

## Stuart MacKenzie - My Manifesto

Hi, my name is Stuart MacKenzie. I'm a BSc Countryside Management student at SRUC. I'm standing as a candidate for Student President because I believe I have the determination and experience to represent SRUC students across all campuses and courses. Over the last 5 years I've studied at three different SRUC campuses, and in that time I've got to know a lot of students and staff. I've seen for myself the differences between each campus; things done right, and where there is room for improvement.



I've really enjoyed student life, but now I want to give something back, by putting my skills, my experience and my connections to good use in helping deliver lasting benefits for all SRUC students, today and into the future.

2018 is Scotland's Year of Young People. I want to use this opportunity to build a stronger sense of unity among SRUC students, and increase employment opportunities. I know from my own experience how beneficial internships can be, but also how difficult a decision it is for students with financial commitments. I want to help in making that decision much easier.

Today our countryside faces greater threats than ever before in our lives. I strongly believe that only by *working together*, we can meet the challenges that are just around the corner.

If I am elected as SRUC Student President, I pledge the following;

❖ **Strength - Take up *your* struggle**

I will make sure that your voices *are* heard, digging my heels in if need be. I'm not here to simply say yes and tick boxes. I won't agree to anything unless I know I have your backing. I will also give timely feedback to your comments, directly from myself or your campus officers.

❖ **Unity - Bring SRUC students across campuses together**

I aim to help bring together like-minded SRUC students from around Scotland, by helping organise daily excursions and weekend camps. This could be arranged via student clubs.

❖ **Opportunity - Help deliver a greater range of paid internships**

I will engage with various organisations and businesses in helping deliver a greater range of opportunities for short and long term paid internships that are appropriate to student's financial needs, as well as to their area of study.

I'm asking you to put experience on *our* side, and vote for me as your next SRUC Student President.

- *Stuart.*