President of the SRC

Jamie WHITFORD (Left Action)

Hey, I’m Jamie and I’m running for President of the UNSW SRC with LEFT ACTION.

The committed activists in Left Action believe that the SRC should be a body that actively fights for students’ rights. In a context where the management has put students and staff on the firing line with their trimester plan and the government is set to make our fees higher and quality of education lower, it has never been more important for UNSW students to have a fighting left-wing SRC.

I’ve been working all year with fellow student activists to build the anti-trimester campaign, which saw the biggest rally UNSW has seen in years, as well as the vibrant Marriage Equality campaign to mobilise students to vote yes. But whatever we do, whether it’s protesting for refugee rights, showing solidarity with staff facing job losses or campaigning against fee increases, Left Action activists are active all year around.

Liam KISS (Swipe Right)

No information provided

Zack SOLOMON (Activate)

Hi, my name is Zack and I’m running to be your SRC President! For years I’ve been involved in the UNSW SRC, fighting to have the voices of students at our Uni heard. I grew up in a country where nothing was achieved without advocacy. Change and achievements for us all required action, and since I began my involvement with the SRC at Uni, I’ve had the privilege of fighting for students. I have seen the amazing opportunities that we all have at University to effect change and lead the charge for things we believe in. From advocating for increased 891 bus services, and against trimesters, to delivering 24/7 study spaces on campus, subsidised RSA courses, Crisis Accommodation and so much more, I recognise the importance of an SRC that has the ability to deliver and I cannot wait to be given the opportunity to deliver for you!

General Secretary

Gene BROWNLIE (Left Action)

No information provided
Lizzie BUTTERWORTH (Activate)

Hi, my name’s Lizzie and I’m running to be your SRC General Secretary! After having been involved in the SRC for years, first as a dedicated volunteer and this year as your Women’s Officer, I recognise the exciting and unique role that the general secretary plays. I want to ensure that all students are represented at every level of decision making, and that more people are involved in these processes regardless of academic, social, and cultural backgrounds. After having worked tirelessly to further women’s representation, provide support services for survivors of sexual assault, and force the university to take substantial action against university rape culture, I recognise the difference that a strong SRC makes to delivering tangible outcomes for students.

Education Officer

Caitlin KEOGH (Left Action)

Hey I’m Caitlin and I’m running for the position of Education Officer in the UNSW SRC with Left Action.

Left Action stands for a left-wing activist SRC that is serious about campaigning against attacks on students and staff from both university management and the federal government. We believe that rebuilding a culture of student protest will be vital for protecting student rights from the onslaught of attacks we are facing at UNSW and across the country.

That is why I have spent the past year as part of Left Action in campaigning against the introduction of trimesters here at UNSW as well as organising against the fee hikes proposed on a federal level.

The UNSW SRC should be a body that fights for student’s rights and engages broader layers of students into a fightback against education cuts. Left Action also recognises the importance of combating the attacks launched on particular groups of students by the political parties and mainstream media in the forms of racism, islamophobia, sexism, homophobia, transphobia etc. and we have been campaigning tirelessly around these issues.

We need student activists in the SRC, not student politicians who just want to further their own career.

Lisa RYAN (Swipe Right)

No information provided
Hey! My name is Toby, and I’m a third year Mathematics and Philosophy student. In spite of resistance from students and staff, the university is steaming ahead with trimesters, cutting our staff, and continuing to exclude students from genuine decision making. Despite this, I’ve found countless students across the UNSW community fighting in their own way to make education here better. As Education Officer, I will continue empowering students to have a say in the quality and accessibility of their education. I will continue to fight passionately against trimesters, against cuts to our staff, against the increasing inaccessibility of our university. I look forward to working towards an accessible, quality, and diverse university, alongside anyone who shares these values and has as much passion for change as I do.

Welfare Officer

Madeleine POWELL (Left Action)

No information provided

Conan FENG (Swipe Right)

No information provided

Max KENNEDY (Activate)

My name is Max Kennedy, and I’m a Computer Science/Arts student running for SRC Welfare Officer. I am running for this position because I strongly believe in advocating for students’ rights, particularly relating to issues such as mental health awareness, and a safe and reliable public transport system for UNSW students. As someone who relies on public transport to get to university, I have seen and experienced how students are struggling with the inadequate public transport to and from UNSW, and, if elected I will fight for more bus services. I will also fight for more accessible, and higher quality, welfare and mental health services for students, as everyone should be able to access the services provided by their representative body and the university. I will also take a firm stance against actions taken by the government or university that are not in the interest of students’ welfare.

Women’s Officer

Alicja DEEGAN (Left Action)

The fight for women’s rights is an important issue for student activists. The gender pay gap, attacks on reproductive rights, sexual assault and sexism in every sphere of life loom large. But women are also fighters. This year we saw the biggest march in US history for womens rights when Trump got
elected. I have been involved with organising women's marches here in Australia and think that the SRC should actively involve itself in this.

Grace LE (Swipe Right)

No information provided

Angela GRIFFIN (Activate)

I wish to be UNSW's Women's Officer for 2018 because women-identifying persons on campus deserve strong representation on SRC. I have seen firsthand the immensity of what women can achieve with access to leadership and opportunity and I would be hugely proud to facilitate this. I am an active member of the UNSW Women's Collective and am heavily involved in organising Reclaim the Night Sydney this year. As Women's Officer I would pursue more equal representation of women and non-binary persons as well as making active steps to making UNSW campuses safer for all. I would love the chance to show UNSW my passion for progress in the SRC in 2018.

Environment Officer

Nicholas VELDHUIZEN (Swipe Right)

No information provided

Elizabeth MORLEY (Activate)

Hey! My name is Liz and I'm a fourth year Economics/Arts student running for Environment officer. The Enviro Collective has been such an important part of my life for the past two years, and I feel that I bring a lot of experience and knowledge to the role. I hope to continue the good work of the Enviro Collective by supporting campaigns such as Fossil Free UNSW, as well as the UNSW food co-op Thoughtful Foods, and other initiatives such as community gardens and compost bins on campus, reducing plastic waste, and increasing climate change awareness. I truly believe the importance of bringing diversity to the climate movement is vital for its success, and that climate justice is inextricably linked with indigenous justice. I am so excited by the opportunity to make UNSW a more transparent and conscientious university!

International Students' Officer

Jasmine LAU (Left Action)

International students face systematic oppression in Australia. They are forced to pay exorbitant fees, work for low wages often in unsafe conditions and are some of the worst affected by parasitic landlords. As well as these things, international students face daily racism.
As international students officer I will run a campaign to win a student concession card for international students and a campaign to win international students the right to access healthcare on and off campus at the same rates as domestic students

**Suwarna RAMANATHAN (Swipe Right)**

*No information provided*

**Lanfeng SHI (Activate)**

In my perception, an International Students Officer at university plays an essential role in supporting and assisting international students to adapt to academic life here in Australia. As a part of this society, I have noticed that international students meet obstacles not merely in language and communication – although it is a main issue – but also in other aspects, such as lack of academic supports result in poor academic performance, physical or mental indisposition due to injuries or pressures, and visa issues, etc. If I take the position as International Students Officer, I will offer my genuine enthusiasm to help the international students at UNSW by guiding them to correct procedures when they encounter problems, and be encouraging and caring to my fellow students as if situating myself in the same circumstance.

**Ethno-cultural Officer**

**Berna ERKAN (Left Action)**

*No information provided*

**Alexander JONES (Swipe Right)**

*No information provided*

**Humaira NASRIN (Activate)**

My name is Humaira Nasrin and I am currently studying a bachelor of Vision Science/ Master of optometry. I am running for the position of Ethno-cultural Officer. I believe that I am a suitable candidate for this position as I come from an ethnic background. I was born in northern Bangladesh and go back there every few years. UNSW is an extremely multicultural university, and has many clubs and societies that are based on different ethnic backgrounds. As someone that does come from an ethnic background, I believe I can create strong connections and work closely with these different societies, to bring voice to issues that they see as a concern at the university. I would fight against the ever prevalent racism and be a person to represent the interests of many marginalised groups. As an ethno cultural I will endeavour to be the voice of not the few but the many.
Councillor - Undergraduate A

Caitlin KEOGH (Left Action)
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Wendy ZHENG (Swipe Right)
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Sophie BERTON (Swipe Right)
No information provided

Jacob RIZK (Swipe Right)
No information provided

Leon DELNAWAZ (Swipe Right)
No information provided
Christa TULONG (Activate)

Hey! My name is CJ, and I’m a second year arts and education student. I’m passionate about empowering people of colour on our campus, something I wish to continue as a councilor on the SRC. I’m a keen member of the ethno-cultural collective, being engaged in UNSW refugee campaigns, and the “Free Speech Isn’t Free” campaign in support of Yassmin Abdel-Mageid over the last year. I’m looking forward to being able to take on more leadership in the collective as a councilor, around issues faced by women of colour on our campus. One of the key initiatives I want to ensure has a platform are “People of Colour Speak” events, working with the incoming Ethno-cultural officer to ensure that people of colour continue to have this valuable space. Being a councilor will enable me to take on greater responsibility in the collective, and fight for an accessible and racism-free UNSW.

Ruby LEONARD (Activate)

Hi, My name’s Ruby Leonard and I’m running for SRC Councillor for 2018. I’m a first year Social Work (Honours) and I want to be an SRC Councilor because I’ve seen the amazing these opportunities this university has to offer and the incredible people pushing these ideas, notably, the students. As a student involved in several sport teams and a committed member of the Women’s Collective, I’ve seen the strength and victory when students cooperate. Already this year I’ve seen and been a part of better students services for victims of sexual assault and have been thoroughly impressed by the increase in 891 services. As a Councillor my priorities will be towards establishing holding the university accountable for when they fail students. I’m really excited to be a candidate along side my incredible friends who I know care and will work as hard as I will to ensure we have the best uni (and rub it in USYD’s face). Thanks!

Nikita PODLASOV (Activate)

Hey! My name is Nikita and I’m running for Councillor to represent students in the SRC. I’m running to preserve and enhance university life at UNSW; to ensure that our university is not just a place where you receive your degree, but where you cultivate a sense of belonging. I’m running to protect students’ rights from education cuts, from trimesters, and from poor sexual assault policies. I’m running because I have experience in fighting for students and activism. And also, I’m running with an amazing ticket of fellow students and activists who are all extremely passionate and gifted.

Samuel JACKSON (Activate)

My name is Samuel Jackson and I am currently studying a combined law and music degree. I am running for the position of Councillor A because I believe that I can make a significant contribution to life at UNSW. This year, I have immersed myself in all aspects of university life and have pursued many extra-curricular activities with various societies. Most notably, I am involved in a number of music ensembles and with the UNSW Law Society. In addition, I am an active member of the Coogee Surf Lifesaving Club and volunteer regularly during the summer. My involvement in a wide range of activities has enabled me to gain life-long and valuable skills, to develop a strong work ethic and build valuable friendships. I hope to bring
these skills, knowledge and experiences to make a positive, genuine and meaningful impact to student life at UNSW.

Christina KIM (Activate)

Hi, I’m Christina and I’m running to become a SRC councillor! Despite the fact that I have only been on campus for a semester and a half as a first year student, I have actively been involved by going to SRC collective meetings, volunteering, and being a member within various societies. Through the experiences i have gained over the months, I have realised that there are numerous issues that students at UNSW are dealing with: from limited access to 891 buses to lack of student support services, alongside amazing opportunities provided to the students that aren’t advertised enough. I believe that all students have the right to enjoy uni life with abundant support and opportunities, hence the significance of an SRC that effectively deals with the issues and delivers available opportunities to all, and I am so excited to be a part of a team that actively does so!

Luca YOUNG (Activate)

Hello! My name is Luca Young. I am running for the position of Councillor on the UNSW SRC. I want to play an active role in the ongoing improvement of our University and its many facets. I see this position as an excellent way to be a part of a team that is involved not only in our current student’s lives, but also the bigger picture of providing a better place for future students. If elected I would make it my goal to get more students involved in what goes on at our University and the big things that affects them such as: from cuts to education, to the scary inevitability of trimesters. I’m running because I have a good social conscience – fighting for the rights of students, and to make sure that they have a proper representation within our University as a whole.

I would appreciate your vote for me, Luca Young, to serve on the SRC.

Rosalind GUSTAFSON (Ungrouped)

No information provided

Councillor - Undergraduate B

James MORCHED (Left Action)

No information provided

Gabriel HANRAHAN-LAWRENCE (Left Action)

No information provided
Hi everyone, I’m Ben a second year Indigenous, college resident and medical student and am really keen to get involved as a councillor. I am running for this position because I am a strong believer in making a positive impact on the experience of all UNSW students. Everyone faces unique challenges throughout their journey at UNSW. I would love chat to students about these concerns, and then have the discussions about the solution - what can we do to improve the student experience. Overall, it would be my pleasure to represent and advocate for, the UNSW student body on the SRC as a councillor in 2018.

Dexter GORDON (Activate)

My name is Dexter Gordon, and I’m running for SRC Councillor B.

I’m a second-year student of Advanced Science with a drive to create positive change within the university. As a Chemistry major whose honours research project coincides with the University’s implementation of the UNSW3+ model, I want to turn the feedback I’m hearing from my fellow students about the organisational issues surrounding this transition into a smoother experience. Now is the most important time for a councillor who is able to engage with both students and staff during this tumultuous experience. I have the experience,
having run in, and being heavily involved with the organisation of, one of the three tickets competing in last year’s SRC elections and hope to turn that into a success for this year. I also boast organisational skills from being Vice-President of a medium-sized society. I hope to bring meaningful change to the SRC!

Mira JORDAN (Activate)

Hey! I’m Mira, and I study science and fine arts, majoring in ecology. I’m running for councillor because I want to continue fighting for accessible education, and continue fighting climate change. That’s why I have been passionately involved with Fossil Free UNSW over the last year, which has fought for the university to divest from fossil fuels, increase their transparency, and involve students in decision making. Fossil Free UNSW has given me the skills and experience to work effectively as a representative, and as a councillor I intend to take further leadership in the campaign. I passionately believe that students can be the leaders in changing their community and beyond, and can model sustainability for future generations. As a representative, I hope to support the leaders and groups on campus who strive for change. Whether that be social, environmental or educational.

Jessica CARTER (Activate)

My name is Jessica Eileen Carter and I am applying for the role of SRC councillor. A councillor needs to listen to and understand the needs of their student body, and I believe I am suited for a position requiring empathy and supportive qualities. I have experience in speaking in front of large audiences, and I am comfortable communicating with authorities and the student body. I want to help create a better experience for students of UNSW, and have an open mind for how we may do that as a cooperative council. If I am elected, I will put my best efforts into representing the students, and ensuring decisions are positive and fair.

Simone TAI (Activate)

Hi friends, I’m Simone! I’m an Electrical Engineering student with a shocking sense of humour, and I’m running on the ACTIVATE ticket to be one of your councillors for 2018 SRC. I am incredibly passionate about youth advocacy and representation, especially for the most marginalised voices. Often young people’s ideas are looked down upon and dismissed due to prejudice. Not surprisingly, this means that brilliant designs are overlooked because of the unwillingness of others to listen. As a councillor, I will aim to help foster an inclusive environment that embraces those from all avenues of society, regardless of race, gender or background. This means that I will proudly represent and advocate for student rights and represent the opinions of the student body to the decision makers of UNSW.

James WORTHINGTON (Activate)

Hi there! I’m James, a second year Mechanical Engineering/Commerce Student. I’m running for the position of Councillor in the SRC because I’m very passionate about seeing this university and the students within flourish to its full potential. I believe my personable manner and genuine concern for issues that arise around the university makes me a great
candidate, being someone that will take the time to listen and act in everyone’s best interests. I’ll communicate with clarity and concern and make sure you are heard as part of a student voice that will encourage the university to always be changing for better support, education and campus life.

NUS Delegates

Madeleine POWELL (Left Action)

Left Action candidates for NUS believe in fighting for student rights and other left wing issues. The National Union of Students is the peak representative body for university students and it should be a vehicle for activism. In 2017, friends of Left Action in NUS have lead campaigns against tertiary funding cuts and university restructures, as well as playing a leading role in the marriage equality campaign. Left Action has also been involved in all of these campaigns at UNSW and across Sydney. To continue the important campaigns that have been undertaken by NUS this year, we need to elect NUS delegates who believe in the power of protest and collective action, and who have been activists in a wide range of campaigns, like every member of Left Action has. VOTE LEFT ACTION to demand a fighting, activist National Union of Students.

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Wendy ZHENG (Swipe Right)
No information provided

Divya AHLAWAT (Swipe Right)
No information provided

Matthew SHIELDS (Swipe Right)
No information provided

Chelsea WU (Swipe Right)
No information provided

Ryan BLAKLEY (Swipe Right)
No information provided

Rahul MENON (Swipe Right)
No information provided

Ashley CAIN-GREY (Activate)

The National Union of Students is an extremely important entity to make sure that activists are connected nationally and fighting for the best interests of students. I want to be a NUS delegate because I believe it is important to have people within the NUS that are advocating for smart, practical policy that makes sure the NUS is an institution that can lobby effectively and also facilitate actions of protest and rallies.

Students expect that a national organization representing them is focused on their needs. While NUS conferences should always be a place of robust debate I would like to see the NUS take it’s role seriously and not descend into chaos for minor political point scoring. The focus should always be on different people come together from universities from across the country to organize the best response to any attacks on students.

Dexter GORDON (Activate)

My name is Dexter Gordon, and I’m running for NUS Delegate.

I have a keen interest in the cause of student unionism. I attended the National Union of Students’ Education Conference in 2016 and 2017, learning vital organisational skills and the
ability to practice meaningful activism that creates real change. The NUS is about protest, but it also encompasses advocacy; half the battle in a student union is to work constructively with those whose policies we aim to change. This moderate but powerful approach is why I urge you to support my election as NUS Delegate for 2018.

Humaira NASRIN (Activate)

My name is Humaira Nasrin and I am applying for the position of NUS delegate. I believe that I am a suitable candidate for this role as I am someone who always has the best interest of students. I am a councillor on the UNSW SRC 2017 and have been exposed to range of issues that students face day to day. If elected as an NUS delegate, I will ensure that the voices of students are properly represented.

Max KENNEDY (Activate)

My name is Max Kennedy, and as well as running for Welfare Officer, I’m also running for an NUS Delegate position. The reason is simple, because I believe that the students of UNSW should be represented both on campus and the national scale. If elected, I will fight to represent the interests of the students of UNSW on both of these levels.

Angela GRIFFIN (Activate)

My name is Angela and I would like to nominate to be a delegate to National Union of Students because I believe strongly in the power of student representation. NUS is an important body that keeps universities in check with their obligations to student’s welfare and the quality of their education. I believe I would be a good candidate as I have a strong presence in on-campus SRC collectives, such as the women’s collective, and would be able to consult with my fellow students about what they would most like to see the NUS doing for them. If made a delegate to NUS I would advocate for further involvement in key areas of concern for students. Areas including holding universities accountable for sexual assault/harassment, and pushing for greater educational flexibility for disadvantaged students.

Nikita PODLASOV (Activate)

Hi! My name is Nikita and I’m running for NUS Delegate. The National Union of Students is an amazing organisation that runs incredible campaigns. Be it campaigns for free education, ending sexual assault on campus, or saving penalty rates, these campaigns need to be encouraged and endorsed by students like us. There are plenty of new directions the NUS can take as well, issues around student housing are under looked and affect a large number of students. I will provide a voice for student rights’ at NUS and ensure that the work they do only improves.

Zack SOLOMON (Activate)

Hi there, my name is Zack and I’m running to be one of your NUS delegates! The National Union of Students is the peak representative of students in the country and for years has played an integral role in ensuring that students voices are heard on issues that affect us.
From leading the fight against the Government’s attempts to create $100,000 degrees, to making universities acknowledge the scourge of sexual assault on campus and actively work to prevent it, NUS has a real impact on student lives nationally. It is integral that we elect strong delegates to NUS that understand the importance both of the organisation and the ability it has to run campaigns and effect change.