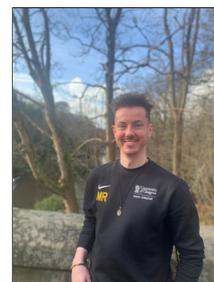


GUSA Council Member - Nomination Form & Manifesto 2021/22

Position		Fundraising & Outreach
Nominee:	Name:	Michael Rafferty
	Club:	Volleyball
Nominator:	Name:	George Fournarakis
	Club:	American Football
Seconder:	Name:	Sabrina Sforza
	Club:	Volleyball



About me

Hi, I'm Michael Rafferty and I am a second year Business & Management student and part of the Volleyball club! I have grown up playing sports my whole life, having played in football, rugby and basketball teams most of my childhood. I am extremely excited to get more involved in GUSA and hopefully help to continue the fantastic work they are doing!

Having spoken about the role to James, the current fundraising & outreach convenor, I have a good understanding of what will be required of me should I be elected! I aim to expand on his great work in a difficult year and maintain the connections that have been built within the local community. Looking towards the upcoming year, I believe it will be incredibly important to do as much as possible to make the transition towards life with lighter restrictions as smooth as possible, both for the student body as well as our chosen charity. I would like to take advantage of any opportunity to get students more involved in fundraising in a way that was not possible in this past year, while still being conscious of what is feasible and safe. Doing this will bring GUSA closer together as a community, especially for first year students who will be moving into second year without a true sense of what GUSA is all about.

Aims

Restrictions permitting, I would also like to carry out a fundraising event that James had planned for this year that was unfortunately not able to go ahead. It was a great idea that I believe students would love to take part in, and if elected more information about it will be revealed in due course! Think Bongo's Bingo but GUSA-fied. Of course, we cannot forget GUSA's big quiz of the year, which will hopefully run without a hitch and will surely be something to look forward to for us all.

In terms of the charity of the year, I would like to find a charity that supports local communities and young people by providing sporting equipment that would normally not be available to them. I believe it is incredibly important for people to not be hindered in what sport they get to play due to the cost of equipment and facilities, so supporting such a charity would be a great focus for me.

Outreach in the local community has been of great difficulty this year but moving forward I would look to strengthen ties with the local area through sporting initiatives similar to what the Basketball club has very successfully done with their Govan Rising Stars initiative. I have been incredibly inspired by their great work and believe a similar framework would work incredibly well for GUSA as a whole!

I hope this gives a sense of what I hope to achieve in the role and wish the rest of the candidates all the best in the upcoming election!