

# SUPPORTING A CANDIDATE: CLUB & SOCIETY GUIDELINES

### NUS DELEGATE ELECTIONS

The Union's annual Lead Your Union elections are just around the corner. As members of a club or society, you may be asked to give your backing to a particular candidate or group of candidates. This is absolutely fine.

We encourage you to get actively involved in the elections and promote voting to members of your club or society. After all, the people who are elected in will be the key decision makers on issues that may directly affect you as a member of Opportunities. However, there is a simple process that you must follow if you choose to give and promote the backing of your entire club/society.

If any Union club or society wishes to endorse a candidate or a group of candidates then they must ensure that this is done via a democratic decision of the committee, and there should be evidenced proof that this has happened. If a member of your committee has a conflict of interest, (i.e. they are running in the election or are part of a candidate's support team) they should declare this at the start of the meeting and cannot chair the meeting. If you need any guidance on this please contact the Opportunities Office or Christina Kennedy.

If, as part of your backing, you decide to send out a message via email or Facebook on behalf of the candidate then you must include a link to the website www. theunionmmu.org/leadyourunion where all other candidates' manifestos can be read.

We advise looking into all candidates and reading their manifestos before choosing who you would like to back. This will ensure that you back the candidate, and/or group of candidates, whose promises best reflect the needs and wants of your club and/or society. You may choose to invite candidates to speak with your club/ society/ committee prior to making a decision.

All complaints about this process not being adhered to will be taken very seriously and investigated. This could affect the candidate(s) position in the election. If you have any questions about the process, or elections in general, please contact Christina Kennedy on c.kennedy@mmu.ac.uk

#### ANY QUESTIONS?

Contact the deputy returning officer Christina Kennedy: c.kennedy@mmu.ac.uk





# SUPPORTING A CANDIDATE: CLUB & SOCIETY FORM

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Candidate You Are Supporting

Your Club or Society

Signatures from all Committee Members

(except for those with a conflict of interest as mentioned above)

Date of Committee Meeting

Reason for Support

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By signing this form you are confirming that a discussion and democratic vote has taken place, where the majority of your committee voted in favour of supporting the candidate(s) mentioned above.

Club or Society Chair Signature:

Date:

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