

## **Kelly MacArthur**

Hi I'm Kelly and I'm currently studying a postgraduate in Equality and Human Rights. I have been involved in the QMU for 4 years as a Student Assembly member and volunteer for different committees including Campaigns and Charities and our mental health campaign Elephant In The Room. Through this, I have helped set up and run The Big Conversations as well as different events to fundraise for charity and helped organise LGBT+ History Month, working closely with cross-campus and GULGBT+. I am committed to the welfare and progression of this union and have knowledge, determination and passion to be president.

### **Manifesto**

#### **1. Promote Zero Tolerance**

I will ensure that our Zero Tolerance policy is upheld within the QMU and encourage other student bodies on campus to make a similar pledge. I will ensure the logo is included on all external publications and advertisements for the QMU and promote the initiative strongly during Freshers' Week 2020.

#### **2. Ensure Keychange is upheld**

I will ensure that our Keychange equality pledge is maintained so all genders have an equal opportunity within our union. I will do this by ensuring all internally booked acts and Freshers' Week line-up is once again an equal gender split for all performers. I will also research ways we can further this by including LGBT+ artists and people of colour in our pledge.

#### **3. Elephant in the Room**

The QMU's Redbrick survey found that students wanted a place on campus that helped with mental health: I want to prioritise that. We are the only union to provide a mental health initiative in the form of our Elephant in The room Campaign. I want to promote this by increasing support links across the union as well as work with cross-campus to advocate for this campaign.

#### **4. Push activism and charitable initiatives**

I want to continue to be the best on campus at providing free condoms and menstrual products and I want to tie our work in with the NHS campaigns. I will work closely with the Campaigns and Charities convenor to continue to push our campaigning and maintain our history as an activist and charitable union.

#### **5. Climate sustainability**

I will continue the work currently happening that researches ways in which we can make our building more sustainable as well as work with the other student bodies and sustainability societies to lobby the university on their climate policies.

#### **6. Student Assembly**

I will work closely our Vice President of the Board of Management to support all members of the Student Assembly to achieve their goals and welcome new ideas. I will continue work on welfare initiatives to ensure Student Assembly members are not under too much pressure as they are full time student volunteers

#### 7. Cross campus

I will continue to work closely with the other student bodies to ensure collaboration on welfare and awareness initiatives throughout the year such as Black History Month, LGBT+ History Month and International Women's Week, and continue to improve the overall student experience.