

Atlas Alberich

For Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Executive Officer

My name is Atlas Alberich and I am running for the role of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Executive Officer.

Throughout my time at Loughborough, I have been active within the Welfare and Diversity section, on my hall committee, the Disability Support Network, and this year as chair of the Consent and Sexual Health Association. These roles have shown me the importance of uplifting marginalised voices and celebrating our diverse experiences. They have also given me practical experience leading a committee and working with University staff. Furthermore, my work as a Scholarship Ambassador has shown me the ways in which students from low-income backgrounds are disadvantaged in higher education, which is something I hope to minimise at Loughborough University.

Support for cost of living

With the cost of living crisis only worsening, it is important that support is available to allow students to access the full Loughborough experience. I will create a new position within the Welfare and Diversity committee, focusing on recognising the limitations of the student experience which result from the cost of living crisis, and providing solutions which allow students to enjoy student life, regardless of income.

Increase support with incident disclosures

Students deserve to feel safe and supported throughout their time at Loughborough. It is fundamental that services are in place to safeguard both students disclosing an incident, and students who receive a disclosure.

- Raise awareness of the Incident Reporting Portal and increase transparency about how incidents are handled
- Create dedicated support groups for survivors of domestic and sexual violence
- Ensure all volunteers within the Welfare and Diversity section undergo training in how to handle incident disclosures

Ensure students are supported by both the Students' Union and the University

The Loughborough experience is marked for many by the opportunities to shape your own experience and join committees - it is vital that student voices are heard and volunteers are supported in achieving their full potential within their roles,

- Regular drop in sessions allowing all students to raise Equity, Diversity and Inclusivity related issues
- Increased communication between the University and volunteers in the Students' Union
- Increased support for Athletics Union Welfare and Diversity reps - regular meetings with an Athletics Union Welfare and Diversity Officer to ensure students are supported in their role throughout the year

Thank you for reading my manifesto, please contact me at atlas4edi@gmail.com