



# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING





# What did our Executive Committee do?



- ▶ Every student is automatically a member of the Union of Brunel Students
- ▶ The Executive Committee are a group of students who have been democratically elected to represent students and their views.
- ▶ The Executive Committee help shape the activities and policies of the Student Union

## Executive Committee Members

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| • Rana Nauman Ishfaq - Education and Welfare Officer (CHMLS) | • Kiru Sekar - Gender, Diversity and Inclusion Officer      |
| • Reggie Ibe – BME Officer                                   | • Iwan Parry - Home Students Officer                        |
| • Meghna Girish - Women's Officer                            | • Jacob Payne - Disabled Students Officer                   |
| • Mallikarjun Modi - Environment & Ethics Officer            | • Wasey Sultan - PG Students Officer                        |
| • Eli Watson - LGBTQ+ Officer                                | • Nishant Rajwardhan Sinha - International Students Officer |



# Executive Committee

## Semester 1

- ▶ Executive Committee met 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025
- ▶ In this meeting they discussed Union and University's financial situation.
- ▶ The Committee discussed the proposed restructure of Union's officer team and the upcoming EGM
- ▶ They finalised a letter to the Vice Chancellor Andrew Jones, asking for urgent action to protect the student experience.

## Semester 2

- ▶ Members of the Executive Committee met with Manuel Alonso – the COO of the University twice
- ▶ They back their concerns regarding the university's Target Operating Model (i.e. restructure) focusing on the 'Student Journey'
- ▶ They highlighted specific departments and services that they believe hold the most value with students
- ▶ They provide advice regarding the accessibility and inclusiveness of logistical plans

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THE VC FOR  
URGENT  
ACTION





## An Update from YOUR Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on Friday (22/11/24) to discuss important issues like changes to our representation structure, the University's financial status, and UCU's response to staff redundancy proposals. The Committee, made up of elected officers and the Union Leadership Team, defends members' rights. Our Vision is for every student to thrive at Brunel, guided by our core value of Integrity. As fee-paying members, you deserve to know what's happening.

### Current Financial Challenges

Brunel, like many UK universities, faces financial difficulties, leading to significant staff reductions. While necessary, we are concerned about the impact on students. Our aim is to minimize this impact. This is a UK-wide issue, not just at Brunel. As elected representatives, we are committed to supporting both students and staff.

We've met with UCU and understand their concerns. Redundancies are planned for March 2025, affecting students during a crucial academic period. Students and their representatives have been excluded from discussions, leading to decisions without student input. Students pay for a service and experience at Brunel, and their voices should be included in all plans.

We believe **students and staff must be prioritized.**

We expect the University to explore all cost-saving options before cutting staff jobs.

The Union is independent of the University, affiliated with the National Union of Students, and represents students' best interests. We are here to make your voices heard. Let's work together to minimize the impact. If you believe the University should reconsider its plan, please contact the Head of Student Support and Representation, Ruth Sharma, at [ruth.sharma@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:ruth.sharma@brunel.ac.uk).

We will also organize student-led activities with UCU. If you want to get involved, let Ruth know.



# Demands for the Vice- Chancellor



## ✓ **Reconsider Timeframe**

An urgent reconsideration of the planned timeframes to ensure that students are not impacted at an integral time of their studies. Delay academic redundancies until June or July 2025.

## ✓ **Increased Transparency**

Clear details on how the £40 millions required savings was calculated, with full transparency about the current financial situation and the 'banking covenant' that has put the university into this financial situation.

## ✓ **Increased Communication**

More student focused communication outlining what the challenges of the changes will be for students and how the leadership plans of minimising the short-term impact of these changes.

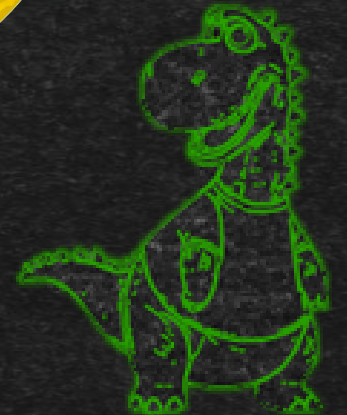
## ✓ **More Clarification**

A detailed plan with comprehensive rationale explaining how the redundancies and centralisation will answer the University's current challenges and benefit students.



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# Education & Welfare Officer (CBASS)

**VISHAL PARIHAR**



# Education & Welfare Officer (CBASS)

## Campaigns

- Vishal was involved with the Union's Men's Health (Movember) campaign.
- Vishal was involved with the Union's Safe Start: Recognise & Reach Out campaign.

## Additional Responsibilities

- Vishal was a member of Council, represented the Union at University Council, which is the university's governing body.
- Was a founding member of the London Student Partnership (LSP), which is a network of London based Student Unions. The LSP is working to improve the experiences of students living in London.







# **Education & Welfare Officer (CHMLS)**

**RANA NAUMAN ISHFAQ**



# Education & Welfare Officer (CHMLS)

## Union Campaigns

- Rana was involved with the Union's Men's Health (Movember) month campaign.
- Rana was involved with the Union's Safe Start: Recognise & Reach Out campaign.
- Rana was involved with the Union's Mental Health Awareness Week campaign.

## Additional Responsibilities

- Rana is member of Council, represented the Union at University Council, which is the university's governing body.
- Rana is the UBS representative of the member of the London Student Partnership (LSP), which is a network of London based Student Unions. The LSP is working to improve the experiences of students living in London.

## Other Campaigns

- ▶ Rana presented a letter on behalf of Brunel Medical School(BMS) students advocating for financial transparency regarding the BMS and mitigations to prevent further disruptions to their education.





A portrait of Himanshu Lamba, a man with dark hair and a beard, wearing a dark shirt. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with trees. The image is overlaid with a dark blue filter. A yellow vertical bar is visible in the top right corner.

# Community Living Officer

**HIMANSHU LAMBA**



# Community Living Officer

## Union Campaigns

- Himsanshu supported with One Brunel activities including Diwali, Quawwali and Holi
- Himanshu was involved with the Union's Safe Start: Recognise & Reach Out campaign.

## Additional Responsibilities

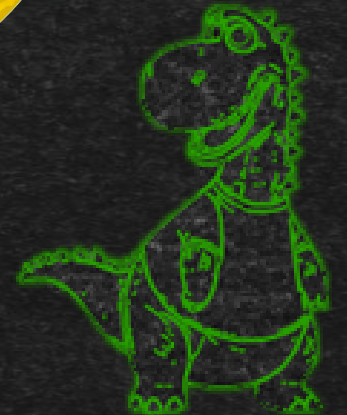
- Himanshu was Chair of the Trustee Board.






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# **BME (Black & Minority Ethnicities) Officer**

**REGGIE IBE**



# BME Officer

## Legacy Campaign: Black History Month

- ▶ Nigerian Independence Day
- ▶ Gin & Juicy
- ▶ Reclaiming Narratives podcast with ACS Chair
- ▶ Reclaiming Narratives within Academia panel & talk featuring Black academics
- ▶ Black Business Week – STEM Careers Fair and Men & Women Talks

## Additional Campaigns

- ▶ Ghanaian Independence Day
- ▶ Blood Donor Matching campaign with ACLT (ongoing)
- ▶ Safe Start: Recognise & Reach Out

## Other Achievements

- ▶ Campaign of the Year – Student Led Awards 2025
- ▶ Reggie has won Above & Beyond once.



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## **Reggie leads the way with Black History Month**

Our BME Officer Reggie has been stuck in this month celebrating Black History Month. He has collaborated alongside ACS Society to ensure Black Students are given the opportunity to 'Reclaim the Narrative' this October

He also starred as a guest on our 'What's BRUing Podcast', where he, alongside ACS president Remz, discussed black culture at Brunel.

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# Disabled Students Officer

**JACOB PAYNE**



# Disabled Students Officer

## Legacy Campaign: Disability History Month

- ▶ Positive Role Model Talks – a series of talks with disability advocates Daniel Holt and Georgia Vine.
- ▶ Film screenings of 'Unrest' & 'Typical'. Typical was followed by a workshop with creator Sarah Leigh focusing on inclusivity within the film industry
- ▶ Employment & Livelihood Panel & talk with Sean Cullen and Thomas Hoefken
- ▶ Other events included a wheelchair basketball taster session and silent disco
- ▶ Jacob gave away earplugs for students who suffered with overstimulation

## Additional Campaigns

- ▶ Freshers Week – As Disabled Students Officer, Jacob worked with the Event department to ensure we delivered an inclusive and accessible Freshers Week

## Other Achievements

- ▶ Officer of the Year – Student Led Awards 2025
- ▶ Jacob has won 'Above & Beyond' twice.



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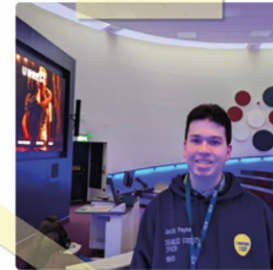


## Jacob welcomes Freshers!

Our Disability Officer Jacob has been stuck in to his roll over the past couple weeks. Throughout the welcome period, he has worked dilligently to ensure our Freshers week was accessible and inclusive and delivered Friendship lunches as well as arts and craft sessions. This week he held his final welcome activity in the Meeting House, providing students with the opportunity to mindfully colour.

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## Jacob promotes inclusion for Disabled Students

Jacob, our Disabled Students' Officer, is one week into his UK Disability History Month campaign. This year's theme is 'Employment & Livelihood,' and next week, he'll be hosting a panel on this topic. The aim is to support both formally diagnosed and undiagnosed students with the recruitment process and to raise awareness about the reasonable adjustments available when working.

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# Environment & Ethics Officer

**MALLIKURJUN MODI**





# Gender, Diversity & Inclusion Officer

**KIRUTHIKA CHANDRISEKAR**



# Gender, Diversity & Inclusion Officer

## Gender, Diversity & Inclusion Campaigns

- ▶ **Women's History Month:** Women's Health Fair focusing on gynaecological conditions, cancers prominent among women and period poverty and pain
- ▶ **Men's Health Month (Movember):** Staff vs Student Dodgeball Match), Movember Happy to Chat campaign to improve male loneliness

## Additional Campaigns

- ▶ Safe Start: Recognise & Reach Out Campaign
- ▶ Winter Wellness Campaign
- ▶ Freshers Week
- ▶ Happy to Chat Campaign

## Other Achievements

Kiruthika has won Above & Beyond 3 times



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## Kiru gets people involved in Men's Mental Health

Kiruthika our Gender, Diversity & Inclusion officer, did an amazing job hosting an awareness stall for Men's mental health at the concourse this week and created a video aimed at promoting social inclusion.

Working with the university to amplify the "Happy to Talk initiative", Kiru is helping to eradicate loneliness on campus!

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## Kiruthika Chandra Sekar

A huge shoutout to Kiruthika Chandra Sekar, our Gender, Diversity, and Inclusion Officer, for organizing the amazing Women's Health Fair during International Women's Month! The event featured a period simulator challenge, adrenal cocktails, PCOS-friendly recipe books, expert advice from healthcare professionals, and a breast cancer screening station. Her dedication to raising awareness and supporting women's health has made a lasting impact—thank you for your hard work and commitment! Don't miss the final event of International Women's Month: Powerpuff Girls night! 💙💜💛

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## Kiru has been busy ensuring students have a Safe Start!

Kirithika (Kiru) our Gender, Diversity & Inclusion Officer has helped spread awareness through our socials of dangers students could face day-to-day. She did this by featuring in our Campus & Safety video and also Bad Housemates video on our socials.

She also co-hosted our Domestic Violence Awareness workshop which helped to identify the signs of Domestic Violence to keep everyone safe.

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# Home Students Officer

**IWAN PARRY**



# Home Students Officer

## Campaigns

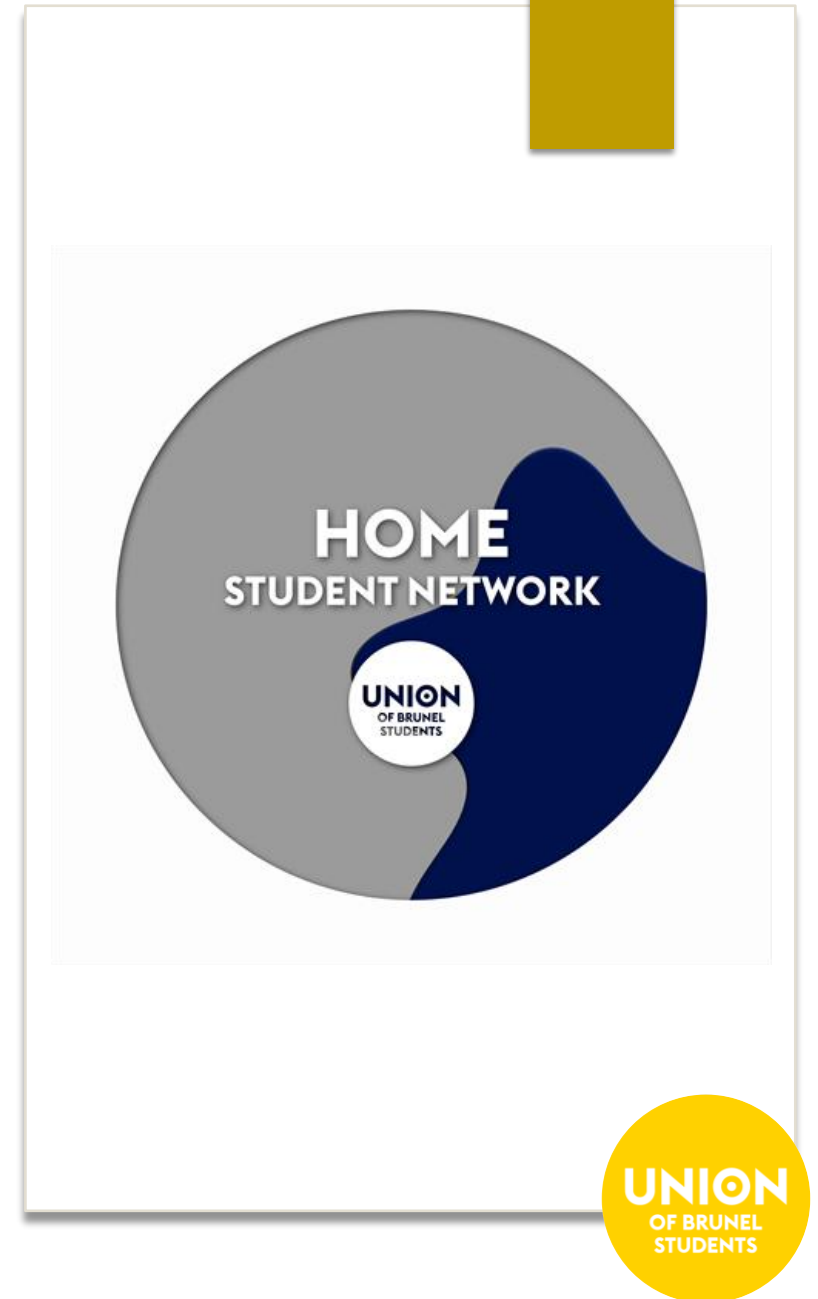
- ▶ Campaigned against the increase in tuition fees for home students
- ▶ Campaigned for increased financial support for home students.
- ▶ Championed for more vegan food options on campus.
- ▶ Ongoing campaign to remove printing cost for all students

## Other Responsibilities

- ▶ Iwan represented the Union at University Council, which is the university's governing body.

## Other Achievements

- ▶ Iwan has won Above & Beyond 2 times
- ▶ Iwan won the 'Benjamin Zephaniah Award – Activist of Year' at the Student Led Awards





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**Iwan Parry, Home Students Officer**

This week, we're celebrating our Home Students Officer, Iwan, who stepped up last minute to represent the Union at University Council, the governing body for employment, legal contracts, and more. Iwan diligently reviewed complex papers and actively engaged in crucial discussions. This term, he plans to lobby for more Vegan food options on the menu, responding to student requests for greater variety.

If you have suggestions, email Iwan at [Iwan.Parry@brunel.ac.uk](mailto:Iwan.Parry@brunel.ac.uk).

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**Iwan being the voice of Home Students amongst upcoming changes**

Iwan, our Home Students Officer, has been diligently lobbying for increased financial support for home students. He recently released a statement condemning the rise in tuition fees. Additionally, Iwan attended the Student London Partnership, a collective of student unions dedicated to enhancing the experience and financial situation of students across London. [...]

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# LGBTQ+ Officer

**ELI WATSON DAVIS**



# LGBTQ+ Student

## Legacy Campaign: LGBTQ History Month

- ▶ Held queer movie nights with the LGBTQIA+ society
- ▶ Queer Pub Quiz Night focusing on the history of activism within the community and queer pop culture
- ▶ Activism & Societal Change Talk with LGBTQIA+ advocate Ruth Pierce
- ▶ Introduced a Trans Student Survival Guide
- ▶ Juicy: Juicy Fruit

## Legacy Campaign

- ▶ Trans Awareness Week & Transgender Day of Remembrance
- ▶ Written a letter to the University petitioning for more gender-neutral toilets
- ▶ Eli is working on Trans Student Experience campaign and is part of the Trans Student Policy Group (ongoing)

## Other Achievements

- ▶ Eli has won 'Above & Beyond' once.



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## **Eli speaks up for Transgender Awareness**

Eli (He/Him), our dedicated LGBTQ+ Officer and a creative writing student, has been hard at work crafting an article for all Brunel students. His goal is to raise awareness about Trans issues and guide fellow students on how to become better allies to the transgender community.

In addition to his writing efforts, Eli will be attending next Tuesday's Transgender Day of Remembrance service, which will take place at the meeting house at 4:20 PM. This event is open to all, providing a meaningful opportunity to honor and remember the trans lives lost.

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# International Students Officer

**NISHANT RAJWARDHAN SINHA**

# Internal Students Officer

## Campaigns

- ▶ Nishant champion for international student's experience
- ▶ Nishant championed OneBrunel and helped with cultural commercial events
- ▶ Nishant supported with Diwali
- ▶ Nishant supported with Holi Festival

## Additional Campaigns

- ▶ Nishant helped with the Safe Start: Recognise & Reach Out campaign



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# Postgraduate Students Officer

**WASEY SULTAN**



# Womens Officer

**MEGHNA GIRISH KHATRI**



# Woman's Officer

## Legacy Campaign: Women's History Month

- ▶ Meghna champion gender equality within the workplace
- ▶ Meghna championed for Women's safety on campus

## Legacy Campaign:

- ▶ Meghna helped with the Safe Start: Recognise & Reach Out campaign

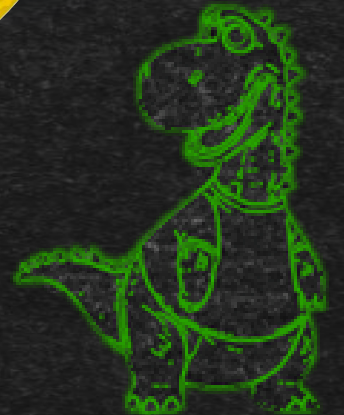


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# STUDENT ASSEMBLY

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# Chair of Student Assembly

- ▶ Muhammad Abubakar Siddique is the 24/25 Chair of Student Assembly. The Student Assembly is the body responsible for holding executive committee to account.
- ▶ Muhammad chaired 2 Student Assembly's – 1 in Semester, one in Semester 2.
- ▶ His final Student Assembly will be in June.

## Additional Responsibilities

- ▶ He Chaired the Emergency General Meeting (EGM), where a new officer structure was voted on.
- ▶ Muhammad sits on the Union's Trustee Boards





# Student Assembly

## What Does Student Assembly Do?

Student Assembly is where decisions are made regarding the focus and work of the Union. It creates and oversees our guiding policies, holds our officers to account, and is involved in Union campaigns and development. Student Assembly is ran by students. Each meeting is led by either the Chair of the Student Assembly or the Vice-Chair of Student Assembly.

## Student Assembly Make-Up

### Student Assembly Positions Available

- 13 x Executive Committee (includes full time and Part time officers)
- 2 x Societies Guild Committee members
- 4 x Home Student members (with a target of at least 2 women)
- 15 x Community members (With a target of at least 5 Women)
- 2 x Team Brunel Committee members
- 2 x Commuter student members (with a target of at least 1 woman)

### Current Members of Student Assembly

Muhammad Abukar Siddique	Reggie Ibe	Iwan Parry	Jacob Payne	Isha Malik	Jasmine Pink	Manav Gitesh Lakhani	Abhishek Keshav Ghawate
Rana Nauman Ishfaq	Kiruthika Chandra Sekar	Wasey Sultan	Manny Essien	Mahnoor Mudassar	Alicia Lolwako	Abdul Wahid	Rutvij Rajendra Patil
Krish Rana	Meghna Girish	Eli Watson Davis	Isha Malik	Clara Hinault	Mounika Busi	Ali Dhilllo	Neel Mahesh Jogale
Nishant Rajwardhan Sinha	Maalikaarjun Modi	Yashna Harjani	Ali Khan	Fatima Naveed	Sarthak Mishra	Jimee Jitendra Todankar	Muhammad Ahmad Miraj



# Student Assembly Achievements



- ▶ Student Assembly discussed different iterations of a new democracy/ officer structure, providing value feedback on clarity and its impact on different cohorts and community.
- ▶ Student Assembly passed a motion to ratify the Complaints & Disciplinary and Appointments committee – which both play a vital role in the university governance
- ▶ Invited and met with the Chief Operating Officer regarding the university's redundancies and ongoing restructure