

Oxford Union Election - Trinity Term 2020

Candidates' Short Manifestos

Candidates' Claims in Manifestos

allowing members to judge the relative merits of manifestos

The Returning Officer has ensured to the best of their ability that all claims made in Manifestos are true; they advise, however, that Members acquaint themselves with the commonly used terms below in order that they are not misled. Members may wish to consider other similar words used as holding the same meanings and draw inferences from the fact that a Candidate has been unable to make the most substantial kinds of claims.

Stronger Claims:

Raised / Secured - the Candidate must prove primary responsibility for the production or negotiation of a contractual arrangement, to claim to have raised/secured funds or partnerships.

Brought - the Candidate must prove that a speaker visited the Society as a direct result of their confirmation.

Confirmed - the Candidate must prove primarily responsibility for a speaker accepting an invitation to visit on a mutually agreed date, or the Candidate has drawn up an as yet unsigned contract, following agreement from involved parties on its contents, which is set to be signed in due course.

Organised - the Candidate must prove their primary control of an event's inception and development. Where primary control is shared comparably with another Member, co-organised shall be used.

Responsible for / Led / Ran - the Candidate must prove primary responsibility for the content of claim.

Arranged - the Candidate must prove a substantial degree of control of an event's development, but not the contribution to inception that any organised claim requires.

Negotiating - the Candidate must prove primary responsibility for an ongoing negotiation, clear interest in response to their proposition, and further progress from this towards a confirmed claim since then.

Weaker Claims:

Assisted / Helped to – modifiers used where there is sufficient proof that a Candidate contributed substantively, but insufficient to prove that they have the necessary level of contribution or control for the stronger claim.

Interest from – where there is insufficient evidence for a stronger negotiating claim, but there has been clear interest received to their invitation or proposition.

Invited / Contacted – proof has been provided that the Candidate had primary responsibility for the invitation.

Supervised / Oversaw / Co-ordinated – proof has been provided for a lower level of involvement in an event or project suitable for these claims.

Facilitated / Worked – proof has been provided that a candidate contributed significantly to an event, usually but not necessarily the logistics or hospitality.

Weaker claims will be used often in Manifestos even by good Candidates: usually only Candidates for Office will be able regularly to make “stronger claims”. The distinction is nonetheless worth making.

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SCRUTINISED SHORT MANIFESTOS - TT20

CANDIDATES FOR SECRETARY'S COMMITTEE

to assist with running social events and distributing publicity

Benjamin Goodrick (Trinity College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#ThirdWay **Library Committee**, *Over-enthusiastic speaker*, Political Society **Junior Officer**, **Careers Society Treasurer-Elect**, *Goodrick is the one you should pick!*

Ahmed Imran (Hertford College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

School House Official, Inexperienced Swimmer, **Co-Chaired School Law Society**.

Zoe Heimann (St Anne's College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE Passionate Painter. Former **competitive dancer**. Fake scouser. The **best** out of the **triplets**. It is **Zo-Easy** to vote **Heimann!**

Oliver Hardman (Keble College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE 2XI Uni Hockey Captain. Grade 1 Recorder. Head Boy. Thumb warred alleged Kiwi SAS. JCR Speaker. Remembers first beer.

Dario Cowdery (Mansfield College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#ThirdWay

GF called me 'moderately competent'. Secretary of *small* Oxford society. **Awarded DofE bronze**. Pls_vOtE FoR nIcE_gUy.

John Yap (Sponsorship Officer, Mansfield College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE Coach: Beginners Squads! Assisted with Podcasts. World Schools Debater: Represented *HK, China*. Arranged **Charity Debating Outreach**. Yes, it's Yap!

Benedict Yorston (Merton College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE ACTOR: Sherlock Holmes! Award-Winning Public Speaker. *School Magazine Editor*. Will dye hair ginger if elected! No **Puns**, Vote **Yorston**.

Clara Morrissey (Keble College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

*Political Society Committee, Chorister, Mediocre Flautist! Senior Prefect, **See What Happens When You Vote Morrissey!***

Adi Kesaia Toganivalu (Magdalen College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE Westminster YOUTH COUNCIL, Agony Aunt for OxStu, *Read to the elderly!* **Vote Toganivalu to Value You!**

Joe Lawler (Pembroke College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

*College Rowing Team Vice-Captain, Keen Greggs Enthusiast, **Liverpool FC Employee**, Vote for **Lawler**, it's a **Joe Brainer!***

James Dugdale (Lady Margaret Hall) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

*Assisted Hong Kong Podcast - Confirmed Speaker, Completed 10 Vacation Days, **College Debater**, Orchestra Trumpeter! **We Will Prevail, Vote Dugdale!***

Marcus Ray (Corpus Christi College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE Interned for UN Official, Head Boy, *Australian chauvinist*, **Jägerbomb enthusiast!** Travels to obscure countries. A **Ray** a day!

Eddy Jones (New College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE ACTOR: *The Crown*. Podcaster! **Testing** Isle of Wight *track and trace*. President: School Politics Society **READY, STEADY.... VOTE EDDY!**

Ellen Welford (Exeter College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

*Investment Access Charity Ambassador, **School Management Competition Finalist.***

Jasmine de Braganca (Brasenose College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

Goethe Institute German Debater, **Talented Thespian**, College Femsoc Committee Member.

Juan Davila (St John's College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

Political Society Social Secretary, Head Boy, Tech Intern, Lead CERN Competition Team!
Make Me Your **No. Juan**

Daniel Syed-Chaudhry (Sponsorship Officer, St Hilda's College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE: Finance Director of **CAPITOX**, Consultant with **OSG**, Treasurer of Cultural Society. **Bridge Fanatic! Side with SYED!**

Anvee Bhutani (Logistics Officer, Magdalen College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

CONFIRMED **Jeb Bush** and **Steve Aoki**, College Access Ambassador, Founded Education Non-Profit.

June-Ho Chung (Sponsorship Officer, St John's College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE Vice President of OFS, University Golfer, Social Sec of SJCAFC, Oxford University Orchestra Cellist! This June, Vote June-Ho!

Helen Hall (Balliol College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

ALTS College Ice Hockey Player, Convened Oxford Schools' Round, Fresher College Medic Rep.

Alana Brown (Graduate Officer, Green Templeton College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

Invited 35+ Speakers, MBA, Co-Chair at Oxford Women's Leadership Alliance, Cherwell Wealth Inequality Writer, California Native, Aspiring Maltipoo parent!

Parth Gosalia (Ex-Press Officer, Christ Church) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE School Vice-Captain. Invited **Russian Ambassador**. **HELPED ARRANGE UN Debate**. European Youth Parliament UK. Sailing. HOPE it's the right Parth!

Katie Hearne (Worcester College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

Student Director of School MUN Soc, National Schools Gold Medallist Rower, Freshers JCR Rep.

Lily (Xueqi) Jiang (Magdalen College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE *Mathematician!* **Kpop Dancer, Mandarin Debater.** Founded school finance society. World traveller, *origami fanatic*. Don't be **silly**, vote **Lily!**

Priya Garg (Somerville College) - Candidate for Secretary's Committee - Short Manifesto

#ThirdWay

Experience:

- Floor Speech (2nd Prize)
- Access/Outreach (Volunteer)
- MCR/BCL Representative

Mission:

Union FOR international students/graduates/alumni

CANDIDATES FOR STANDING COMMITTEE

Members of the Society's governing body, to assist the Officers and plan social events

Alex Warr (Director of Sponsorship, *St Anne's College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

HOPE for EXPERIENCE:

- **EX-PRESIDENT of a Large Cultural Society**
- **COMPETITIVE SPORTSMAN - *Dark Blues Athlete!***
- **CONTACTED OVER 60 FIRMS TO SPONSOR YOUR UNION**
- **HELPED ARRANGE Tech Debate, INVITED OVER 60 SPEAKERS!**

HOPE for VISION:

- **DEBATING: More Speaking Skills Workshops**

Julia Hussain (Ex-Deputy Returning Officer, *The Queen's College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

HOPE for EXPERIENCE:

- **PRESIDENT of LARGEST UNIVERSITY POLITICAL SOCIETY**
- **ORGANISED Livestreamed Interviews: *Nicky Morgan*, Edwina Currie, Andrea Leadsom, Chairs of Select Committees!**
- **ARRANGED** a 2019 Election Three Party Debate

HOPE for VISION:

- TIGER KING Panel, *Debate Suggestions*

Sonya Ribner (Ex-Elected Member of Secretary's Committee, *Magdalen College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED

- CONFIRMED *Sir Laurie Bristow*
- HELPED ARRANGE **Putin Podcast**
- INTEREST from Retired Boxer
- INVITED 30+ speakers - Transformers Actress

EXPERIENCED

- COMPLETED 9 Vacation Days
- District *Environmental Affairs* Intern

Thea Drinkall (Ex-Elected Member of Secretary's Committee, Hertford College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED

- HELPED ARRANGE **Comedy Podcast**
- INTEREST from Refugee MP
- WROTE QUESTIONS for *Harry Potter Actress*

EXPERIENCED

- **College Politics & Economics Society Committee**
- College Netball Social Secretary
- *School MUN Co-President*

Adam Shewry (Standing Committee, Balliol College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

HOPE for EXPERIENCE:

ONLY STANDING COMMITTEE CANDIDATE TO:

- **BE SECRETARY** on TWO Committees
- **SERVE** on *Finance Committee & Library Committee*
- **ATTEND EVERY** TT20 *Access Committee*

HOPE for VISION:

- **DEBATING: BIGGER** After Debates
- **SPEAKERS:** Multiple Olympic Gold Medalist - *ALREADY INTERESTED!*

Viren Shetty (Secretary's Committee, *Christ Church*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

HOPE for EXPERIENCE:

- **WORKED 20+ Vac Days**
- **CONFIRMED** Daniel Sturridge, Leading Indian Opposition Figure
- **DELIVERED Winning Paper Speech: Feminism Debate**
- **BAME REP:** Christ Church JCR

HOPE for VISION:

- **PANEL: British Asian Voices**

Henry (Qifeng) He (Secretary's Committee, *Magdalen College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

HOPE for EXPERIENCE:

- **CONFIRMED:** David Baltimore
- **INTEREST FROM:** *Interpol Head*, Senate Leader, Chinese NBA Player, **UK CHANCELLOR!**
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Large Cultural Society
- **JOINT SECRETARY GENERAL:** School MUN

HOPE for VISION:

- **EVENTS:** UK-China Panel
- **DIVERSITY:** Multilingual Captions

Timea Iliffe (Press Officer, *New College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

HOPE for SPEAKERS:

- **CONFIRMED 5 Speakers:** Loretta Lynch, *Linda Sarsour*
- **INTEREST FROM** Former NSA Chief, *Former Economist Editor*
- **HELPED ARRANGE** Love Island Debate, Chefs Roundtable
- **INVITED 115+ Speakers - APPOINTED OF THE VAC!**

HOPE for VISION:

- **EVENTS: Domestic Violence Panel**

Joseph Brian Murphy (St Anne's College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED

- JCR PRESIDENT
- NEGOTIATING accommodation **RENT**
- PASSED motion to introduce JCR Stash Rep

EXPERIENCED

- COORDINATED *JCR committee online transition*
- OVERSEE JCR committee of **25+ people**
- CO-ARRANGED College Freshers' Week

George Beglan (*Mansfield College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

#ThirdWay

Experience:

- ONLY STANDING COMMITTEE candidate also Secretary in another Oxford Political Society.
- ONLY STANDING COMMITTEE candidate holding position of executive responsibility in an Oxford Diplomatic Society.

Reform nominations: access for all members.

Molly Mantle (Secretary's Committee, *St Hugh's College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED

- CONCEIVED of **ACCESS HANDBOOK**
- CONFIRMED 3 Speakers: *Jane Goodall, Amy Hart*
- HELPED ARRANGE 3 Events: **Love Island Podcast**
- INTEREST - Civil Rights Activist

EXPERIENCED

- COMPLETED **17.5** Vacation Days
- **Ex-LGBTQIA+ Officer**
- **Secretary Committee's Secretary**

VISION

- **IMPROVE SPEAKER DIVERSITY: LGBTQIA+ Panel**

Josh Wallace (Secretary's Committee, *Jesus College*) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

ACCOMPLISHED

- CONFIRMED *Brendan Rodgers, Sam Allardyce*
- HELPED ARRANGE **Afghanistan Podcast**
- DELIVERED Paper Speech: **Decade Debate**

EXPERIENCED

- COMPLETED **21** Vacation Days
- FACILITATED 8 Events
- **Ex-Logistics Officer**

VISION

- **IMPROVE FACILITIES:** SkySports, *Revamp Snooker Tables*

Zeus Chen (Secretary's Committee, Mansfield College) - Candidate for Standing Committee - Short Manifesto

DEDICATED

- Entrepreneur
- *Strategy* Consultant

WON

- *St. George's* Award
- Oxford Union Internal **Debating** Competition

DISTINGUISHED

- *Admissions* Ambassador, Oxford **MBA**
- Panellist, Oxford Young Leaders Roundtable
- *Member*, OUSSG at **All Souls College**

VETERAN

- Naval Machine **Gun Captain**
- Investment **Banker**

VISION

- *STRENGTHEN Alumni Engagement!*

CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY

with responsibility for the term's social events and for minuting Standing Committee Meetings

Adam Roble (Standing Committee, *St Edmund Hall*) - Candidate for Secretary - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

ONLY SECRETARY CANDIDATE TO PASS ACCESS REFORM, HELP RAISE MONEY, SECURE TREASURER'S TREATS, COMPETITIVELY DEBATE

HOPE for EXPERIENCES:

- **HELPED ARRANGE** Comedy Podcast, Empire Debate - **INVITED 90+ Speakers**
- **HELPED RAISE £30,000+**
- **NEGOTIATING \$140,000 Contract**

HOPE for REFORM:

- **FACILITATED** Oxford Schools, Oxford IV - **WORKED FOR UK'S LARGEST DEBATING CHARITY**
- **WORKED 28** Vacation Days
- **ELECTED** to 6 Committees - **MORE...**

... THAN ANY OTHER SECRETARY CANDIDATE

HOPE for VISION:

- **EXPERIENCES:** Open Mic Night
- **REFORM:** Black History Month Panel, State School Outreach

CANDIDATE FOR TREASURER-ELECT

with responsibility for the raising of sponsorship and for buildings maintenance

Tamzin Lent (Standing Committee, *St Peter's College*) - Candidate for Treasurer-Elect - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

CONFIRMED MORE SPEAKERS, ORGANISED MORE PANELS, SECURED MORE TREASURER'S TREATS *FOR YOUR UNION* THAN ANY OTHER TREASURER CANDIDATE

HOPE for SPEAKER DIVERSITY:

- **CONFIRMED 8 Speakers:** *Booker Prize Winner, PEGGY GOU!*
- **ORGANISED 2 Panels:** Holocaust Memorial, Literature
- **INTEREST FROM 10+ speakers:** Harry Potter actor, ***CHART-TOPPING ARTISTS***

HOPE for EXPERIENCED LEADERSHIP:

- **SECURED Treasurer's Treats:** Opera Café, Côte Brasserie!
- **PASSED Reform** to make Union **MORE ACCESSIBLE**
- **FOUNDED Student Safety BUSINESS**

HOPE for VISION:

- **SBS Engagement, Networking Events**
- **Food Stalls in Courtyard!**

CANDIDATES FOR LIBRARIAN-ELECT

with responsibility for the Library and for arranging individual speaker addresses

Douglas 'Doug' Rebanks Huang (St Catherine's College) - Candidate for Librarian-Elect - Short Manifesto

No more in-fighting: Elect someone who has the skills and neutrality to shepherd the library

EXPERIENCED:

- PhD in Systems Management, with focus on Librarianship
- Social Science Master's Degree
- 2 years as a professional librarian
- Managed 5+ staff
- Experience in staff discipline
- Led forum for ethnic minorities

INDEPENDENT

- Politically independent—I've been out the country for 3 years!
- Never held any position in the Union

Chengkai Xie (Ex-Secretary, *Brasenose College*) - Candidate for Librarian-Elect
- Short Manifesto

#HOPE

**CONFIRMED MORE SPEAKERS, ARRANGED MORE DEBATES & PUB QUIZ
SOCIALS, RAISED MORE MONEY THAN ANY LIBRARIAN CANDIDATE**

HOPE for SPEAKER DIVERSITY:

- **CONFIRMED 9 speakers:** Former President of Taiwan, *North Korean defectors*, Government Ministers
- **ARRANGED NO CONFIDENCE**, Billionaires Debates
- **ARRANGED Theresa May Reception**

HOPE for MEMBER EMPOWERMENT:

- **SECURED Treasurer's Treats - RAISED £3,700+ SPONSORSHIP**
- **ENGAGED Cultural Societies**

ONLY LIBRARIAN CANDIDATE TO DELIVER ON PROMISES

HOPE for VISION:

- **DEMOCRATISED EVENTS:** Member Suggestions for Events, Speakers
- **INTERACTIVE EVENTS:** Concerts, Screenings in the Chamber

CANDIDATE FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT

with overall responsibility for the Society and for arranging its debates

Jack Solomon (Treasurer, St Peter's College) - Candidate for President-Elect - Short Manifesto

#HOPE

HELPED RAISE MORE MONEY, ARRANGED MORE TOURNAMENTS & COMPETITIVE DEBATES, BROUGHT MORE BAME SPEAKERS TO THE UNION THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE

HOPE for BETTER EVENTS:

- **ARRANGED** Holocaust Memorial, Prison Reform *Panels* & Refugee, Tech, No Platforming *Debates*
- **CONFIRMED** Syrian Women's Activist, Alfred Enoch, *more!*
- **HELPED RAISE** £450,000+, **SECURED** Treasurer's Treats

HOPE for DEBATE:

- **COACHED** ALL Debating Squads – **ONLY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO DEBATE INTERNATIONALLY**
- **CO-CONVENED** Oxford IV – **RUN MORE TOURNAMENTS THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE!**

HOPE for REFORM:

- **HOSTED** State School Workshops - **ONLY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO DO STATE SCHOOL DEBATING WORKSHOPS**
- **HELPED PRODUCE** Access Handbook - **PASSED MORE DISCIPLINARY REFORMS THAN ANY OTHER PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE**
- **CREATED** Oxford Union App - **ONLY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TO SERVE ON APPOINTED COMMITTEE**

HOPE for VISION:

- **EVENTS:** *Collaboration* with Other Societies
- **DEBATING:** *More* Online Squads, Tournaments
- **OUTREACH:** *SBS-Union* Consulting Project
- **MODERNISE:** *Digital* Membership Card!