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Who am I?

I'm a second year Psychology student at Bournemouth University and Welfare Executive Officer for my Students' Union. I currently head up the SUBU Welfare Council made up of 12 part-time elected officers celebrating diversity, promoting equal opportunities and looking after the general welfare of student's day to day.

Why am I running?

Quite simply I am living it. I'm still a student and so who better to represent students than someone who is facing these issues right now? I know what it's like to live in a rubbish house, how annoying it is when lectures get cancelled and am a prime example of how unions can inspire and empower students.

I am passionate about the student experience both locally and nationally and particularly student welfare, influencing welfare policy and campaigning on student issues at my university is something I want to develop further at a national level. At

Bournemouth I have worked on national campaigns such as National Voter Registration Day and am helping to introduce a no platform policy in my union.

I also want students to recognise NUS as more than just a discount card they can use on their shopping, and see it as the major collective force that it is for students regardless of where they study, or who they are.



"Grant is one of the most dedicated part time officers I have ever worked with, his growth within our students' union is a testament to his drive and passion for improving the student experience, playing a crucial role in shaping welfare and equal opportunities at SUBU"

Annie Hall

VP Communications (Students' Union Bournemouth University)