**MDXSU Elections 2021**

**Vice President Arts & Creative Industries**

**Candidates**

Kieran Galvin

Joss Munson

Nishtha Relan

Rebecca Torrie

**Kieran Galvin**

Listen, Learn, Plan, Execute.

*All students deserve to be heard!*

Welfare

* Introduce an online Chill Out Hub
* Continue to improve mental health services while also spreading further awareness for other health issues
* Introduce ‘Rest For Your Best’ campaign

Academic Support

* Remove grade cap for assessment resits
* High spec laptop loans for creative students who require access to advanced software
* Free software licenses for all students during their time of study
* Reduce clustered deadlines
* Ensure all lectures are recorded

Community

* Offer more support for students facing private accommodation issues
* Work with local estate agents to ensure fair treatment of student renters
* Work with local businesses to offer student discounts/deals

Student Life

* More online social events
* Weekly online workout instructed by me

Who Am I?

* BSc (Hons) Games Design (3rd Year)
* MDXSU Social Media Intern (2019/2020)
* Team MDXSU (Event Staff)
* MDX Boxing Team (2019/2020)

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Vote Kieran Galvin For VP Arts & Creative Industries

[www.mdxsu.com/vote](http://www.mdxsu.com/vote)

Voting is open 15th (10am) to the 18th (4pm) February

**Joss Munson**

Hi

My name is Joss (Jill Sandwich by night)

As a nearly former Fine Art student, I know how things go during your time at Middlesex University, even in the most unpredictable times.

I have a few things I can guarentee if I am chosen to be your vice president for the arts and creative department at the mdxsu:

1) I will listen. Every concern however big or small is important.

2) I will make things fair for everyone! Your comfort is my priority.

3) Although I can't promise reduction in student financing, I can make sure every penny you have spent is worth it.

4) I am not afraid to rock the boat.

And here are a few things I personally feel obligated to tackle:

- More funding for student credit at the art store.

- Thorough 1:1 tutorship, finding out what you want to do with the course.

- More resources for all years of your course and other courses to mingle.

Thankyou

I hope that you pick the right candidate for you.

Joss Munson

**Nishtha Relan**

Re-Elect Vice President Arts & Creative Industries Nishtha Relan

Voting opens 15th-18th February

Vote on mdxsu.com/vote

Promises fulfilled

* More english language support for international students
* Supporting students with their accommodation during Covid-19
* Additional Instalment plan for International students
* Supporting students with their internships/placements
* University loans out laptops and dongles out of London
* Students voice is represented in meetings
* Creating shopping guide for students
* International students are eligible for Hardship/Emergency funds
* Food Vochuers for students who are isolating or arriving to UK from abroad
* Won No Detriment policy so that no students lost grades because of Covid 19
* Won a substantial increase in Hardship funds to support students who needed it most

Working on

* Guarantor Scheme for International students
* Getting promt replies for students within respective departments
* More flexible fees options for students
* One management team for International student enquiries
* Makins sure finance team is working closely with students
* Clearer communication for International students

Future Promises

Academic

* Ensuring lecture capturing is available after face-to-face teaching resumes
* More internship and placement opportunities
* Spreading exams and assessment deadlines
* More SLA and GAA support in postgraduate provision
* More employment skills linked to student course
* Compulsory short-term training on academic misconduct

Welfare

* Counseling servies available for students who are living abroad
* Increasing more instalment payment plans
* More transparency in student fees
* Making sure finance team is listening to students concerns
* Training given to staff on unconsicious bias
* More priority given to disable students while planning timetable

Facilities

* Free shuttle bus from all university accommodation
* More Printers in Grove building
* Faster PC in Library (more often software updates)
* Better digital facilities for ACI students
* Increase creative study spaces in Shepherd Library

A vote for me is a vote for you, vote Nishtha to represent you

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**Rebecca Torrie**

Vote Rebecca Torrie for Vice President of Arts and Creative Industries

Arts And Creative Industries

Exhibitions – Provide opportunities to exhibit work in a covid world

Careers Fair - Run an online Arts and Creative Industries Careers fair

Materials – Work on providing access to reduced price creative materials in a covid online world for ACI students – either through an online shop or a click and collect service

Alumni Benefits - To work on increasing access to creative facilities for Middlesex University Arts and Creative Industries Alumni

Funding

The majority of the Student Unions funding comes from the University. The University has to provide funding to the Students Union legally but this does not mean that the Students Union has to be reliant on this funding. If I am elected I propose to diversity funding streams through:

* Creating online paid ticketed events
* Increasing Student Union merchandise
* Reviewing and changing the student Unions finances where necessary

Ethical Funding Policy

If elected I will implement this policy to ensure into the future that MDXSU is funded by ethical and moral sources and only funds ethical and moral organisations.

Sustainable Food Policy

If elected I will implement this policy to ensure that all of the catering MDXSU uses is morally and ethically responsible

Catering

Morally, Ethically responsible and Affordable University Catering. By implementing the above policies if elected I will use these policies to apply pressure to Middlesex University to bring in affordable, moral and ethical University catering into the future.

As Chartwells is invested in Defence and Arms according to their umbrella company Compass group’s website.

Restructuring the Student Voice Leader scheme and the Unions Democratic processes

Transparency

Increasing the average students awareness of: how and what the Student Union makes happen, Who does what in the Student union and making students aware of what the SU does. Through Videos and posters – in this fully online world

Office Hours – If elected I will hold 2 hours or more if needed of open office hours a week. Where students will have the opportunity to speak to me about any issues they are facing or ideas they may have that they want to implement to benefit other students in covid times this will be online via zoom.

Representation

MDXSU Liberation Groups Conferences. I will arrange termly conferences with the MDXSU Liberation Groups and appropriate MDXSU and Middlesex University Staff to hear any feed back they may have and use my position to support the students from those groups and to work on appropriate actions for members of the conference groups.

Full time MDXSU student Advocates

To employ full time advocates for Disabled Students and where appropriate advocates for other minority student groups in the MDXSU Advice team: who has a disability and a legal background, ant to implement a policy to ensure this role continues to stay in place into the future.

The advocates will self identify as a member of the community they are advocating for and provide legal advice and advocate for disabled students on issues that affect them

Minority Student communities, Elected Student Officers – for minority students that are Part of an identify as part of the following student communities: Disabled, LGBTQ, Women and Black (NIUS definition of Political Blackness), Creating a Part-Time Elected Student officer roles for the following student communities: Women, Disabled, Black (National union of students definition of political blackness) and LGBTQ.

These roles will hold equal power to the current Student officer Roles and will represent students from these communities across the university and the Students Union.

Monthly Diversity Discussion events open to all students to allow discussions about race, religion, ethnicity and sexuality to happen in a way that works to create an inclusive and positive University community that encourages people to be themselves whilst addressing the real issues that arise from: culture clashes, lack of awareness and prejudice. Whilst also having a zero tolerance to any form of hate.

Mental Health

Current Counselling for International Students stuck abroad due to covid-19. Currently international students stuck abroad do not have access to the universities counselling service.

Free Learning Disability diagnostic assessments through Middlesex University for all students – I will work to gain free testing for all students as many students that often don’t realise they have a disability until they get to university.

Increase Middlesex Universities Counselling Provisions for all students.

Disabled Students – Working with MDX Uni to implement a streamlined reasonable adjustment process

Monthly Free Sanitary Products

MDXSU to provide Free Sanitary Products one a Month for this that need them into the future and to look into providing increased access where appropriate to students moon cups and reusable sanitary towels and reusable panty liners.

About Me

I have been studying at Middlesex University for 5 years now. Throughout my time at Middlesex I have worked as the campaigns intern for the Students Union, been a student voice leader for my course, worked as a course Ambassador for the Middlesex University Marketing department, been part of the committee for several societies and I am currently President of Hive Potential Society and Co-President (non-physical side) of the Disabled Students Group. For this group I sit on the Student Group Executive Committee and the Union Council.

In my time at Middlesex I have observed many things Regarding how the Student Union doesn’t serve students the way it should, represent all studnets or work effectively for students. This is for several reasons that are systemically imbedded within the university and have only become clearer through Covid.

Students are people and are paying customers that deserve far better than they are currently receiving. If elected I hope to change the status quo of the Union so it Represents all students and makes positive long lasting change for students.