



GLASGOW UNIVERSITY UNION



ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS AND BOARD OF MANAGEMENT 2022/23/24

MANIFESTO FORM

For the position of: Convenor of Debates

Candidate: Emma Chan

Proposer: Fuad Kehinde

Secunder: Sharath Nambiar

The space below is provided to allow candidates to explain their reasons for offering themselves for their respective positions and to list such qualifications and experience which are relevant to these posts in not more than 200 words.

As convener I would start organising a bid to host the European University Debating Championships in 2028, in preparation to host the World Championship 50th anniversary in 2031. As the founders of the World Championship, this would be an incredible opportunity for both Glasgow University and Glasgow University Union.

We already have a great track record in debating but there is room for improvement. Outright winning major competitions and internationals should be our next step. I aim to achieve this in two ways. First, expanding the pool of people we attract to debating through wider advertising internally in the Union, across the University campus, and nationally. The second involves additional types of training such as hiring external trainers for bootcamp type projects and individual sessions. Training from expert debaters outside the GUU allows us to gain different perspectives and learn new techniques that we do not currently have access to.

Investing in maintenance of our own facilities is crucial. As the pandemic comes to an end, physical environments and appearances become more important again. Replacing the parliamentary bays, fixing the debates benches and organising the archives are such examples.