

Hello,

My name is Alex Murray, and I am a final year Business student running for the position of RSU President.

I have had the luxury of being involved with the RSU for the last two years, being Liaison Officer and current Deputy President of Southlands. I feel this has enabled me to grasp a deeper understanding of how the RSU works and allowed me to take part in the runnings of student life within Roehampton. With the prospective changes coming up for RSU, I believe it will be interesting to see how next year will be different from the others I've known and enjoyed so well.

**Off-campus students:** The off-campus students are often over looked when it comes to acknowledging student wants. They often arrive for lectures and then go home and continue this throughout there 3 years here. I find this disappointing as I feel a huge part of university life is the social aspect. With the students union moving to Frobel and the bar space being recognised as the Union bar, I believe this will enable the RSU to engage all students more by having a headquarters by where people can come together, meet new faces and have something to do other than just going home. If elected as President, I will strive to take advantage of the new system for next years RSU to allow off-campus students to feel more welcome and engaged within thier university.

**Employeement:** Part-time jobs have always been factor for students whilst studying a degree. The extra money and the experience enables us further our employabililty. Unfortunately the recession had a few things to say about that, and subsiqently put a halt to the tradition. Working with local employers I will try to open up more part-time positions for Reohampton students. And not just paid work, volentearing is big window for students to take advantage of. Many volentearing opportunities arise whilst at Uni, but are often overlooked because of the lack of pay. But surely working somewhere volentarily if better than sitting idol?! Hopefully I will be able to open up more volentearing positions in order to boost students CV's whilst helping those in need.

**Entertainments:** Whilst I know that the events put on by RSU appeal to a large demographic at Roehampton, I am also largely aware that they dont cater for the others. I would love to be able to open up events to a wider audience by making more diverse and unique events available to all. Wouldnt it be good to a have FUNKY RAVE 1 week then cheesy/80's night another. Theres no neccesity to restrict our genres by needs of ease. Surely providing what students want makes the process easier rather than combating complaints?! I would love to diversify RSU events and make them appeal to the more of the students who represent Roehampton University.

**Education:** As of next year, the President will take on a bigger role by supporting the course reps throughout the university. Through cooperation and determination I would work with the course reps to improve YOUR education, the thing we all pay so much to recieve. I believe is a very important topic as some will be thrilled with their course whether as others become miserable. We all pay the same amount, therefore a high standard should be standardised throughout the campus.

As President, I feel alot of what i have to give will put across during the year. I could

write a dissertation sized manifesto for you, but I think we will both be glad i havent. I love Roehampton University, I would relish the opportunity to continue and further the great unity and spirit we have here. I do not, for 1 second, doubt my ability to successfully fill this role and would be eternaly grateful for those of u who give me the chance. Gary Coates done an amazing job and i would love to continue his work for the good times of the RSU.

Vote Alex Murray RSU President 15th- 18th March