

MDXSU
Elections
2026

CANDIDATE GUIDE

*Read me and decide
who to vote for*



Vote online at mdxsu.com/vote



The MDXSU Elections are your chance to vote for the students that you want to lead your Students' Union next year, including the full-time Student Officers and Student Trustees.

This guide includes all candidates 'Top 3 Priorities' and reasons you should vote for them.

Read on to find out who they are and how they'll improve your student experience, if elected.

Find out more and vote online at mdxsu.com/elections

What is a single transferable vote?

- 😊 Rank candidates in order of your preference
- 😊 Rank as many candidates as you like in each election
- 😊 Ranking candidates means if your preferred choice gets eliminated your vote goes to your next preference
- 😊 Your preferences can impact the ultimate outcome of the election
- 😊 Don't think any candidate represents you?
Vote RON (Re-open Nominations)

VOTE IN ORDER OF YOUR PREFERENCE

Ballot Paper

Place the candidates in order of preference (1, 2, 3 etc.)
Rank as many candidates as you wish

Candidate A	2
Candidate B	3
Candidate C	1
Candidate D	4
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**VOTE UNTIL
11 MARCH, 4 PM**



If you are unsure about how the voting system works, there is more information available on the MDXSU website at mdxsu.com/elections or speak to one of our staff at the polling stations across campus during the voting period.



The Candidates

MDXSU President

Amit Kumar

Coco Simon

Mihita Parekh

Vishal Netar

Re-Open Nominations

Activities Officer

Abdallah Ibrahim

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Francesca Blake

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Student Trustees

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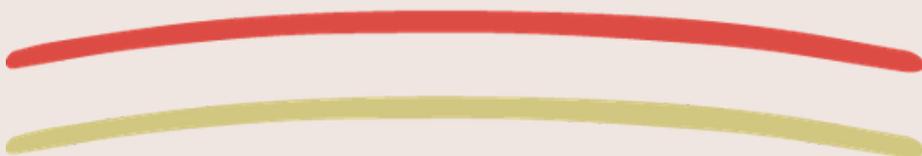
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***These are all
the Candidates
for Elections 2026!***



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Candidates for **PRESIDENT**

The following candidates are campaigning to be elected as MDXSU President and will represent students on campus and at a national level

Amit Kumar

Coco Simon

Mihita Parekh

Vishal Netar

Re-Open Nominations

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Amit Kumar

MDXSU President

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- **Improve Vegetarian & Diverse Food Options on Campus**

As an international student, I've noticed that vegetarian food options on campus are limited. Many students, including those for cultural, religious, or personal reasons, rely on vegetarian meals. I would work with the university and catering services to increase affordable, healthy, and clearly labelled vegetarian choices so every student feels included.

- **Introduce Monthly Sports Competitions & Recognition Ceremonies**

Sports bring students together and build community spirit. I want to introduce monthly sports competitions (football, cricket, basketball, etc.) with proper organization and a medal or recognition ceremony. This will increase student engagement, promote health and wellbeing, and create a more active campus environment.

- **Improve the Attendance Application System**

Many students experience issues with the attendance app not working properly at times. I will work with the university's IT team to ensure the system is more reliable, user-friendly, and responsive. A smoother attendance system will reduce stress and help students focus more on their studies.

Why should students vote for you?

I don't just want your vote, I want your voice. Back home in India, we believe leadership means service, accountability, and standing with the people. I will be a President who listens, acts, and delivers, because this election is not about position, it's about progress for every student at MDX.



Coco Simon

MDXSU President

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- **Students At The Heart: Mental Health With Urgency**

8 Minutes Can Change a Life Initiative (Can I Have 8 Minutes?)

If students are truly at the heart of our university, their wellbeing must be protected and prioritised. Mental health cannot be postponed. I will introduce the 8 Minutes for Mental Health initiative encouraging every student to take just eight minutes to

- Check in on themselves.
- Check in on a friend.
- Access available resources.

Eight minutes can start a conversation.

Eight minutes can break stigma.

Eight minutes can change a life.

Eight Minutes can start a conversation with Lecturers (Can I have Eight Minutes?)

Eight Minutes can be used by students on placements requesting Teams Meeting, and to send emails to university.

I will campaign for a dedicated Quiet Room on campus which will be a safe, calming space for students to decompress, reflect, regulate and pray

- **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion For Every Student**

Middlesex University commits to embedding Fairness in all actions

I will actively champion:

- Stronger support and safe spaces for LGBTQ+ students
- Improved accessibility and advocacy for students with disabilities
- Fair treatment and equal opportunities for all students
- I will fight for affordable, culturally inclusive Halal and Afro-Caribbean food options on campus and ensure no student is left hungry through strong partnerships with food banks.

- **Creative, Collaborative, Responsible & Leadership: A Presidency That Listens and Delivers And Built On Partnership**

As a Student Voice Lead and RCN Student Ambassador, I already work in partnership with Students, Faculty and Professional Organisations to advocate for change.

I will:

- Work in Partnership with students and University Leadership
- Act responsibly, honestly, and in good faith
- Remain agile and responsive to emerging student needs
- Hold regular open listening sessions
- Provide transparency on updates and decisions that affect students"

Why should students vote for you?

Because I lead with integrity.

Because I believe in inclusion without exception.

Because I lead with empathy.



Mihita Parekh

MDXSU President

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- **Strong Student Voice! Real Power in Decisions.**

No more being sent in circles or left without answers. Clear updates, effective closing of feedback loops, and real action so your concerns lead to visible change, with stronger national and international representation and Middlesex students back at the heart of the Student Movement.

- **A University that prioritises wellbeing**

Shorter waiting times, on campus therapists, and accessible wellbeing services and Disability services so getting help is timely, and accessible when you need it.

- **Career Pathway Support that deliver real outcomes**

More tailored support for placements and internships, stronger alumni networks and events, and pushing for more student part-time jobs and meaningful work experience so you graduate confident and career-ready.

Why should students vote for you?

I have a proven track record of delivering real change for students. As your former Education Officer, I secured funding for free period products, helped advance cost-of-living support, represented Middlesex students at Parliament, and contributed to an APPG panel on the Renters' Rights Bill and more. This year, I will strengthen wellbeing services, protect student rights within the university and nationally, and expand structured support for placements, internships, and part-time job opportunities so every student feels supported, heard, and prepared for life after Middlesex.



Vishal Netar

MDXSU President

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- Improve communication and transparency – Ensure students are regularly updated on decisions, changes, and opportunities, with clearer communication between the university and students.
- Enhance academic support and feedback quality – Push for faster, more constructive feedback, better access to resources, and improved support for coursework and assessments.
- Boost student wellbeing and campus life – Expand mental health support, create more inclusive events, and improve spaces where students can socialise, study, and feel part of the MDX community."

Why should students vote for you?

I am committed to making real, positive changes that improve both academic life and student wellbeing at MDX. I will actively listen to your concerns, represent your voice in key decisions, and push for better communication and support across the university. Vote for me to ensure every student feels heard, supported, and empowered.

Candidates for

ACTIVITIES OFFICER

The following candidates are campaigning to be elected as Activities Officer to improve and defend students' academic experience

Abdallah Ibrahim

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Francesca Blake

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Abdallah Ibrahim

Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- I want to change the process students can apply for events.
- I want to enhance ways for more students to be in tune with MDX events.
- I want to bring my knowledge in Branding and Curating to enhance how students experience activities.

Why should students vote for you?

I moved to London with a Law degree and chose to pursue art curation, working twice as hard to realise my exhibitions without formal training.

That experience taught me every stage of producing meaningful, engaging events and how vital access and support can be.

I should be voted for because I understand this process from both sides, as someone who has needed opportunity and as someone who now creates it for others.



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Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

First things is lots of my classmates are facing the problem in paying fees only in one installments for the international students. I requested to university department they have to give installments plans for international students so they can easily pay the fees in more installments.

Why should students vote for you?

"Leader is not for lead the team
Leader is who listen and help the team"



Francesca Blake

Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- More free activities for students.
- More advertising on social media to get more students to enrol at Middlesex University.
- Improve the funding at Middlesex University."

Why should students vote for you?

They are making the right choice by choosing someone with experience on student council. I advocate for students rights in the classroom and professionally.



Labib Ahmed Chowdhury

Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- **Boost Funding & Resources for Societies**

I will fight for a more transparent and accessible grant system so that every society—from the Bollywood Society to the Cyber Security Group—has the budget they need for high-quality events. I want to ensure that starting and running a student group at MDX is stress-free, with better access to campus spaces and tech equipment.

- **2. Connect Activities to Careers**

Extracurriculars shouldn't just be for fun; they should help you get hired. I plan to collaborate with the MDX Careers service to officially certify the skills you gain in societies and sports. Whether you're a committee leader or a regular volunteer, I want to make sure your MDXSU activities translate into a stronger CV.

- **A More Inclusive & Accessible Campus Life**

Student life happens 24/7, not just 9-to-5. I will work to introduce more diverse, alcohol-free, and "commuter-friendly" events so that every student—regardless of their background or where they live—feels they belong. No more missing out because of a long commute or a lack of variety; I'll bring the activities to you."

Why should students vote for you?

I'm running because MDX shouldn't just be a place where you attend lectures—it should be where you build your future. I will bridge the gap between social life and career success by turning every society event into a networking opportunity, ensuring that every hour you spend on campus adds value to your CV and your community.



Lathika AjayKhosh

Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- More opportunities to meet new culture people.
- Help students to let them know more about student careers and many other options that the uni has to improve students future.

Why should students vote for you?

I can help students to involve in more of social life.
Help them improve the uni life with education.



Maruf Ahmed

Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- **More Inclusive & Diverse Events**

At Middlesex University, I want activities that represent everyone. From cultural nights to social mixers — every student should feel included, welcomed, and part of campus life.

- **Stronger Support for Societies**

Societies are the heart of student life. I want better funding support, easier event approvals, and more promotion so student-led communities can grow and thrive.

- **More Engaging Campus Life**

University shouldn't just be lectures and deadlines. I want more fun, interactive events throughout the year — helping students make friends, build confidence, and create memories beyond the classroom.

Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because I will lead as a friend, not just an officer. As an international student at Middlesex University, I understand how hard it can be to live far from family, and I want to create events where everyone can feel a sense of belonging and happiness. I will work to make sure our campus feels like a second home, even if just for a moment.



Miné Muslu- Richards

Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- **No Society Left Invisible.**

- better promotion, spotlight events, and recognition for every group on campus.

- **More Collaboration, Less Silos**

- cross-society events, co-hosted initiatives, and activities that bring the whole campus together.

- **Leaders Need Support Too**

- stronger networks and resources for sports captains, society presidents, and student leaders.

Why should students vote for you?

I know what it feels like to go into something new - and what it takes to grow into a leader. From a total novice in sports to a captain, referee and coach, I've seen how powerful community can be. Vote for me if you want an Activities Officer focused on belonging, collaboration, and making sure no student feels invisible.



Mustakin

Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- Better communication – Clear and quick updates about timetables, exams, and changes.
- Stronger mental health support – Faster help and easier access to support services.
- More student activities – More events and opportunities to help students feel included

Why should students vote for you?

I want to represent students and make sure your voice is heard. I will focus on better communication, improving support, and making student life more enjoyable. Vote for me to help make real positive changes for everyone.



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Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

I want to change the Mdx lifestyle I want to make Middlesex University more attractive and fun

Why should students vote for you?

I think students should vote for me because I feel I'm what they need and I'm a great leader



Nusrat Jahan

Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- **Strengthen Multicultural Engagement Through Cultural Clubs**

I want to introduce more multicultural programmes through cultural and social clubs — including Bengali, Indian, Western and other global cultural events — so international and home students can connect, celebrate diversity, and truly experience a vibrant and welcoming MDX community.

- **Prevent Enrollment & ID Blocking Issues**

Many students face enrollment problems due to document upload issues or communication gaps. I want to improve coordination between departments so students are properly informed before their ID is blocked, ensuring problems are resolved early and smoothly.

- **Improve UniHelp & Student Service Response Time**

I want UniHelp to be more proactive and responsive, especially regarding urgent matters like visa emails, appeal deadlines, and document submissions. Students should receive faster support and clearer guidance to avoid last-minute stress and missed deadlines.

Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because I understand the real challenges students face — from visa and enrollment issues to feeling disconnected on campus. I am committed to improving student support services, ensuring faster and clearer communication, and creating stronger multicultural programmes through cultural clubs so every student feels represented and included. I will work to make MDX more supportive, connected, and vibrant for all.

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Candidates for **EDUCATION OFFICER**

The following candidates are campaigning to be elected as Activities Officer and lead on student communities, societies, and social life

Abishan Pirasinthan Pirasinthan

Bhuwan Bhadauria

Krish Kirupananthan

Nabanita Nath

Temu Osunubi

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Abishan Pirasinthan Pirasinthan

Education Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

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- Stronger mental health support – Faster help and easier access to support services.
- More student activities – More events and opportunities to help students feel included.

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Bhuwan Bhadauria

Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- More representation for STEM courses and employability
- Fair academic grading and support
- Helping get more effective administrative support after student feedbacks

Why should students vote for you?

This has been a problem at least in my masters program. We have had issues with our overall academic experience and had objections with a few teachers and their methods of teaching. We have been trying to get the university to act and give us solutions but the process has been slow and I would like to work towards making process like these more transparent and fair.



Krish Kirupanathan

Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- Reintroduce SLAs so students get reliable, peer-led support and SLAs gain meaningful, CV-building work experience.
- Improve overnight and out-of-hours study access to make campus safer, more flexible, and genuinely supportive of different working patterns.
- Make cross-course collaboration easy so students can connect, network, and support each other's skills and opportunities.

Why should students vote for you?

I'm running because the MDX ecosystem should help students thrive, not make things harder. I want to rebuild the support systems that matter, like SLAs, safe overnight study, and real cross-course collaboration, and I'm ready to fight for the changes students have been asking for. I won't promise the impossible, but I will push relentlessly for what our community deserves.



Nabanita Nath

Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- **Make every course feel connected to real life**

MDX talks a lot about employability. I'd like to bring the change of having more industry speakers on campus, live projects and practical skills built into modules so we graduate confident not just qualified.

- **Career Workshops**

My university has good connections with companies but as a student I believe having career workshops focused on CV writing, LinkedIn boost, interview tips etc. will really help students to build their confidence. I'd work towards introducing in-person career workshops during the weekdays for the students to walk in and be prepared for what's coming next.

- **Turn student feedback into visible action**

At MDX we're always asked for feedback, but students don't always see what changes after. I want a clear "You Said, We Did" update every term so everyone knows their voice matters.

Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because I understand how universities work and I understand students. I've worked in higher education before, so I know how decisions are made and who to speak to when something needs to change. That means I won't just sit in meetings and agree with everything.



Temi Osunubi

Activities Officer

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- Improve the learning support of students.
- Create more flexible assessment options.
- Provide more exposure for students.

Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because I am dedicated to turning your concerns into action. I will ensure every issue is addressed thoughtfully and promptly, creating real, lasting change across our university. Your voice deserves to be heard, and I will use my role to represent, empower, and make a difference for every student at MDX.

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Candidate for **STUDENT TRUSTEES**

The following candidates are campaigning to be elected as Student Trustees and guide MDXSU's long-term strategy and charitable goals

Little Panwar

Patricia Mata

Queenesther Chibugo Nwanya

Youseline Dufrene

Re-Open Nominations

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Little Panwar

Student Trustee

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- Greater Transparency & Accountability in Decision-Making
- Stronger Support for International Students
- Improved Communication Between Students & the Board

Why should students vote for you?

I'm a Business Management student and current Student Voice Leader who understands both strategy and the real student experience. I will represent you with professionalism, transparency, and accountability — ensuring your voice is heard in the decisions that shape our university. Vote for responsible, collaborative leadership that delivers real, long-term impact for MDX students.



Patricia Mata

Student Trustee

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- Ensure students are more aware of the opportunities around campus (jobs, activities, fairs)
- Career insights from past students with the current students as part of the program (interactive and dynamic learning)
- More food options after 5pm for those who study/practice sports until late

Why should students vote for you?

I'm ready to listen and to do it. I'm here for change and improvement, because representation is important and brings change.



Queenesther Chibugo Nwanya

Student Trustee

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

- I will challenge academic systems that penalise students for cultural differences rather than ability.
- I will challenge financial support systems that exclude international students when they need help most.
- I will challenge unfair housing barriers like UK-guarantor rules that disadvantage international students.

Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because I will bring student voices into real decision making, not just representation in name. I will challenge unfair systems which are recurrently faced by students like inclusion, systems that penalise cultural differences rather than intellectual abilities, cost of living support and so much more, ensuring decisions at Middlesex University London reflect the realities of students. I will always listen, challenge constructively, and deliver long lasting impact for all students.



Youseline Dufrene

Student Trustee

What are 3 things you would change at MDX

Student Voice & Accountability

- The Problem: Student feedback is not always acknowledged or followed up on clearly.
- My Solution:
 - Represent students confidently at board level
 - Push for clearer communication around decisions
 - Introduce regular “You Said, We Did” updates
 - Promote structured follow-ups when concerns are raised

Hidden or Under-Promoted Opportunities

- The Problem: Many internships, placements, research roles, and programmes are not promoted clearly, meaning students miss out.
- My Solution:
 - Improve visibility of opportunities across platforms
 - Advocate for clearer communication about available programmes
 - Support more networking events with employers
 - Strengthen alumni mentorship
 - Encourage prioritisation of paid opportunities

Students Feeling Overwhelmed or Unsure Where to Go

- The Problem: University can feel overwhelming, and students are sometimes unsure who to speak to or what their next step should be.
- My Solution:
 - Improve signposting to the right support services
 - Strengthen international student guidance
 - Encourage peer-support and mentoring-style initiatives
 - Promote cultural events that build connection and belonging"

Why should students vote for you?

Students should vote for me because I am dedicated to turning your concerns into action. I will ensure every issue is addressed thoughtfully and promptly, creating real, lasting change across our university. Your voice deserves to be heard, and I will use my role to represent, empower, and make a difference for every student at MDX.



MDXSU AWARDS & RESULTS NIGHT

Friday 13th March 

5:30 PM in MDX House

**Make sure you're the first to hear
who gets elected & celebrate exceptional
students with us!**

Head to MDX House on Friday 13th March from
5:30 PM to find out which candidates have been
elected to the Student Officer roles and Student
Trustee roles.

This year, we will also celebrate the remarkable
impact and achievements of MDX Students.



Learn more about MDXSU Awards at
www.mdxsu.com/mdxsu-awards.

The #MDXSUElections are your chance to decide who will lead your Students' Union next year.

Voting opens 10am, Monday 9 March

Voting closes 4pm, Wednesday 11 March



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visiting mdxsu.com/vote

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