

Mark Alex Powell

Cheshire Vice President (VP) Manifesto

I'm a current student at MMU Cheshire and have experienced the imminent closure of the campus first hand. I currently study Contemporary Theatre and Performance BA (Hons) that runs primarily from the Contemporary Arts Building, MMU Cheshire, Crewe. For the Past Two years I have ran and led events from the Student Zone Bar, with a small team, at MMU Cheshire delivering nights that promote diversity, equality and inclusivity, with no budget but giving the students here, the experience that they deserve. The nights include our ever-popular BIG GAY NIGHT OUT and Mitzee Mornin'wood's BOOZY BINGO. I'm running for Cheshire Vice President as due to the campus closure, I have been able to learn and understand the difficulties the closure has brought for the remaining students. Next year there will be no more that 500 students on the Cheshire Campus. For me, it is so important to maintain the student experience providing equal opportunities. We need to re-instate the community feel our campus once had, and for one last year, for one last time, celebrate our little campus, in the middle of Crewe, Cheshire.

-The Student experience at the Cheshire Campus-

As the role of Vice President is based in Cheshire, my main priority would be to maintain the student experience on the campus. In the upcoming academic year, (2018-2019) the campus will see student numbers drop to below 500. It is important that we host more events that promote diversity, equality and inclusivity, something for everyone. This would also include maintaining the Project Cheshire Bid that is currently in place, giving the students the chance to host and present their own events and activities, supported by the Union. I will also be driving students to support one another, promoting the attendance of sports events, performances and charity events, once again increasing the community feel that this campus needs. I will also fight to maintain your student necessities such as free counselling, academic help and advice concerning finances, helping students personally or directing them to the right place. I will also consult with students frequently about decisions that will be made in regard to the campus as I believe it is so important to let the students have a say in what happens in their final year.

Equal Opportunities-

I will guarantee equal opportunities to the students at the Cheshire Campus. I promise to keep funding available for all students, so they can host their own events to sustain a community campus feel. It is also working closely with the University to provide a timetable schedule to make the campus feel busy for at least two days of the week. As well as ensuring that even though the campus will close in the summer of 2019, the students will have equal access to resources and funding like they do now. Any concerns brought forward to me regarding the Union or your studies here at Cheshire will be followed up and you will be provided with an outcome.

Funding for Clubs, Sports and Societies –

As the campus in the academic year 2018-2019 will feel the loss of its students, it's more important than ever to support our clubs, sports and societies. A looming issue is who will be spectating sports events and performances since there will be only one-year group of

students on campus. I believe transport and funding is crucial to mobilize audiences for these sporting/performance events and it will be my goal to make it possible for students to support each other across subject areas. The societies on the Cheshire campus promote community, with many students taking part. I will make sure that the societies will be able to continue with their work and provide the relevant funding, support and space for the students. I will also support any societies that wish to form throughout my time, and make sure the new societies and old are all supported equally, with a friendly face and the opportunity for any student to visit me with any concerns.

Summary -

I am a current student running for the position of Vice President Cheshire. As a current student I have felt the impact of the closure. I would be best for the job because as a student that has experienced the fall in numbers of students and events, I understand what Cheshire needs. I will be a FRESH face to the union that will be able to bring the skills I already have such as; organizing events, managing budgets, prioritizing needs and wants for the students, allowing me to maintain the student experience at the Cheshire campus. I promote a campaign that endorses diversity, equality and inclusivity at its heart. I promise to work closely with students and help in any way possible.