



# VISION STATEMENT

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Belonging. Community. Growth.  
 When I first arrived at university, I didn't have everything figured out. I felt lost, unsure, and like many students, I questioned whether I truly belonged here.  
 University is not just lectures and deadlines, it's where people find themselves. And no student should go through that journey alone.  
 Over time, I found my place. Through sport, through getting involved, through meeting the right people, this university helped me grow into the person I am today.  
 It gave me confidence, direction, and a community that made Manchester feel like home.  
 Now, I want to make that journey easier for you.

**Sport Should Feel Like Home, Not Intimidating**  
 Sport isn't just about winning matches. It's about confidence. Friendships. Mental wellbeing. Belonging. But many students never take that first step.  
 They feel intimidated. They think they're "not good enough." They don't know anyone yet. Especially in first year, and especially for students who move far from home.  
 As Sports Officer, my goal is simple:  
 Make sport feel welcoming, not intimidating. Social, not exclusive. A space where everyone can find their people.

**You'll See Me. You Can Speak To Me**  
 Students don't just need another name behind an office door. They need someone they can approach.  
 I will be visible. On campus. At events. At sports sessions. Listening first, talking second. I want to connect people, not just organise activities. To make the Union feel closer, more human, and more connected to everyday student life.

**I'm Already Doing The Work**  
 I'm already deeply involved in university life. Working with teams, supporting events, creating content, helping students discover opportunities.  
 Many of you already know me, and I know you.  
 I don't want this role to start helping. I want it to amplify the support I'm already giving, on a bigger level.

**Felt Lost? So Did I?**  
 If you feel lost... unsure... like you haven't found your place yet, that's normal. But you don't have to go through it alone. If I, who arrived not knowing anyone, can build a home here, so can you.  
 As Sports Officer, I want sport and community to be the bridge that helps every student go from "I'm not sure I belong here" to "This place changed my life." And I'm ready to help you get there.

[This is who I am. Watch here:](#)

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