

**SurreyDecides Bye-Election**

# Your Candidates

2024



**SURREY  
STUDENTS'  
UNION**

*Your Surrey Life.*

# SurreyDecides Bye-Election

Our student election is called *SurreyDecides*, and is the largest democratic event of its kind, when all the Union Officers are elected by a vote that takes place at the beginning of Semester 2.

*SurreyDecides* is your opportunity to stand out from the crowd and become a student leader, no matter what stage you are in your studies or your previous experiences – any student can take part.

Following our election in February, we have two part-time positions available that we're looking to fill:

## **Societies Chair in the Activity Zone Community Zone Committee Member**

We are recruiting for these roles through what is called a bye-election. It is similar to the larger election we hold in Semester 2, however it is scaled down a bit as there are only two roles.

Nominations were open from 21 - 25 October and we now have our candidates. As part of their nomination, they were invited to produce a manifesto, outlining their plans, if elected. You can read the manifestos submitted on the following pages.

On Wednesday 30 October at 18:30 we will hold our *Question Time* event on Teams, where you can hear from the candidates and pose your questions. [Join the meeting here.](#)

Finally, voting will open from 20:00 on 30 October – 17:00 on 1 November. **It is really important you vote** as it's your way of saying what you want to happen at Surrey. Once voting closes, we will announce the winners on Friday 1 November.

If you have any questions, please visit our dedicated [Bye-Election page](#) for FAQs and more information.

# Community Zone Committee

## *CANDIDATES*

**Ansar Mohammed Ansarulhaq Faisal**

**Biprajeet Das**

**Samesh Karuppannan**



# VOTE ANSAR

## AS YOUR 1ST PREFERENCE FOR COMMUNITY ZONE MEMBER



**BUILDING A CONNECTED AND EMPOWERED STUDENT COMMUNITY**



Hello, I'm Ansar, your friendly face from Freshers Angels and Welfare Watch, running for COMMUNITY ZONE MEMBER.

Bringing Surrey Together, Empowering Every Voice, Building Bonds, and Creating a Campus That Feels Like Family Where Every Student Belongs. **#VOTE4ANSAR**

Vote Ansar for Community Zone!

### WHY VOTE FOR ME? WHAT DO I STAND FOR?

I Aim To:

- Push for more communal areas and events to enhance student experience.
- Promote volunteer opportunities for students to engage and make a positive impact on campus life.
- Inclusivity: Every student deserves to feel welcome and valued, regardless of their background.
- Community Connection: Fostering meaningful relationships among students to enhance their experience.
- Empowerment: Inspiring students to take active role in shaping their community.

**#ANSAR4COMMUNITY**



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Vote Ansar #1



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# VOTE BIPRO FOR COMMUNITY ZONE



## COLLABORATE ON EVENT PLANNING

Actively Engage With Societies And Students To Gather Ideas, Understand Preferences, And Co-Create Events That Resonate With Student Interests And Enhance Campus Life.



## MANOR PARK SOCIAL

Host A Wider Range Of Events At Manor Park Social To Encourage Student Interaction And Enjoyment, Including Themed Nights, Game Weekends, And Cultural Celebrations.



## CULTURAL ORIENTATION EVENTS

Host A Month-Long Series For International Students, Introducing British Customs, Daily Life, And Adjustment Tips, Fostering Smoother Integration And Cross-Cultural Understanding.



## VARIETY AT THURSDAY MARKET

Broaden The Product Selection At The Thursday Market By Including Diverse, High-Quality Items At Competitive Prices, Alongside Including An Indian (Sativic Options), Arab And Italian Food Stall.



## HYBRID FRESHERS WEEK

Offer Both Online And In-Person Events To Ensure All Students, Including Those With Delayed Arrivals, Can Fully Participate And Connect.



## SUB REGIONAL MEETUPS

Organize Sub-Regional Meetup Events Where Students Can Connect With Others Who Share Their Culture But Which Are Not Entirely Represented By The Societies To Foster Community, Ease Cultural Adjustment, And Build A Supportive Network.



## ESTABLISH A WOMEN'S SUPPORT FORUM

Create A Safe, Expert-Led Space For Women To Discuss Personal Issues, Receive Guidance, And Build Supportive Networks.

### VOTING FROM

30th oct- 1st nov, 2024

### VOTING TIMING

WED 8PM TO FRI 7PM

**VOTE  
NOW**

**VOTE!**

**VOTE SAM [1] for  
Community zone  
committee member**



**SURREY  
STUDENTS'  
UNION**



- Studying Masters  
in International  
Hotel Management

- Course rep  
2024\25



**COURSE REPS**

- Food & wine
- Society Member
- Committed to  
support all the  
students in each &  
every possible way

**Hey Pals!  
I'm Samesh  
Here to  
support  
you**

**VOTING OPENS  
30TH OCTOBER -  
1st NOVEMBER**

**You'll receive a mail  
to cast your vote**

# Societies Chair

## ***CANDIDATES***

**Yash Ramwani**

**Jensen Nowak**

**Yumna Baig**

**Christopher Gordon**

**Kunal Jain**

**Angel Ahlawat**

# Vote for Angel

(AN ANGEL'S PURPOSE A STUDENTS DRIVE)



Meet me, Angel currently doing undergrad in criminology, here to investigate how we can make societies thrive

Your Voice : your course representative , I am ready to amplify student concerns

Making waves, also being a swimmer. I know the importance of teamwork balancing academics & sports together. We can make a splash and dive into success

Being a Current brand ambassador. I'm here to connect & empower, after all it's all about connections!

## VISION

*A society buddies system pairing up new societies with season pros Think it up as a big brother program , but with less drama*

*1. Anonymous question boxes for students to ask about taboo topics. It's like a confession booth. No judgments, just answers. I am promoting mental health with workshops like yoga and mindful days for every society. Because sometimes you just need to "om" your way through exam.*

*2. Number of society spotlights throwing spotlight each month on a different society. It's like a talent show , but with less embarrassing moves and promoting inclusion*

*3. Giving societies marketing kits Snazzy templates for posters and social media graphics. So they can promote like pros. Because who doesn't want the event to look instagrammable*

*4. Encouraging collaboration with local business teaming up for student discounts. Student support local while filling their stomach and wallets , everybody wins!*

*5. Look out for Society Olympics Hosting a taste of Surrey tour , societies set up stalls the showcase their dishes grappling a 'food passport' with a minimal fee and eat your way around the globe without leaving campus*



**COURSE REPS**



ENDORSED BY :  
Surrey book club  
Indian Student  
Association



@\_angelahlawat  
(CONNECT FOR UPDATES)

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Vote for putting ideas into action, vote for Angel.





# SOCIETIES VOTE FOR CHRIS



## WHY CHRIS?

Chris M. Gordon is a student here at the university studying a Master's in Nanotechnology and Renewable Energy. He is always open to listening to people's issues and is great at solving problems.

By bringing experience from before attending Surrey and a drive to improve communication, we believe on election day that you should vote Chris for Societies Chair



## TRANSPARENCY

A core part of the Union to Society relationship is clear communication of expectation and making sure that our decision-making process benefits the most students possible

As a part of this, Chris wants to make sure that student groups feel heard and understand why decisions are made



## COMMUNITY

Societies take a key role in many people's university experience, it allows them to start forming networks, take a break from studying and make lasting memories. Chris wants to support societies in helping people enjoy this pivotal pillar of their degrees

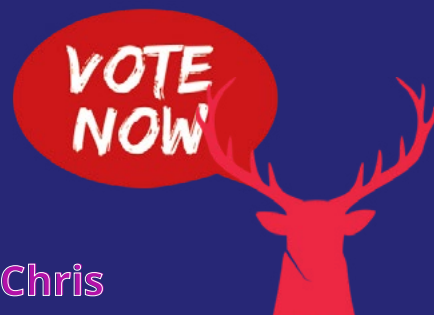
He will review the tools and procedures in place and take feedback from the societies to make them work better for you.

## A FRESH PERSPECTIVE

As stated earlier, this is Chris' first year at Surrey, however it is not his first year dealing with student unions.

Prior to Surrey, he ran two large societies with a membership totalling 400 students, which he represented their views and interest to the union.

This time he wants to work from inside the union to work to make it better for you.



[#SocietiesVoteForChris](https://twitter.com/SocietiesVoteForChris)

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**VOTE JENSEN[1] FOR  
SOCIETIES CHAIR.  
VOTE FOR CHANGE!**



## **WHO AM I?**

Third year Politics Student  
Officer for GameSoc (24/25)  
Head Course Rep (22/23)  
Course rep (21/24)

**ENDORSEMENTS:** 

## **CLEAN THE LOCKER ROOM!**

If elected to the position of Societies Chair, a major priority is to clean out the societies locker room. It is in a bad state and needs a proper cleanout to not only make it safe but also to open up room for societies in need of storage space.

## **SCRUTINY DURING STANDINGS**

The current rules for society standings is lacking and leaves open the opportunity for duplicate and splinter societies forming, which often fail within the year as well as stretching the budget thin. I promise to introduce greater scrutiny during standings and rules regarding splinter societies, leading to more varied and higher quality societies which do not fail within the year.

## **BUDGET TRANSPARENCY**

There is little to no involvement of societies during the society budget making. I promise if I'm elected as Societies chair to more greatly involve societies in the decision making process, making a fairer and more balanced budget for societies.

**VOTE FOR CHANGE  
VOTE JENSEN[1]**

 @JNowakwashere  
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**VOTE FOR KUNAL JAIN**



**#LiftTheLimits**

**MAKE ADVERTS OF SOCIETIES**

**PROMOTE CLUBS TO ORGANIZE EVENTS**

**LINKING MORE EVENTS WITH SURREY MOVES+**

**BETTER REWARDS AND INCENTIVES FOR SIGNATOTIES & SOCIETIES**

**MAKING SURE THE BUDGET FUNDS ARE UTILIZED OPTIMALLY**

**Don't Miss Your Chance to Impact the Outcome!**

**30.10.2024**

**Every Vote Counts!**

## Sustainability Starts With Us – Let’s Lead the Way!

Hey, fellow students!

I’m Yash, and I’m running for Society Chair because I want to make **sustainability a lifestyle**, not just another campus buzzword. From eco-friendly careers to zero-waste parties, let’s make going green the most exciting thing we do at university! Here's how we’ll take sustainability to the next level:

### Let’s Grow Our Own—Literally! 🌱

The **community garden** is a hidden gem, and I want to make it the heart of campus sustainability. We’ll have regular workshops on **growing your own food**, and let’s not forget the **bee-keeping**—because, really, bees are the unsung heroes of our ecosystem. Plus, imagine the bragging rights when you harvest your own veggies!

### Sustainable Societies, Everywhere 🌍

I’ll work with every society to make their events and activities greener. Whether it’s through **sustainable merch, fundraising for eco-causes, or reducing waste** at events, we’ll make sure every club contributes to our sustainability goals. Let’s turn Surrey into the most eco-friendly campus out there!

### Eco-Trips to Get You Out There 🌳

Time to swap the stuffy lecture halls for the great outdoors. I’ll organize **eco-trips** that take you hiking, kayaking, or even visiting local farms—giving you the chance to reconnect with nature while having fun. Fresh air, good company, and a whole new appreciation for our environment. What’s not to love?

### Fridays for Future: Campus Edition 🌍

Let’s bring the energy of **Fridays for Future** to campus! Imagine a weekly gathering where we combine learning, action, and fun to address real climate issues. Fridays will be all about raising awareness in creative, impactful ways. It’s our chance to remind everyone that **climate action starts with us**—right here, right now. And hey, why not throw in a bit of music and food to make it a proper Friday celebration? Let’s make our Fridays the **heartbeat of campus sustainability!** 🌱

### Green Jobs, Big Futures 🌿

Let's make **green careers the hottest trend** on campus! I’ll work to bring **eco-entrepreneurs, green companies, and sustainability experts** for talks, panels, and exclusive networking events. Think of it as your VIP pass to the future of jobs—where saving the planet is part of the job description. Who says saving the world can’t be profitable?

### Zero-Waste, Maximum Fun Events 🍻

Ever been to a party and felt guilty about the plastic cups and leftover food? Not anymore! I’ll introduce **waste-free events** that are so seamless you won’t even notice the difference (except for how great you’ll feel after). Whether it’s **eco-friendly cups, compost bins, or BYO cutlery**—let’s party like the planet depends on it. Because it does.

### Fix It, Don’t Bin It! 🔧

Why throw things away when we can **repair and reuse**? We’ll host **repair pop-ups** where you can get your bike, clothes, or gadgets fixed for free—no more tossing things out just because of a broken zipper or flat tire. Bonus: you’ll learn cool skills while saving cash and the planet. Win-win, right?

# VOTE YUMNA [1]

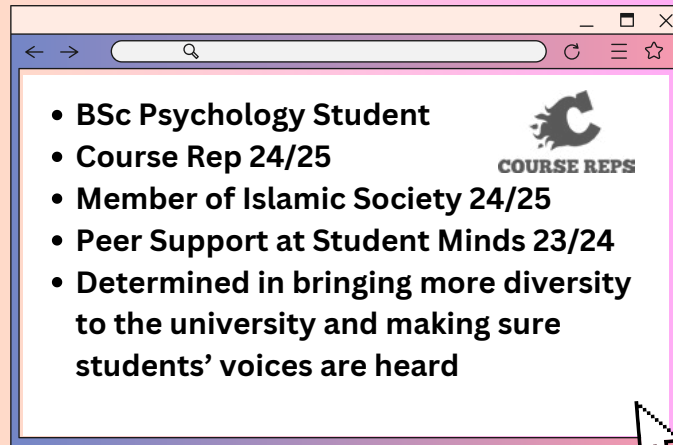


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## SOCIETIES CHAIR



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### ENSURE INCLUSIVITY AND DIVERSITY IN SOCIETIES

- I seek to become a representative for diversity, promoting equal opportunities
- Make sure events are also catered towards students who do not drink
- Curate neurodiversity training for signatories

### INCREASE COMMUNICATION, COLLABORATION AND OUTREACH



- Allow for easier communication between societies and the union
- Organise events with signatories for outreaching
- Work with VP Activity to support underrepresented societies



### INCREASE AWARENESS OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- Make sure students are aware of nightline and talk to together
- Speak with both services on how to improve awareness and bringing in more volunteers

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### ENDORSED BY:



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