



# VISION STATEMENT

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<p>coMMUnity is key!</p> <p>Hi, I'm Will and I'm running to be your next Sports Officer! I'm currently in my fourth year and during my time at Manchester Met sport has been a massive part of my life. I currently sit as the Chair of Sports Council, working closely with the current Sports Officer Imie, and It's my third consecutive year being a committee member for men's Rugby Union. Each role has shown my versatility, starting from social and wellbeing secretary, moving onto Vice-Chair and this year stepping up as Chair. I've loved these volunteering roles because I've been able to positively influence others, expand my club both on and off the pitch, and properly understand how clubs work.</p> <p>Consequently, this inspired me to become the Chair of Sports Council which has led to me strengthening connections with committee members of other sport societies. This role's provided further insight on events like Sports Ball and Varsity, my goals being to expand the scale of these events. Sitting on Sport's Council and attending all committee training sessions has shown me the importance of the student voice. Therefore, as Sports Officer I'd make town hall meetings more frequent, do everything in my power to create equal opportunity and make sure students are HEARD!</p> <p>Building on this, I think the Union needs to be utilised more for Wednesday night socials. This year socials have been shut down on campus due to noise pollution and several other factors, students then finding themselves nowhere to go between 9-11pm. I think the Union's new Boundary Bar can fill this void, providing a safe environment for different societies to interact along with student deals on drinks. I currently work at the Boundary Bar, so as Sports Officer I can use my current connection to make this idea reality. Furthermore, all Cool It events like the darts and disco bingo have been huge successes for all parties involved. Therefore I'd like to implement these events more frequently, allowing societies to interact with each other on a larger scale and strengthen our community.</p> <p>Along with sport, charity work has been a huge focus during my tenure at university. Over the past three years I've completed various running challenges, raising thousands for several charities like Movember, Mind Charity and Asthma &amp; Lung UK. My passion for charity lead to me winning the Union community impact award, along with becoming the Movember ambassador for Manchester Met which I thoroughly enjoyed. As your next Sports Officer a huge focus of mine would be incorporating more charity events and fundraising opportunities across the year, raising as much awareness as possible and showcasing our inclusive university mindset. An idea I've recently had would be hosting a charity "Sports Day" at the end of the year, inviting all societies to compete in nostalgic races like the egg and spoon race. Huge scale interactive events like this will strengthen our community at Manchester Met which is my ultimate goal.</p>	

Continuing this theme, I'm currently training for the 2026 Manchester Marathon to raise money and awareness for Asthma & Lung UK, my mum being a huge inspiration behind this. I recently created an Instagram page (mileswithmcevoy drop us a follow) to track my progress and inspire others, meaning the Sports Officer Instagram account will be in safe hands! Rugby has always been my preferred sport, but falling in love with long distance running has opened my perspective of trying different sports. I want to see success on and off the pitch for ALL sports played at Manchester Met regardless of gender, race, religion and so on. This circles back to my ultimate goal of strengthening our community, making sure all sport played at Manchester Met is accessible and never overlooked.

Overall, I've loved playing sport at Manchester Met and being part of a society. I wasn't originally going to join a club at the start of university, finding myself in a dark place in my life. But doing so has shaped me into the person I am today and I want to provide the same opportunity for all students. That's why I'd LOVE to be Sports Officer! I want to inspire and help students become the best versions of themselves, strengthening our community is the key!  
Any votes would be deeply appreciated!

Up the Blorange,

Will

