



VISION STATEMENT

Candidate's Name	Radical Haslam
Candidate Team Name	
A Radical President for Radical Change	
<p>Hi, my name is Radical, they/them, and I'd be honoured to be your next SU President here at MMU. My whole life I've fought for to make the world a better place. I was proud to serve as SU President at college, where I fought for extra support for students & against the marketisation of our education, so I've all the skills and experience necessary to fight for our rights. I played a big part in the successful anti-fracking campaign of 2017 & campaigned tirelessly on climate change. I've campaigned for free education, against fees & for grants, taken part in occupations and supported the UCU strikers as well as having taken action against poverty and in support of liberation for places such as Palestine.</p> <p>We must demand radical action on student poverty, climate action & better support for disabled students & those from disadvantaged backgrounds, more of a say over how our institutions are run, better pay for apprentices and more, by demanding radical change.</p> <p>We can win. Our Union has multiple profitable businesses, we have a lot of talent & skill, and a proud record of radical change. We pay sky-high fees & sky-high rents while the system makes millionaires out of chancellors. We must demand better.</p> <p>My policies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Organise regular events/performances for the big stage at The Union, both giving opportunities to our talented students and societies, and also generating revenue for the SU. 2. Democratise the workplaces within the SU, giving the people who work here more of a say over how their workplaces are run. 3. Set up a food bank at The Union working with the Trussell Trust and local authorities to address the issue of student poverty. 4. Reform the enrolment system to prevent timetable mistakes. 	

5. Create a Disability Students' Council with the power to issue guidance and policy change in relation to their needs.
6. Work to lower the rents of student halls, improve insulation within student halls to address the climate crisis, and guarantees of summer accommodation for estranged students.
7. Create an MMU Education Forest & Community Garden, to address the climate emergency and produce food for the on-campus food bank at Ryebank Fields.
8. Change the MMUSU disciplinary policy to protect students who are arrested for strictly non-violent political offences & non-violent drug use, from the possibility of expulsion.
9. Work with other campaigning organisations to organise actions around climate change & student poverty.
10. Ballot apprentices on whether they want to take strike action to demand an increase in pay from £7.55p to £12.71p.
11. Organise SU teach-ins with Rise points to aid in de-colonising our education.
12. Support BDS and the wider Palestine movement in every way possible. Lobby the university to secure university places for refugees with tuition-fee waivers.
13. Put pressure on the university to accelerate plans to decarbonise by 2033, not 2038.
14. Increase mental health support provision.
15. Trans rights matter. The High Court ruling on the Equality ACT was transphobic, the GRA needs reform to better protect trans people, the union should make it clear, everyone has the right to use whatever bathroom they feel comfortable in.
16. Kick the racists and the fascists out of Manchester. Every Sunday they attempt to harass innocent refugees & regularly they organise hate marches through the city centre. We need to say loudly & clearly, not on our campus. Every hate march must be countered with a counter protest against hate.
17. Previous governments have passed authoritarian legislation designed to target our freedoms of speech, thought, and even academic freedoms. As President I will never comply with the racist Prevent Strategy and do everything in my power to protect and defend students from the stifling effects of the HE Free Speech ACT.
18. Demand from the university an end to the racist practice of charging students from other countries twice the tuition they charge us.
19. Create a new full time Campaigns Officer position at the SU with the responsibility of campaigning politically on issues that impact students the most.
20. Ban single use plastics from campus.

21. Work towards changing the universities T&C's so that in the even a student invents/creates a new patentable piece of work, the student should get to own at least 51% of their own work.
22. Create a monthly SU Congress made up of all class reps in the university, the SU leadership team, student governors and student apprentice union representation that can submit and vote on new policy, thereby democratising the entire union.
23. Work towards the creation of a uni-wide SU societies shared calendar to try and minimise clubs and societies that might be of interest to the same students from clashing.
24. Over the past few years, the NUS has shown itself to be a deeply undemocratic organisation. At the same time there's currently no national alternative. As President I will work with other SU's not affiliated to the NUS, including many that left the NUS in protest at their lack of democracy, to begin the work of building the alternative, with a view to one day leaving and replacing the NUS.
25. Addiction should be treated as a mental health crisis. We should try and work with the mayor and other local authorities to establish a safe & legal consumption room close to campus.
26. Consult the newly created SU Congress on what new opportunities they would like to see on Rise. Make the Rise website more user friendly.

Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto and I sincerely hope you will consider lending me your vote in the upcoming election. See you on campus.

Sincerely,
Radical Haslam,
They/them.