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Name of Candidate

Thomas Wiblin

Position

Vice President of Societies and Individual Development

Personal Statement; 200 Words

My name is Tom Wiblin, I am currently in my second year of a Biochemistry degree and I am running as a candidate in this year's elections for VP Societies. I have immensely enjoyed my time at the university so far however, as both a society committee exec and a regular I have noticed some areas that need improvement. By running I hope to

I have plenty of experience in running university level organisations that effect students. Last year I was a member of the level one forum for my degree. This meant that I was responsible for maintaining the happiness of fellow students studying in the same faculty as myself.

This year I have been Treasurer of the Liberal Democrat Society. This year I have successfully organised socials such as 'Debate and Wine Nights', successfully help the Liberal Youth Conference at Surrey for a second successive year and successfully managed the society's accounts. I am also the coordinator of a large university level sports competition league. So far I have successfully devised a timetable for the league which the majority of teams have stuck to and couriered match results to the over-seer. I am currently in the process of helping to organise an outdoor competition as a finale for the league.

'What I will do for you next year' 200 Words

For me, DAVE (Development, Accreditation, Volunteering and Employability) is a fantastic opportunity for students to expand their horizons and have fun at the same time. However I feel that not enough students are aware of the opportunities that DAVE provides and that it is an underused commodity within the university. I plan to improve access to DAVE and increase the number of students of DAVE courses and volunteering programs.

Are you are a society committee exec? Want your job to be easier? As VP Societies, I intend to do so. This will mainly take the form of working with Guild to improve its structure and organisation to ensure societies get their money. It will also take the form of small, seemingly menial things. However, all the small changes can add up to make a big difference!

I also intend to take the 'Back Down' campaign on TV licensing to the next level. This means I want it to be heard and voted upon at the next NUS conference and for it to become a NUS campaign as well.

'What I will achieve next year' 200 Words

By next year, I would like there to be 30% improvement in the number of students on DAVE courses and volunteering programs. This will be achieved by better marketing and a larger budget for that purpose.

I would also like the Guild of Societies to be fully functioning by next year, providing the correct amount of money to societies and giving the representation that all societies deserve. I respect that this being the first year of the guild's operation, it has had some tough obstacles to overcome but this should not be a problem next year.

I would also like society exec's lives to be made easier. This will be measured using feedback sessions in Guild standings and will be achieved by lots of smaller measures adding up to make a big difference.

Finally, by next year I would like the 'Back Down' campaign to become a fully affiliated NUS campaign. This would leave not only Surrey students but the entire student population of Great Britain in a stronger position to end TV license price inconsistencies and aggressive and intimidating.