

James Ogilvy - President



I'm James Ogilvy and I'm running for President of the Swinburne Student Union with ACTIVATE!

Swinburne is getting worse. Over the past two years we had course cuts upon course cuts, fee increases, and a student union which has achieved nothing for students when we most needed their help.

That's why I'm running for President of the Swinburne Student Union with ACTIVATE! Over my last three years at Swinburne, I've watched a once effective student union become a shadow of itself. I want to bring our union back to greatness.

The SSU collects a considerable portion of your student fees, alongside its expensive membership fee. I will reduce the SSU membership back to \$10.

The current SSU president has been damningly silent on the recent cuts to majors offered by Swinburne. I promise that ACTIVATE's SSU would actively oppose all course cuts at Swinburne.

I want to see a better campus culture too. As we come back to campus next year, we need more parties, BBQs, events, and chances for involvement for all students. We need to hold Swinburne accountable for its promise of placements for every student.

We need stronger action on climate change from Swinburne. We need more recognition of the problems disabled, female-identifying, and queer students face at Swinburne. We need an active union that will use your student fees to fix Swinburne!

Of course, this isn't a one-man job. That's why I am so lucky to be backed by such an incredible team of ACTIVATE candidates who are so passionate about issues that affect students at Swinburne.

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Authorised by James Ogilvy, Hawthorn, President, Bachelor of Media and Communications.

Andrew Seal - General Secretary



Hey everyone, I'm really excited to announce that in the upcoming Swinburne Student Union election, I'm running for the position of General Secretary with ACTIVATE!

During this year, I have been a member of the Swinburne Student Representative Council representing undergraduate students from the Faculty of Health, Arts and Design. Over the past half year, I have realised how important it is for students to have good representation, so that their interests are asserted and advocated for. We've gone through course cuts and changes, fee hikes for many courses and staff that immensely lower the quality of education we pay for with our tuition.

That's why I'm hoping to represent you next year as General Secretary alongside our fantastic ACTIVATE team. We know that having an effective, assertive and determined student union goes a long way in representing students' concerns, and defending students from the deterioration of their learning experience and cuts to their courses by the university.

ACTIVATE opposes all cuts by Swinburne, and if elected, we pledge to vigorously oppose these cuts, whether they be to courses or staff.

ACTIVATE will make sure that students who are affected by recent changes to Arts degrees will be able to complete their degree with their nominated major, without having to change because the university decided to change the course on them with no warning.

Additionally, I believe in accountability and transparency, and believe that the SSU should be both of those things. As such, if ACTIVATE is successful and I become General Secretary of the SSU, I pledge to make SSU council meetings open, so all students can learn what's going on in their student union, and so the SSU can better hear your issues and concerns.

ACTIVATE has an amazing team of progressive and enthusiastic students running for election to help better represent you with the issues that affect you at Swinburne.

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Authorised by Andrew Seal, Hawthorn, General Secretary, Bachelor of Arts (History).

Tara Anastasia - Education Officer



Hi all! I am absolutely thrilled to be running for Education Officer for the Swinburne Student Union 2022 with the ACTIVATE team.

My name is Tara Anastasia and I value kindness, community and access to quality education. As the third generation of my family to attend Swinburne University of Technology. I have a strong sense of loyalty and unity to Swinburne. I believe that *"preserving and protecting quality education through means of additional support and assistance, networks and community and creating strategies for success is the way we can move forward to support not only ourselves but fellow students at Swinburne"*.

I am studying a Bachelor of Business majoring in Marketing and Co-majoring in Management and I enjoy baking and archery at Moorabbin. You may have seen that I am an active member of the Swinburne community, which has given me a fantastic opportunity to work on projects that enhance education at Swinburne. These include being a Quitch Ambassador, creating content for Economic principles and Innovative Business Practices, working alongside the Swinburne Partnerships program as a Study Group Leader for Innovative Business Practices (*a Business core unit*) and being a Swinburne Student Ambassador that holds the responsibilities of representing Swinburne at high schools, open days, campus tours, university exhibitions and more.

Currently, I am on the Student Representative Council, where I work alongside fellow representatives, meet with staff members and action for change. The current education project I am contributing to is the Learn 2 Learn Mentor program which gives new students the support and encouragement to succeed and develop a stronger sense of self. These projects and experiences have really shaped me into a better leader and individual. These skills and knowledge will be used to strategise and create tangible results that lead us to success and strengthen our resolve and student mindset.

Just like marketing trends and marketing research, the needs of students are constantly changing and evolving, and I want to support and guide you all as a student community. *"Leadership isn't just about a title, we are all capable of being leaders in the community; it starts with opening a conversation and standing for the values and needs of our community"*.

I look forward to your assistance in building strong representation and working for all of you to change and create an open space for discussion and opportunities to improve your experience here at Swinburne and empower you to achieve your best. Thank you for taking the time to read my statement.

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Authorised by Tara Anastasia, Hawthorn, Education Officer, Bachelor of Business.

Darcy Cleeland - Welfare Officer



Hey Everyone!

I'm super excited to announce that I'll be running for the Welfare Officer position for the Swinburne Student Union with **ACTIVATE!**

During my time at Swinburne, I've grown so much as a person - and as I've grown, I've seen the importance of inclusivity, radical empathy and accessibility in our universities.

We as students deserve a Student Union that cares about whether or not we are okay. We as students deserve a Student Union that makes sure that during a global pandemic - that our online classes

are accessible, that information about changes is provided to us, that we feel comfortable going to our tutors and asking for help when we need it.

We as students deserve safe, inclusive spaces, and that allows us to achieve whatever we want while embracing and celebrating what makes us, us.

ACTIVATE has an incredible team of passionate and progressive individuals that I am so thankful to be working with.

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Authorised by Darcy Cleeland, Hawthorn, Welfare Officer, Bachelor of Arts.

Xzavier Kelly - Activities Officer



Hey Swinburne, I'm Xzavier Kelly, and I'm running for Activities Officer with ACTIVATE!

We all know that the Union's events can be dry. Especially during COVID-19, their events were rarely attended. I firmly believe that the only way interesting and engaging events can get off the ground is when they are organised by the people they are for; students.

From bringing back bigger parties to networking sessions with academics and industry: I want to build campus culture, a sense of community, and develop your skills

with short courses like barista training and CV workshop, for example.

A staple of the Union is the Weekly BBQ, and it will be bigger and better under ACTIVATE. I will bring more food options, better vegan and vegetarian options. The weekly BBQ will feature live music and games because standing in a long queue to wait for sausage and bread isn't very fun. ACTIVATE will bring the weekly BBQ back to life!

To make these changes and make your uni experience more fun, you need to request a postal ballot ASAP and vote [1] for ACTIVATE!

Authorised by Xzavier Kelly, Hawthorn, Activities Officer, Bachelor of Engineering.

Matthew O'Connor - Communications Officer



Hello fellow Swinburners, I am thrilled to announce that I will be running for the position of Communications Officer for the Swinburne Student Union with **ACTIVATE!**

While still in my first year of study, I am very aware of the current struggles associated with tertiary study at Swinburne.

Through my position of Communications Officer, I will strive to ensure that the loud, proud and robust voice of Swinburne students is heard. In return, you will hear and know about what we are doing for you.

There have been a string of announcements and changes being made and assessed that directly impact students. I promise that we will consult with students and ensure our collective voice is heard when opposing the latest course cuts at Swinburne.

The university pledges that all students will be offered placements during their degree. **ACTIVATE!** will hold them to this.

Do you want your voice to be heard? **ACTIVATE!**'s passionate and progressive team are raring to go! We're prepared to help you speak up and out. I will ensure that all our voices matter, count and are listened to.

I am proud to be a part of this team and I am proud to be running for **YOU**. Let's have an active union that does more for you — Apply for your postal ballot **NOW** and **VOTE [1] ACTIVATE!**

Authorised by Mathew O'Connor, Hawthorn, Communications Officer, Bachelor of Criminal Justice and Criminology.

Noah Holden - Hawthorn Campus Coordinator



Hey Students of Swinburne

I'm thrilled to announce that I'll be running for the Hawthorn Campus Co-Ordinator for the Swinburne Student Union with **ACTIVATE!**

I've spent a lot of time both on and off-campus during my years here at Swinburne, and I'm very excited to give back to the students of the Hawthorn campus.

As I've studied at Swinburne on the Hawthorn campus, I've recognised several issues around campus. I want to work with the University (or against it) to help you achieve your goals, and I am very excited and ready to do so.

ACTIVATE has an incredible team of passionate and progressive individuals that I am so thankful to be working with.

Let's get some excited people back into the student union, and let's have some fun doing so.

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Authorised by Noah Holden, Hawthorn, Hawthorn Campus Coordinator, Bachelor of Accounting.

Mavis Boamah - Postgraduate Representative



Hello Fellow Swinburnians! I am incredibly excited to let you know I'll be contesting for the Swinburne Student Union Postgraduate Representative position.

As a Student Advisor and HDR student representative on the Higher Degrees by Research Committee, my involvement in student affairs has completely shaped my university experience and increased my passion for student leadership. I want to champion postgraduate issues in the Swinburne Student Union.

As a postgraduate student, I am in the best capacity to support you, as a new and continuing student, navigate through higher education without hustle. With my experiences as a student leader and advocate, I have grassroots experience. I understand what you go through because I've been there more

than once, and I also have the executive experience I am keen to utilise and share in any student-related team or program.

Having served in several students organisations, I am driven to maximise the potential of SSU to ensure you have the best higher education experience while you study for your degree.

Throw your weight behind the ACTIVATE team and me, and let's do this! Request your ballot ASAP and vote [1] ACTIVATE!

Authorised by Mavis Boamah, Hawthorn, Postgraduate Representative, iPhd (Social Science).

Hong Soon Ong (Ivan) - International Representative



Hi fellow students,

I have decided to put my best foot forward to represent the international students currently local and abroad. Throughout my time at Swinburne over the past 2 years, I have seen many of our voices go under the radar. Our plight, as international students, has been ignored.

There are times when our concerns were projected on us instead of being our real voice, and I am here to stop this. That's why I am running for the position of International Representative with the Swinburne Student Union with ACTIVATE.

As international students, our concerns should also be heard first hand in order to structure the university's decisions as we are impacted as one of the groups that are also part of the university business model, structure and success.

I have been working with diverse cultures, origins and ethnicity in my previous professional role. I am ready to represent us as the International Representative of the SSU. I will seek equality in voice and decision making to favour us as paying international students, whether we are studying abroad or locally.

My key agenda is to provide and present our feedback as international students to the university and let our voices be heard. Coupled with my current role as a Postgraduate Representative in the Student Representative Council for the School of Business, Law and Entrepreneurship, I firmly believe our voice will be louder united as we reach into the complex university structure.

We need to have the university work with us instead of against us for our future. Here, I promise you that if you voice your concerns, they will be heard and be part of the data presented to the university to make an informed decision.

VOTE for ACTIVATE and you are voting for your VOICE to be heard LOUD AND CLEAR.

Authorised by Hong Soon Ong, Hawthorn, International Representative, Master of Business Administration/Master of Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

Luca Vuat - PAVE Representative



Hello all Swinny TAFE legends!

I am running as the PAVE Representative Swinburne Student Union elections with ACTIVATE. As a Wantirna student studying an apprenticeship, it is evident that my campus has been heavily neglected by the SSU.

ACTIVATE wants to build up student advocacy in the Union. A large part of that is representing students at our Croydon and Wantirna campuses who have been ignored by the Union for years. PAVE students at Hawthorn, Croydon and Wantirna have it very different from higher education students at Swinburne. Personal support is less accessible, timetables are rigid, student services are almost obsolete. There is very little student advocacy and no one to turn to when we have issues.

We want to see more events being run at Croydon and Wantirna, we want to see more clubs and sporting groups, and we want genuine student activism for PAVE students in our Union.

We know the Student Union doesn't represent PAVE students. The only time we ever hear about the Union is for its Wednesday snags, its printing, and cheap drinks. It is Hawthorn campus centric and targeted towards higher education students. It's paramount we start to include Wantirna and Croydon students and PAVE students at Hawthorn. We are Swinburnians too, and ACTIVATE has a team of diverse and progressive individuals from all three campuses - Not just Hawthorn.

Can we change this? Of course we can! Apply for your postal ballot NOW, and VOTE [1] ACTIVATE for a student union that does more for you.

Authorised by Luca Vuat, Wantirna, PAVE Representative, Cert III in Electrotechnology Electrician.

Charli Goodrich - Women's Representative

To my fellow Swinburne students,



My name is Charli and I'm delighted to announce that I'll be running in the SSU election as your Women's Representative candidate this year with ACTIVATE!

As a proud queer, disabled woman, I am passionate about making the university experience inclusive and accessible for all women and gender diverse people.

Having personally studied at Swinburne since 2018 in fields with jobs disproportionately held by men, I understand the need for women's voices and representation. I feel it's crucial to foster inclusive spaces on campus, including but not limited to keeping the women's lounge open despite budget cuts and the huge shift to studying online.

I'm a passionate, left-wing feminist with lived experience who will take an intersectional approach to address the issues that affect Swinburne students from all walks of life. I want everyone to feel like they belong at Swinburne and have a sense of community.

As the Women's Representative, I will work alongside the welfare department to ensure women's needs are met at Swinburne.

Apply now for your postal ballot and VOTE 1 ACTIVATE for a union that does more for you!

Authorised by Charli Goodrich, Hawthorn, Women's Representative, Bachelor of Science (Chemistry).

Kelsey Bock - Queer/LGBTQI Representative



Hello! I'm Kelsey, and I'm running for LGBTQI / Queer Representative with ACTIVATE!

As a proud queer woman, I am passionate about making Swinburne safe for all students. I understand the need for proud queer voices to represent us in the Swinburne Student Union.

ACTIVATE will refresh the Swinburne Queer Space, hold more events for Swinburne's queer community, and advocate for queer students to the university.

In addition, I will push for more student union services that queer students care about and work hard to make Swinburne a safe campus for queer students.

I can't do this without your help. Request a ballot ASAP and vote [1] ACTIVATE!

Authorised by Kelsey Bock, Hawthorn, Queer Representative, Diploma of Library and Information Services.

Genevieve Meriton - Environmental Representative



Hello!

I am running for the Environment Representative position for the Swinburne Student Union with **ACTIVATE!**

I have been at Swinburne for 4 years now, and there needs to be a significant drive to be more sustainable. I have been the president of the Swinburne Sustainability Society in 2021, and I am keen to continue pushing for more sustainability in our university.

I aim to hold Swinburne accountable for its actions and push Swinburne to increase its sustainability reporting.

ACTIVATE will push to create a dedicated physical space on the Hawthorn campus for sustainability and environmentalism.

I will also advocate for increased visibility and communication to students surrounding the university's sustainability and initiatives. The current model is hidden, and students are not involved. This needs to change, as duplicating efforts to achieve the same thing is wasteful. There needs to be collaboration and a clear effort to make Swinburne more sustainable. We want to support and drive Swinburne to meet their net-zero carbon emissions by 2025 goal and hold them accountable if they are not on target.

ACTIVATE has an incredible team of passionate individuals that I am pleased to be working with. Within this team, I will ensure the environmental impact and sustainability of every decision is evaluated.

Let's have an active union that does more for you and the environment — Apply for your postal ballot NOW and VOTE [1] ACTIVATE!

Authorised by Genevieve Meriton, Hawthorn, Environment Representative, Bachelor of Media and Communications/Bachelor of Business.

Georgie McDaid - Health & Disabilities Representative



Hey Swinburnians!

I'm super excited to announce that I'll be running for the Health & Disability Officer position for the Swinburne Student Union with ACTIVATE!

In my two years at Swinburne, I have grown such a big passion for student representation. As a result, I have been representing students for the past year. I hope to continue this with the great team of ACTIVATE.

I identify as a person with a disability and I speak your language. Whether that's the daily little things, like not completely understanding what's going on in class right now. I get it. If that's accessibility issues, and you're having trouble getting to class. I get it. I've been in your position, and I can help you navigate through it.

It's important to me that uni is accessible and safe for you. It's important to me that you can come to uni and feel accepted. I want to work with the University (or against

it) to help you achieve your goals. I want an active Disability Collective reinstated on campus because we need each other more than anything else. Furthermore, the consistent attacks on humanities students through course cuts disproportionately affects students with a disability. Hence, ACTIVATE will vigorously speak out against these cuts to ensure appropriate alternatives are given so everyone can graduate with their nominated major.

ACTIVATE has an incredible team of passionate and progressive individuals that I am so thankful to be working with.

Let's get this degree.

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Authorised by Georgie McDaid, Hawthorn, Health & Disability Representative, Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)/Bachelor of Science (Biotechnology).

Maddison True - General Representative 1



Hey there Swinburnians! My name is Maddison True, and I am a first-year student at the Swinburne Hawthorn campus!

I'm thrilled to announce that I am running for a General Representative position in the Swinburne Student Union with ACTIVATE!

Although this is only my first year at Swinburne, I am an avid advocate of creating the best university experience possible for all my fellow peers. I hope to help my fellow teammates at ACTIVATE create a more accessible, inviting, and student-focused environment at Swinburne!

Being a first-year student, especially within the current state of COVID, I understand how difficult it can be to keep up with the usually fast-paced uni atmosphere. I also know how hard it is to make ends meet, keep up a social life, and, in most situations, balance a job or internship. Therefore, I want to contribute to the bettering of our university by advocating for lower course costs, repairing the university's communication to students, creating a safe environment for all students, and preventing majors from being merged or cut.

It's important to me that uni is an accessible and accepting place for students of all calibres and prevents excessive student debts and course cuts. I am willing to work with (or against) Swinburne to ensure I see changes happen.

ACTIVATE is an incredible group of Swinburne's most passionate and hardworking individuals. We are all willing to go the extra mile to make sure every student feels safe, accepted and heard out.

Vote for a student union that will fight for your rights today — Apply for your postal ballot NOW and VOTE [1] ACTIVATE!

Authorised by Maddison True, Hawthorn, General Representative, Bachelor of Media and Communications.

Elliott Nugent - General Representative 2



Hey everyone

I'm Elliot, and I'm a candidate for General Representative with ACTIVATE!

I'm excited at the opportunity to advocate for other students' interests and represent you on issues around Swinburne that you feel strongly about.

I live on the Hawthorne campus, so feel free to chat with me about the student union or our ACTIVATE policies. I'm always interested in improving uni life, so feedback on what we can do better when we win the Union is greatly appreciated.

ACTIVATE will work to oppose the cuts to staff and the changes affecting arts major's, pass progressive policies, and act on behalf of all students studying at Swinburne.

We need your support to succeed by applying for a postal ballot ASAP and voting [1] for ACTIVATE!

Authorised by Elliott Nugent, Hawthorn, General Representative, Bachelor of Arts (Pol/Eco).

Bart Steinhauser - General Representative 3



Greetings, fellow Swine!

I'm Bart and I am running as a General Representative in the Swinburne Student Union election on the ACTIVATE team. With my third year at the uni coming to a close, I hope to represent the students with ACTIVATE and process the issues irking us.

As we've come to bear, COVID repercussions have taken a toll on all, disrupting work and play. We're all seeking resolution and stability. ACTIVATE will mitigate disasters such as the recent major and elective cuts and establish more social events at Swinburne as we move past the current COVID climate.

The recent changes to courses have upset many. Is your elective a mess? Is your semester in disarray? Has your degree been gutted? Are you finding University happenings boring or campus culture unappealing? Us at ACTIVATE are fighting for closure with these be-grieved.

As a young student, I know it's easy to feel personally robbed of your time and resources and disappointed with campus life. Still, it's necessary now more than ever to persevere as a functional COVID-normal is cemented.

I'm running to ease the fee of SSU membership and improve Swinburne's services as a place to study. The future relies on students, and if we can help one another, we're capable of immense repair for our people in need.

Behind ACTIVATE is a team of considerate and tenacious people doing all that we can. And with your help, let's have an active union doing all that it can for us in need.

Apply for your postal ballot ASAP and VOTE [1] ACTIVATE!

Authorised by Bart Steinhauser, Hawthorn, General Representative, Bachelor of Screen Production.

Martin Harris - School of Media and Film

Hey everyone!

I'm Martin Harris, and as a member of ACTIVATE, I'm glad to announce that I'll be running for a position on the Education Board for the School of Media and Film!

I have been studying Film and Television at Swinburne University for the last two years. With Covid-19 significantly affecting our studies, not just for Film and Media but for all subjects across all disciplines, it is vital we still get a proper education. With such subjects receiving harsh cuts in funding over the last year, we must share and voice our concerns that will affect current and future students.

As a student who began in the midst of the pandemic, I understand the difficulty of studying Media and Film through online learning. If you're studying Film or Media, I will be there to listen and share your concerns. And I can assure you that the brilliant team at ACTIVATE will do the same.

We need a union that represents the university in its best interest. Apply for your postal ballot NOW and VOTE ACTIVATE!

Authorised by Martin Harris, Hawthorn, Education Board School of Media and Film, Bachelor of Film & Television.