

## **Model Candidate Statement for the role of Communities & Colleges Officer**

At Oxford, we are fortunate to have a diverse range of communities, including Common Rooms, clubs and societies, and RepComs. I am standing for President of Communities and Common Rooms because I care deeply about strengthening those communities and ensuring they are supported, represented, and empowered.

My experience centres on building inclusive, student-led spaces and working collaboratively to deliver change. As President of the Coffee Appreciation Society, I led a diverse membership with different interests, budgets, and access needs. I worked closely with my committee to run accessible events, manage finances responsibly, and create a welcoming culture. This role taught me how to listen to members, balance creativity with structure, and turn student ideas into practical outcomes.

Alongside this, I have served as Welfare Officer for my College JCR. In this role, I supported students through challenging situations, signposted them to appropriate services, and worked constructively with College staff and the wider JCR committee to improve welfare provision. I also supported my JCR President in their role as our voting representative at the Conference of Common Rooms (CCR), particularly on a motion concerning student wellbeing. This involved gathering student feedback, helping draft and refine the motion, and ensuring our College's perspective was clearly represented. Through this, I gained first-hand experience of how CCR works, how policy is shaped, and how important it is that Common Rooms feel confident and informed when engaging with SU democratic structures.

As President of Communities and Common Rooms, I would bring this experience to the SU by prioritising collaboration, communication, and practical support. I believe the SU works best when it enables Common Rooms and societies rather than imposing top-down solutions. I would work closely with JCRs, MCRs, and societies to deliver CCR mandates in ways that reflect the diversity of colleges and student experiences across Oxford.

A key focus for me would be strengthening the relationship between the SU and Common Rooms. I want to explore what additional support the SU can offer - whether through clearer guidance, training for Common Room officers, shared resources, or better channels for raising concerns and sharing good practice. Common Room officers should feel supported, not overwhelmed.

I would also ensure societies' voices are heard within the CCR remit. Having led a society myself, I understand the challenges societies face and the importance of clear, two-way communication with the SU.

I am standing because I believe in an SU that listens, collaborates, and empowers student communities. I would be proud to represent Common Rooms and societies, and to work with them to build a more connected and supportive Oxford for all students.

### **Model Candidate Statement for the role of Undergraduates Officer**

I am standing for President of Undergraduates because I believe strong, effective representation starts with listening to students and confidently speaking up on their behalf. My most important experience for this role has been serving as a Divisional Representative for Social Sciences, where I represented undergraduate students across multiple departments and brought their concerns directly into University and SU decision-making spaces.

As a DivRep, I worked to gather feedback from students with very different academic experiences, ensuring that a wide range of voices were reflected in my representation. I regularly raised undergraduate issues through SU structures and attended the Conference of Common Rooms, where I spoke on several motions affecting undergraduates. Taking part in these debates gave me first-hand experience of how student policy is shaped and how clear, well-informed contributions can influence outcomes. It also reinforced how important it is that undergraduate perspectives are not only present, but confident and well-prepared, in these spaces.

This role taught me how to navigate SU democracy, communicate complex issues clearly, and follow through after motions are passed. I understand that representation does not end with a speech or a vote - it requires accountability, updates to students, and continued pressure to ensure mandates are delivered. As President of Undergraduates, I would bring this same approach to the role: grounded in student experiences, informed by policy, and focused on real change.

Alongside this, I have been the Events Officer for the Hot Chocolate Appreciation Society. In this role, I planned and delivered events that were welcoming, affordable, and accessible, helping to build community outside of academic spaces. This experience has given me a practical understanding of the importance of student-led communities to undergraduate wellbeing, and the challenges societies face in organising events and engaging members.

As President of Undergraduates, I would work collaboratively with DivReps, Common Rooms, societies, and other Sabbatical Officers to ensure undergraduate concerns are heard at every level of the University. I want to strengthen communication between the

SU and undergraduates, making it clearer how students can raise issues, engage with democracy, and see the impact of their involvement.

I am particularly committed to supporting and empowering undergraduate representatives. Having been a DivRep myself, I know how valuable this role is and how much more effective it can be with the right support, guidance, and feedback from the SU.

I am standing because undergraduates deserve representation that is confident, informed, and accountable. As President of Undergraduates, I would work to amplify undergraduate voices and ensure that SU decisions genuinely reflect the needs and experiences of undergraduate students across Oxford.