



My name is Therese Hunt, I am currently a first year, studying Sport and Exercise Science. I am running for the position of Student with Disabilities Officer. I am running for this position because I actually have a disability myself and I feel that I will be able to empathise with others with disabilities. I feel that I will benefit the Student Union and the University by making them more aware of the issues that students with disabilities face and helping the SU to make life more accessible at Uni. An example that I have come across is not being able to go to Fez, which is the nightclub that most students go to every Wednesday night, because it is not wheelchair accessible. I also aim to try and help them to be the 'typical' uni students. Make people realise that just because a person has a disability does not mean that they are not like anyone else and change attitudes that people have towards those with disabilities. I feel that this can be achieved by running campaigns that give out a strong message. I will advise the VP of activities and activities officer on accessibility when it comes to student events and nights out. I believe that if disabled students have the chance to get out there and get hammered with everyone else, they will feel more involved in student life..This in turn will help people get use to seeing us out. I want to make new disabled students more aware of the SUs presence and make sure they know that the union is there to help solve many problems and not just organise student events. As well as raising awareness about disability and making life better for students with disabilities, I feel I can offer other qualities to the uni such as offering ideas about general topics such as campaigning, environmental issues and basically representing students as a whole. So vote me and I really will turn disability into ability.