

Other Ambitions

- Open a dialogue with local pools to get discounted access for GCU students.
- Making room bookings diary for Student's Association available.
- Argue for facilities to be maintained at an appropriate time. No more 10 weeks of broken lifts in the Hamish Wood building.
- Better variety of food sold within the refectory and other food outlets.
- Cheaper food and drinks at Re:Union Bar & Grill
- University wide NUS affiliation referendum



JONNIE ENGLAND FOR FULL TIME OFFICER

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Biography

I am Jonnie England, a 25-year-old Cell & Molecular Biology student hailing from sunny Glasgow. I have suffered from anxiety and depression for several years; during that time, I have also been studying towards my degree and holding down a part-time job at NHS24. I have struggled and stumbled in the past and can empathise with students who suffer from a mental illness while in university. For this reason, I am passionate about how mental health is an important factor towards attaining your goals at university.

I have been a student at GCU for four years, and another major passion of mine has always been the student experience throughout the time spent at university.

While volunteering within the Student's Association I have actively championed for student representation at Student Voice, petitioning previous Full Time Officers for improvements to the mental health services offered by the SA. I have successfully petitioned to get a Mental Health Officer into Student Voice, so now students who suffer from mental illness have a voice within the SA.

Outside the political spheres of the SA, I am the current Head of Audio Technology at RadioCaley, host of Jonnie's Jumbo Jams (Tuesdays 8-10pm at radiocaley.com), Head of Membership/New Societies on Societies Council, and will be representing GCU at the NUS Scotland conference in March.

Leaving the scope of university entirely, I can usually be found at rock concerts/festivals, chilling playing video games or reading a book.

Main Goals



- Expand current Mental Health services within both GCU and Student's Association

GCU has a fantastic counselling service, however many students struggle to get appointments and this lack of access can put people at risk. The Students Association's advice centre can signpost alternative resources within the local area but has limited scope to help. I will look to expand the counselling service within GCU so that students no longer have to wait to get the help they need.

Along with the newly created Student Mental Health Officer, which I petitioned previous Full Time Officers to implement, I will champion for an increase of awareness and use of the existing services, as well as expansion of staffing levels and training opportunities for existing staff.

- Gender neutral toilets

As a great book once said "Everybody poops" – so why are our bathrooms segregated by floor as well as gender? I will fight for bathrooms within all GCU buildings to become gender neutral, so that you no longer do you have to worry where to go when nature calls.

- 24-hour access to Saltire Centre

We've all been there: you have looming deadline and need one last reference to finish off your essay. The only problem? The perfect text only available as a physical copy and is already locked away until the morning. Or perhaps you've been forced to relocate the 24-hour lab while on a roll since it's close to closing time. If the library can be open for 24 hours during the exam period, why can't the same courtesy be extended to those doing coursework? I will petition to open the Saltire Centre 24 hours a day, so you can finish that essay.