



GLASGOW UNIVERSITY UNION

CANDIDATE MANIFESTO

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2026/27/28

Candidate: Heidi Mackay
For the position of: Present Student Member Until 2028
Proposer: Rebecca Richardson
Seconder: Vhairi McLeod

After doing freshers helping in September and spending the past 3 years being hive regular, I decided I want to be more involved and make valuable change within the Union.

This year I have held a committee position within an academic society. Being involved with planning socials and managing a growing society has provided me with valuable insight into what the union could do to better support small societies. I would love to extend the free entry for affiliated clubs on a Thursday as we often must either finish our socials early or miss going to hive Thursday. This change would improve socials and increase hive Thursday attendance. Nights out can often be overwhelming, and I propose a separate safe space outside crèche for anyone who needs to take a break from the busyness of the union. This will make the union feel safer for neurodivergent students and improve overall wellbeing.

I propose doing supported study during the day. I know many academic societies do study sessions on a weekly basis. Offering supported study in collaboration with different academic societies will help students access help with university work and allow a closer relationship for academic societies and the union.