower students to flourish socially, culturally, and personally, while having the support to explore their passions and hobbies. I am committed to leading this change, listening to students every step of the way, and ensuring that together, we create a student experience that is inclusive, vibrant, and transformative.

I Listen. I Act. I Make Change.