



Re-Elect Natasha Blake VP Activities for 2010/11!

Hi there, welcome to my Manifesto!

My name is Natasha Blake and I am the current Vice President of Activities, I was also once an Entertainments officer, member of five societies, Forward on the Ladies Rugby Team and graduate of Drama and theatre studies at the university.

My Role as Vice President of Activities this year has been one of enjoyment, succession, development, achievement and passion. I have broadened my understanding of the position and have opened up the eyes of others to take a chance and truly embrace activities in all different forms. The position itself has allowed me to develop the structure of Activities in four major areas consisting of, Societies, Sports, Volunteering and 'Give it a Go Activities'. All in which entail organisation, dedication and hard work. Throughout the year I have worked on specific projects within the Union and outside in the local area, with organisations and companies to provide a wide range of on and off campus activities. Such as trips away to Disneyland Paris and Go-Ape, establish Pole-dancing classes and Tai-chi, pushed the development of Volunteering to reach out to as many students as possible for example co-ordinating the Volunteer fair on January 15th 2010, worked with charity organisations to produce events for fundraising. Structured clubs and societies to become sustainable, helped to ensure Sports teams are being catered for by sharing the Student sports Management group and putting on AU socials to allow teams to engage and develop with each other.

I have also had the privilege of spreading the student voice through campaigns such as hope not hate, Student voting which is essential to the current political issues we are having now in regards to top up fees. Collaborated with National Union of Students to help produce student satisfaction on a broad scale. As well as the National Student survey and the University staff to generate the notion of student experience through Activity and engagement, making it enjoyable and approachable for all.

So as you can see this position is full of opportunity and hard work that needs to be fulfilled to the highest degree. I hope I have your vote to continue to push Activities around the university.

Why I want to run for a second year?

This is because I want to be able to fulfill the development of activities for the next academic year so it becomes sustainable and efficient. Allowing as many students to get involved as possible.

What will I do next?

If I am re-elected by you I will fully focus on the development of the four areas I work in, hoping to deliver the best for students interested in activities. I will continue to sit on focus groups and chair meetings to give you the experience you deserve at university.

Activities

- Maintain the flow of activities that are provided throughout the year, whether that's trips away to places such as Amsterdam or the theatre and engage more interest in selection of trips.
- Push 'Give it a Go' by providing even more on/off campus Activities, such as Sailing, Paint-balling, 5-a-side, the list is endless.
- Help Students organise and take leadership for their own activities and events.

Clubs/Societies

- Encourage more students to start up societies, we have had an increase in Start ups this year and have had great success stories, societies have boomed with more and more students eager to start and join societies.
- To continue to fully engage with these students and help push and promote their clubs and societies.
- Continue to fully support Clubs and societies and the Societies President in their decision making and organisation, through finance, event organisation, publicity and dedication.

Sports

- To help construct an even stronger link between the SU and Sports Roehampton, through sporting activities.
- Continue to chair SSMG and promote all fields of sports to students and staff at all levels.
- Fully support and organise events like: Sports Roehampton Awards & Dinner, Sports Socials and 10k fun Run.
- Have closer engagement with student activity through sports representations from external companies wanting to engage our students in national and international sports and activities.

Volunteering

- Push and develop Volunteering Brokerage service on campus and generate more fundraiser events.
- Continue to work with Student services to ensure Volunteering is publicised throughout the university.
- Work with more Volunteer organisations to get as many students looking for opportunities.

Student union Development

- Continue to Develop and build a network with organisations wanting to work with Roehampton Students, raise the awareness of the student voice and help spread the policy and ethos of the Student union as it changes in to Zones and focuses on a brighter future for our students.

I am not here to make false Promises but to voice the opinions of students interested in making a difference and reaching goals they thought they never could. Activities provides students with a chance to engage in extra curricular activity, allowing socialising to insue, getting a new hobby and taking a step forward to achieve a sense of accomplishment in anyform. I'm serious and focused, and hope to raise the Profile of Activities even more. Activities plays a big part to the structure of Roehampton University and I want to continue to help give it a boost and reach a level of sustainability, which I hope will put a smile on the students faces who are just as passionate about it as me!

Its about having fun and making the most of you university experience.

Thank you for your time,

Kind regards, Natasha Blake.

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