

VOTE

ANDREW ROBINSON

STUDENT VICE-PRESIDENT 2018-19

MANIFESTO

PROFILE

I am a year 3 Agriculture student, and I want to change the Student's Association for the better. Before returning to education I worked in farming & wildlife conservation for more than 13 years. Throughout my life I have studied on block-release and full-time, at an FE and HE level. I am also a mature student and a student parent. I fully understand the challenges and pressures that these life experiences and modes of study bring with them. I am a lifelong political activist, and have been a trade union rep. For the last year I have been Campus Officer at Edinburgh, where I have worked to effect change where I can. I am running for Vice-president as I am a firm believer in the power of student organisation, and by taking up this post I could make a difference to areas where changes have been more difficult to develop. I hope to encourage others to get involved and discover all that the student movement has to offer.

ACCOUNTABILITY

- Seek further autonomy for SRUCSA and explore the possibility of charitable status
- Openly publish all minutes and any related action trackers
- Write a weekly blog detailing the things I've been doing on your behalf
- Create a SRUCSA space on Moodle where you will easily be able to access blogs, minutes, and other communications
- Review SRUCSA's Constitution and Operating Procedures to ensure they are fit for purpose

REPRESENTATION

- Create voluntary Women's, BME, LGBT+, Disabilities, and Mature/Student Parent Officer roles
- Seek opinion from across the student body on major issues and take direct action if there is a consensus.
- Hold an open surgery at each campus at least once a month
- Continue to build Class Rep involvement as it is essential to everything SRUCSA does
- Provide timely and adequate feedback on all issues raised

EDUCATION

- Make finding a solution to current assessment feedback issues a priority
- Consult with students to ensure that they are at the heart of all decision making as the new Strategy is rolled out
- Review the Student Partnership Agreement to ensure it is fit for purpose and actually has value for the student body

WELFARE

- Equalise welfare provision across all campuses
- Support NUS Scotland's Fairer Funding campaign and work with them to lobby government for better student funding
- Establish links with Living Rent Scotland to help represent students who are tenants in the private sector and in halls

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STUDENTS ASSOCIATION**