

Manifesto

I am Craig Aldridge, I'm 22 and a first year Theology and Religious Studies student. I am hoping to be elected into the role of Societies President.

I believe that the societies that are here at Roehampton are brilliant and offer amazing opportunities to expand and develop interests while having fun and meeting new people.

If elected my main aims as Societies President would be:

- **To more effectively advertise all the societies and bring awareness of them to all of the students of the university.**

Many people I speak to think that societies are under advertised and almost secret unless you know someone in them already.

I want to rectify this by working with the Student Media Officers and improving the web presence of societies and aim to make regular updates and information available via outlets such as Facebook.

I would also aim to find space for permanent Societies Notice boards in each campus.

- **To help societies with their events and fundraising.**

I would want to liaise with the new Social Secretary of each campus to make it as easy as possible for societies to use each campus's bars and facilities.

- **To dedicate time to helping any societies that are run by third year students to balance their important final year work with running their societies to their full potential.**

As part of the Pole dance society I have been told by the president how they wish we could do more as a society but due to their course demands they have been unable to put the time they would have liked to into it.

I would make it an aim of mine to dedicate time to any society which was in a similar situation and try to help in anyway so that both society and student could achieve their full potential.

- **I would also like to explore the possibilities of helping societies to become more involved with other university activities and events.**

I would love to and have ideas that I want to explore to utilise events such as Bop to become a place where societies could regularly make an impact, be seen and benefit the societies.

- **My main aim would be to support all the societies in anyway I could, be that time or advice or practical help and to represent the interests of all the societies on the Student Council.**

I am extremely keen and would be honoured to be on the student council to serve and help this university and student body which even after only a short time I really love.

I believe I would be suited at this role as I have had experience of running and organising things such as youth clubs and study groups and related events through many years of church and youth work.

I have near limitless amounts of energy and genuinely believe I can use that to help the societies become one of the biggest and best things about the whole university.