

LAOISE MCWILLIAMS

VP Board of Management

My name is Laoise McWilliams, I'm a third-year English Lit student, the current QMU VPMCS and hoping to be the new VP Board. Being on board has been an invaluable experience, I've thoroughly enjoyed being an executive of the union and would really appreciate the chance to keep on going for another year. The past year has been a bit chaotic to say the least but QMU has been one of the most consistently fun and rewarding places to be involved in. Between running about like a headless chicken during Freshers' to writing minutes in constitution and byelaw committees – I've genuinely enjoyed the year and think I have a lot more to offer the place.



Some of the key things I'd like to accomplish over the next year include:

- **Continuing work on our constitution and byelaws:** This year we've tried to work on the constitution as a board to ensure that it is reflective of the ethos of the union and supports our aims as a board as much as possible. I want to ensure this work continues by encouraging board members to attend committee meetings to voice their opinions.
- **Ensuring all board members are supported with their own personal projects:** I aim to host semi-regular catch ups with each of the board members to help with any proposals or ideas they may have. I also want to host some regular board socials hopefully when covid regulations permit to help unify the board a bit more and build more of a sense of community.
- **Build a more collaborative system between our affiliated clubs and societies and our committees:** As VPMCS this year I noticed a discrepancy between the list of affiliated clubs' & societies and those our committees tend to collaborate with. I will work with our incoming VPMCS to rebuild the affiliation system which will provide the template for better working relationships between our committees and those who use the building regularly. This could also create a more proactive board which communicates with the wider student base more effectively.
- **Cross Campus relations:** The past year we have worked very closely with the other student bodies placing student support and experience at the top of our priorities. As we move closer [fingers crossed] to a normal world I think it's vital these relationships continue. I aim to collaborate further with the student bodies to maintain a united focus for all students and use our shared voices to amplify student issues to proactively attempt to tackle them. Also, we lost miserably to the SRC exec at covid friendly beer pong and I'm really not settling for that type of behaviour so you're just going to have to vote me back for the chance to sort that situation out.
- **Bring back board sweatshirts**

Thanks for reading!