GUSA Council Member - Nomination Form & Manifesto 2025/26

Position:	Travel and Sustainability
Name:	Erin McCabe
Club:	Trampoline



Hello! My name is Erin McCabe, and I am a third year geography student. It has always been a passion of mine to make the world a more sustainable place, and I feel like the role of GUSA travel and sustainability convenor is an important one, which would make a lasting impact on the University.

Over the two last years I have been involved in Trampoline at the university, which has given me countless amazing opportunities. This year I have been Publicity Convenor and also led the club's sustainability team, where everyone's amazing efforts allowed us to place 4th on the table of GUSA's sustainable clubs. This year I was also a GUSA Freshers' Helper, which showed me the importance of cross campus relations and how important it is to encourage every club to be an active member of GUSA, which we can encourage via the sustainability challenge. I was also a member of the sustainability sub-committee, which involved of supporting the current convenor with the sustainability challenge for clubs – I also helped to make the graphics for the social media.

Outside of university I am the Green Champion for David Lloyd Clubs Hamilton. This role means I am responsible for ensuring the club is on target to reach the company goal of net zero by 2030. In this role I organised an event with a leading electric car brand, to promote the use of sustainable transport and electric travel to members within the club.

<u>Travel –</u> I will work closely to ensure the smooth running of the bus fleet, helping where I can to support clubs in finding drivers and organising regular cleaning of the busses.

<u>Social media</u> — With my previous roles within trampoline and on the sub-committee, I wish to expand the GUSA sustainability's social media presence, with more video and short form content such as TikTok's to reach a wider audience. I also aim to make the Instagram more active, with more informal posts about sustainability.

<u>Kit Swap –</u> In late semester 1 I would run a kit swap with the student body and in collaboration with the other societies and organisations on campus, such as GUEST and UofG Sport. Taking on feedback from last years kit swap, it would be important to have this later in the semester in order to allow people to settle back into university life.

<u>Outreach</u> – I aim to work with other local schools and the wider community to provide information and events regarding sustainability. In semester two I would also propose a kit donation, for clubs and individuals to donate any old kit to be rehomed to the local community. I would encourage clubs to get involved and to consider donating and old or unused equipment as well.

<u>Local brands</u> – Unicorn cup and Nixi Body are both brands that offer free reusable period products within the university and throughout UofG Sport. I would aim to make a big push throughout the year with talks from the brands and publicising how accessible it is for reusable period products within the university.

<u>Connections</u> – it is crucial to hear feedback from clubs, I would like to talk to club captains/ sustainability conveners regularly to hear any feedback or suggestions they may have. This will allow for engagement from clubs to ensure they are committed and have a say in how each club can become more sustainable. I would also encourage as many clubs as possible to have a designated sustainability convenor as a direct contact.

<u>Kit –</u> I would love to work with GUEST and other societies to offer workshops on repairing kit, this would expand the life of existing kit reducing the turnover for having to buy kit more frequently.

Thank you for taking the time to read my manifesto! I hope to build on the foundations laid down before me in order to make GUSA a more sustainable environment for all sports.