

STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT 25/26 – NOVEMBER 2025

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MANIFESTO & PRIORITIES UPDATE:

1. Diversity and Inclusion

Building an inclusive and diverse community across all campuses remains one of my top priorities this year.

- a. **Diversity Week (16–19 February 2026):** I am excited to announce that I will be organising Diversity Week from 16th to 19th February 2026. This week will celebrate the multicultural identity of our student body through events and performances that embrace global cultures. A key highlight will be “**Taste of Culture**” on 17th February, where students and societies will showcase their traditions through cultural attire, food stalls, dance, and performances.
- b. **Cultural Podcast:** To strengthen intercultural dialogue, I am planning to launch a Cultural Podcast Series, featuring conversations between representatives of diverse societies discussing cultural experiences and student journeys.
- c. **TEDxUWE (May 2026):** In continuation of celebrating voices and ideas, I am working towards organising a TEDx event in May 2026, providing students a platform to share inspiring stories, innovations, and impactful ideas.

2. Strengthening Societies and Improving Communication

- a. **Centralised Societies Events Platform:** One of my major manifesto promises was to introduce a centralised platform for society events—and I’m delighted to share that this feature is now live on the UWE Students’ Union website. This tool helps students easily explore upcoming events, discover societies of interest, and encourages collaborations between societies.
- b. **Skills Workshops for Society Leaders:** To build stronger and more confident committees, I am developing Leadership and Conflict Resolution workshops that will be delivered during the Societies Conference.
- c. **“Top of the Socs” Recognition Scheme:** I am introducing “Top of the Socs”, a monthly recognition scheme that highlights societies with exceptional activities and engagement. The winning societies will be featured on the SU’s social media platforms, helping attract new members.

3. Representation

- a. **Working Across Campuses:** I have been scheduling visits and meetings across different campuses to gather feedback, promote society engagement, and support cross-campus collaboration.
- b. **Encouraging New Societies:** I'm thrilled to share that since September, we have received 31 new society applications, a significant increase from last year.
- c. **Promoting Cross-Campus Career Opportunities:** Collaborating with the VP Education and SU President, I am actively promoting upcoming Career Fairs and Employability Events across campuses.

4. Academic Societies Representation

From my previous year's experience, I identified that academic societies often face engagement challenges. This year, I am working closely with the VP Education to bridge the gap between academic societies and course representatives. Together, we are identifying courses and programmes without academic societies and exploring how to support students to establish new ones.

5. Welfare and Wellbeing through Non-Alcoholic Socials

To promote inclusivity and wellbeing, I am encouraging societies to host non-alcoholic socials, ensuring everyone can participate comfortably. I am also collaborating with the International Students' Officer to organise a dedicated Non-Alcoholic Social Event, providing a relaxed and welcoming space for all students to connect.