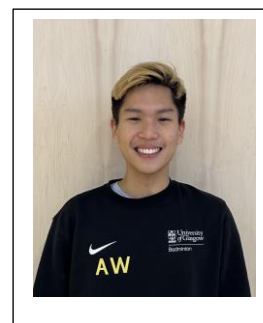


## GUSA Council Member - Nomination Form & Manifesto 2024/25

Position:	Outreach Convenor	
Name:	Alex Wong	
Club:	Badminton	
	Nominator's Name	Signature
1.	<u>Adi Karni</u>	<u>AK</u>
2.	<u>Ramsay Newell</u>	<u>RN</u>



Hi, I'm Alex and I am running for the GUSA Outreach Convenor position. I'm a second-year biomedical engineering student and part of the badminton club. This year, I was involved in the running of GUSA events as part of the GUSA events team and I wish to be further involved next year in making sure that students' voices are heard within all areas of sport.

In the badminton club, last year, I won 'Club Member of the Year' as a fresher for my enthusiasm and commitment to the club. This year, I took up the role of social sec which allowed me to interact with a large range of people and make our club grow in size. I led with 2 other social secs in a team to organise socials and together helped bridge the gap between recreational members and team members, making badminton a more welcoming club. I would apply the same management and leadership skills if I have the chance of being your next Outreach Convenor. I have also been involved with my own club's outreach program where I volunteered in teaching badminton to kids of age 9-11 at Riverside Primary School in Govan.

Being an international student from Mauritius, I was lucky enough to be surrounded by the right people at the right time to integrate myself well within a sports club at the start of uni. I know, however, that this is not the case for most international students. Although the University of Glasgow has a diverse community of students, this is not always reflected within its sports clubs, whether competitive or recreational. Having this shared experience of moving and adapting to a new country and its culture is what I think makes me suitable for this role. I want to be the first point of contact that international students can approach whenever faced with any issues from any GUSA clubs and the uni gym. I will make sure that incoming students, both home and international, are welcomed better within sports at uni and will have a place where they feel included.

My key manifesto points:

- Work in collaboration with the university's international student support for them to advertise sports to incoming international students and PGR students.  
**How?** – I usually receive these emails on a regular basis and I know their content. I think that there could be a way where sports could be advertised in there because sports deals with the students' wellbeing. As there are many students of different nationalities, language barriers are somewhat inevitable. As such, I would suggest starting a mailing list in a select number of languages with the aim of engaging with as many international students as possible. This would be an opt-in program with students selecting their preferred language when signing up.
- Work with the Inclusion and Culture Convenor to highlight the diverse community of athletes at uni, specifically international/ PGR students.  
**How?** – I would organise an international student open day whereby students are able to interact with international students of certain clubs at stalls such as cricket, badminton, volleyball, basketball ect...
- Connect and cooperate with cross campus societies specifically those representing different countries and cultures such as the British Asian Society (BAS), glasgowhksoc, glasgowhaisoc, gujsoc, kerala society, indsoc etc... to help promote sports to their society international members.  
**How?** – I currently have ties with most of these clubs, and their members. Therefore, it would be easy for me to get in contact with them and implementing the advertisement of uni sports at Freshers' fayre.
- Encourage clubs that have outreach programs to nominate an Outreach convenor, to ensure that there are always volunteers available to help out and that it continues into future years.  
**How?** – I will endeavour to help clubs engaging with outreach programs have an updated constitution involving the new position and that those elected keep in contact with me in an 'Outreach committee'.
- Provide clubs with ideas to organise fun events within their programs like sports days and tournaments to showcase their improvements and passion for sports.  
**How?** – I have helped organise charity recreational tournaments and sports day in the past for the badminton club and they were successful in bringing people together and them having a great time. I would apply the same skills to help other clubs organise them within their outreach programs.