



Nidzam Shah Hussain - President

Hello! Vanakkam. Apa khabar?

My name is Nidzam, I am a Malaysian and I'm in my 2nd year of Master of IT. I've been with the SSU for the past year, and now I'm proud to announce that I will be running as your Presidential candidate with the Together team!

During my time as Activities Officer, I have worked closely with many of our council members to plan and execute various fun events such as our SSU Thursdays, trivia nights, social mixers and not forgetting working on the Free Breakfast initiative and our weekly Wednesday BBQ.

I have also worked closely with our Welfare team to assist them in their foodbank and free feeds initiatives, and with our Education team to gain student feedback for campaigns on real student issues to the university.

Together, what can we do for the future? Once elected, we will continue to lobby and pressure the university to put in place a tuition fee freezes or reductions across the board, give international and postgraduate students a louder voice by implementing a more effective SISA and SUPA, continue to protect and improve upon our collective's safe spaces, initiate union backed peer-assisted study programs, and never forget, better parties post lockdown.

So join us, for more beats, bevs and BBQ before you hit the books.
Together, we can do this.



Belle O'Dwyer - General Secretary

I am thrilled to announce that I am running to be your SSU General Secretary for 2022!

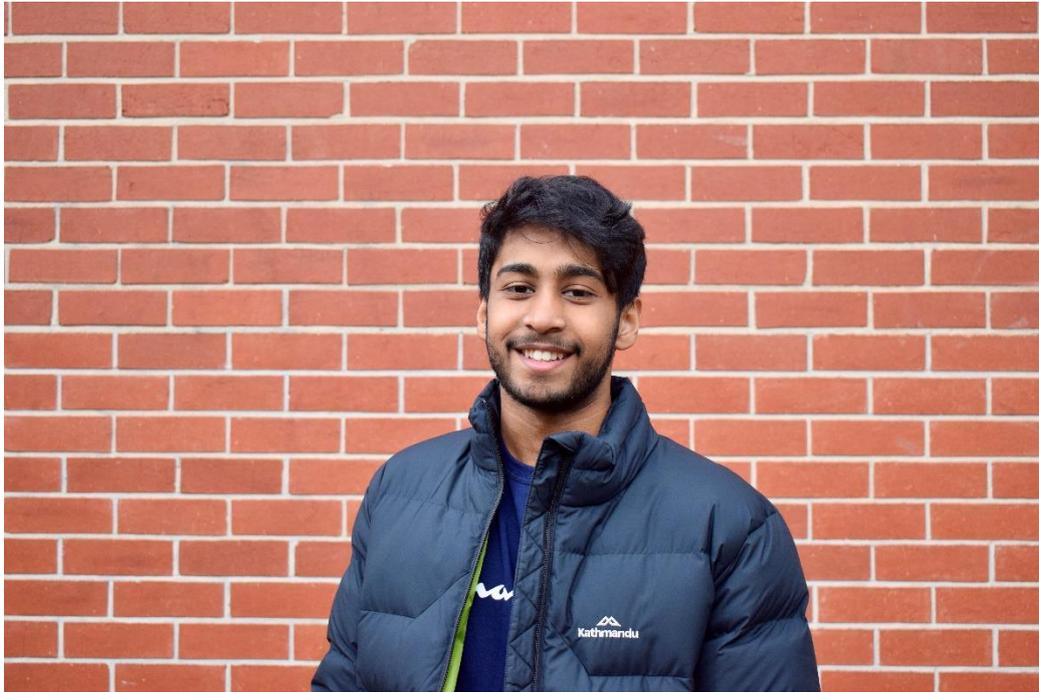
For the last 3 years I have been heavily involved with the SSU, as a volunteer, member of the Women's Collective, Women's Representative in 2020 and now as the Welfare Officer. In this time I have had a strong focus on student well-being, and the ongoing campaigns from the SSU, including to protect our safe spaces on campus and provide free meals and financial bursaries to students in need, have been at the heart of this. I am passionate about ensuring that all Swinburne students feel safe, have a voice and have a place at our university. This focus on safety, belonging and community is a mindset I will continue to bring to any role in the SSU, and pass on to our newer team members.

During this COVID era the SSU must continue to adapt, managing finances responsibly while providing all our current services to at least the same quality, while also developing new ways to support our students. In 2021 alone, we have restarted the SSU FoodBank (and are moving to secure the official Swinburne FoodBank as a student run initiative for the Union), continued the Free Feeds Program, developed the Welfare Hub to allow students to engage with their reps and peers around welfare issues, and developed the framework for new SSU First Nations and Accessibility Collectives. All this and more are what will make our hopeful return to campus in 2022 so much more fulfilling.

I have learnt so much during my time at the SSU, and going forward I know I will learn more. I am excited to be your General Secretary, and to continue growing our student union.

Stay amazing,

Belle



Kishaun Thiruchelvum – Education Officer

I'm Kishaun and I am super hyped to announce that I will be running again for the position of Education Officer with the wonderful team TOGETHER in the upcoming SSU elections.

Throughout my time here at Swinburne I have been studying a double bachelor's degree in health science/science and have immersed myself into everything from clubs, sports, events, weekly BBQs, and volunteer work. Through my work in clubs and the union I have supported so many students, providing them greater opportunities and support both in and outside university. For the past year now, I have been the elected Education Officer of the Swinburne Student Union. It has been a very interesting year and with my experience in the role I have solidified my passion for student advocacy. I have spearheaded and achieved many education campaigns throughout this year, notable mentions include the re-instatement of 24-hour access to latelab, brought student-HQ online which gave greater access to all students, supported all international students who were locked out of CANVAS during the semester, advocated for the introduction of payment plans, and advocated directly to the senior officials of Swinburne for improvements in educational quality. I have always made sure our student voices were heard to the university. I have made

great strides in the education department and my philosophy for greater student focused education and wellbeing is passionately compelling me to run again and continue my work to improve the education and community of Swinburne. My experience and dedication has translated into success within a short span of time in what has been a challenging year. I have sown the seeds and would like to ensure greater on-campus education and fight for a refined online education to benefit all us students.

The whole TOGETHER team is well experienced and resonates the same passion. They have supported us through both the unfamiliar online and tumultuous campus study environments. Throughout 2020 and 2021, TOGETHER has provided their best care and support for every Swinburnian by making sure that vulnerable students were fed, supported in dire financial situations, given the best GPA amnesty in Australia, and maintained world-class education.

I am so excited for 2022 and there are so many things I have done from half of this year alone that I could write a book, so please contact me if you have any questions about my work throughout this year, my plans for next year or if you've got any ideas!!

VOTE [1] TOGETHER for SSU, so that TOGETHER we can have a great 2022!



Patrick Taylor – Welfare Officer

My name is Patrick I am studying a Bachelor of Arts in Indigenous studies For the last two years I have been the First Nations rep on the student union this year I have run many events as the First nations rep, but I am taking a step up and I am this year's candidate for the Welfare officer. I am looking forward to bringing the collectives closer together by running joint collective events. I am also really excited to develop campaigns with the welfare department that help multiple groups of people at Swinburne. I am looking forward to developing more in campaign around social issues that affects students at Swinburne With this year being so up and down hopeful we can have a better year.



Aaryan Pujara – Activities Officer

Hello, My name is Aaryan Pujara and I am enrolled in Bachelors of Computer Science. I'm running as the candidate for Together activities officer for SSU 2022. Since the day I started my course, I have indulged myself in all kinds of volunteering and social activities at Swinburne to meet more people and to help them in every way possible. Starting off in Swinburne Punjabi Club as an Events Coordinator and now leading up to the current President of the club I have helped in organisation and execution of a number of events for the welfare and entertainment of students including events like Desi Neon parties and cultural events like Diwali and Holi. I am incredibly passionate about activities and I believe it is very important as these things not only give you some time off from studying but makes the time you spend on campus and people you meet here a part of your "campus life". I got introduced to the Union by one of the O-Week mixers organised by the union. Since that event, I have been involved with the union including volunteering for events, SSU BBQs, SSU breakfasts and other educational causes like campaign to provide

International Students with Financial support and saving the women's safe space. I have also majorly volunteered in execution of multiple Thursday Night events and other events like ethnocultural Trivia and student mixers. Being one of the students who had to keep transitioning between online studies and on campus teaching due to uncertain conditions, I believe a very major part of on-campus activities has been missing throughout the pandemic because of the limited resources and the overall health concern. But now that we are moving towards a Covid-Free environment .My vision for 2022 will be organising more activities and events like some fun parties, better Thursday night events including karaoke nights, open mics and themed student mixers, more multicultural events and other social activities for the welfare of students. Together we can make 2022 packed with exciting volunteering opportunities, cool events and fun parties. Vote [1] Together.



Nikitha Neelakanthan – Communications Officer

I'm Nikitha and I can't express how excited I am to share that I am running for the position of Communications Officer in the upcoming 2022 SSU elections with TOGETHER!

I've been in Swinburne for the past three years pursuing a double degree in Health Science and Science. Volunteering, sports, clubs, BBQs and parties have played an integral part in my time at Swinburne. My work with clubs and the SSU has allowed me to play a major role in organising parties, events, campaigns and has let me represent and advocate for the students of Swinburne.

As the 2021 Women's Representative, I was consistently a strong voice for the female students of Swinburne, and I prevented the closure of the Women's safe space at the Hawthorn campus which is vital to the female community. The space allows students to form communities and seek welfare support. Additionally, it provides solidarity and safety for groups of students who are disproportionately affected by violence, sexual assault, harassment, and discrimination. This win ensured that women have this space and have their say in the future of our Union and University. Other notable mentions of my work include organising afternoon teas, t-shirt painting and numerous social events for the engagement of the Swinburne female community.

I'm so thankful that my contribution to the union doesn't end here and I am able to advance into the role of Communications Officer where I will oversee and consistently provide communications from the SSU to ensure you're always aware what's happening at Swinburne, and how your union is supporting, representing and making sure that each and every student has got the best support and opportunities right now and ahead of them. I also plan to help carry forward the Swine to greater heights in 2022. I hope to involve more students to participate in the creation of the Swine by making sure that issues faced by students are regularly reported, and continue to provide a supportive, diverse community for all Swinburnians!

I look forward to 2022 and hope to continue the great work Tina has done as the current Communications Officer. I am delighted to be working with this passionate, experienced and diverse team who have so much potential for 2022 and the coming years!

If you have any queries on what I'm working on or what my plans for next year are, feel free to shoot me a message.

Vote [1] TOGETHER for SSU so we together can make a positive development!



David Novanovski – Hawthorn Campus Co-ordinator

Hi everyone, I'm David Novanovski and I'm super excited to be running for Hawthorn campus coordinator for 2022!!

You may have seen me if you've come to the student union volunteer breakfast almost every morning, as well as at the union BBQ's every Wednesday!

I'm studying a double in business and media communication, and I run the Swinburne Film Society.

For 2022, my mission is to help make the most fun and engaging university campus life for all students as well as a place for YOU to voice your concerns or any other issues that you have at this University! Student life can be stressful, especially during times like these when we are in lockdowns, that is why I will do everything I possibly can to help make a campus that is safe, where everyone feels valued, and where everyone has fun whether it is online or on campus!



Parth Bhavsar – Postgraduate Representative

I'm Parth and I am excited to announce that I'm running for the position of Postgraduate Representative of the Swinburne Student union!

The year 2018 was the start of my student life at Swinburne. From the very first day of my Uni I started volunteering for Swinburne Student Union (SSU). This continued until I transferred to PhD. Then I was a HDR representative for the year 2020. Talking about PhD, people's first reaction is WOW! You are awesome etc... But they don't know that we are an Isolated bunch with minimal student life experience. Most of us have a monotonous life cycle of going to office/lab for research, writing, reviews, talking to supervisors and seeing the same few old faces every day. On top of it COVID-19 has made it worse with panic and anxiety a common occurrence amongst us. We are also left out of loop from the student union's discussions and from being heard. It is like we are in a totally different dimension than the normal student body, but the truth is that we are still students. As this year's postgraduate representative, I want to solve all these problems to the best of my abilities. I will be a bridge between the union and us students. I also want to create opportunities for

postgraduate students to interact with researchers to enhance their understanding of research and its importance. We can organize events both formal and informal to maximize our student life experience and socialize.

This will not be possible without your support! So, do not forget to cast your vote in this year's Union elections. `

Vote Together stay Together!

If you have any questions regarding my work, feel free to drop me a message.



Azeez Askeen – International Representative

This is Azeez and am super excited to inform you that I will be your International Representative for the year 2022 with Team Together.

I am currently reading for the Bachelor of Engineering Honours. It's always a pleasure representing a student body. I have been working with Swinburne Student Union and Swinburne Representative council this year, representing international students and Undergraduates respectively. Am looking forward to take a step ahead

to help and support the international students better, by taking this wonderful opportunity.

International students have faced hard times throughout the covid pandemic last year and this year, financially and mentally. I vow to commit myself to serve them in the year ahead to the best of my ability, along with our team, to help fight hardships together. I will make sure our voices will be heard throughout, at all times of need.

Team 'TOGETHER' has been immensely helping students and will be taking forward the great work that was being done thus far. We are moving forward as a strong team, to fight and overcome all hurdles in our way in serving the students in need.

Am looking forward to making your student life as an international student at Swinburne, smooth and fun. You can contact me anytime if you have any queries. Victory!



Alexander Edwards – PAVE Representative

Hey I'm Alex I'm running for the position of Pave representative I've been volunteering with the student union for 5 years now,

I love being able to help out and work with the student union to making the experience for students the best it can be,

And thanks to my time volunteering with the SSU I feel confident that I can represent PAVE students and help them get the support they need.



Hezal Patel – Women’s Representative

“ The question isn’t who will let me, it is who will stop me.”

- Ayn Rand.

Greetings to everyone,

I’m Hezal and I’m thrilled to be our Women’s Representative for 2022 with TOGETHER!

I’m pursuing Bachelors of Health Science with a Biomedical major here at Swinburne and over the past year that I’ve been here I have utilised that opportunity to volunteer with SSU, while being in the organising committee of several other ethnocultural clubs, helped them with certain events and tried to make the best out of every opportunity provided to me.

Over the past year I've worked closely with the Swinburne student union which has made me feel confident that my voice is heard and my opinion is important. I believe that with this opportunity given to me I will make sure I build on the great work that the past women's representatives have been doing because of which we have achieved so much over the past few years in regards to safe spaces provided and opportunities created.

We all know that the last two years haven't been so easy and the challenges have taken a toll on us and even during this time I have seen Swinburne student union support everyone to their best capacity and I pledge to work above the bar set by them, by providing more awareness about the opportunities provided by Swinburne, more work towards the safe spaces, collaborate with different clubs to work towards our common aim.

I'm so excited to work together with everyone to keep changing for the better and make sure that 2022 is glamorous like all of us out here.

Warm regards,

Hezal



Khant Min Kyaw – Environment Representative

My name is Khant Min Kyaw also known as Alex Kyaw. I am from Myanmar and I am currently studying Bachelor of Finance. I am running for Environmental and Social Justice representative.

As an international student, I have travelled thousands of miles to study in Australia. However, due to Covid-19 in 2020, I was not able to attend uni in person much. After going through the lockdown with a few of my friends and being jobless, I am able to find a part time job and made connections. I have also gained a lot of information which would save me a big headache if I knew earlier in the first lockdown.

As an environmental and social justice representative I want to focus on giving as much information as possible. Getting involved in campaigns such as human right issues, environmental and sustainability. Moreover, creating events for students to engage in at least once per semester. Building and expanding our connection with as much people as we can. Sharing information such as where and how to get help as uni students and as international students.

For the 2021, I would like to work together with the board members of SSU and work out on issues. Whether to raise awareness or ask the uni for help.



Emily Duffus – Women’s Representative

Hi everyone, I’m Emily and I am coming up to my third year in a Bachelor of Criminal Justice/Criminology!

I have always been dedicated to helping provide for students during my time at Swinburne, and I am super excited to announce that I am running as the Accessibility representative for Together in the upcoming SSU elections for 2022.

Since starting at Swinburne in 2018, I have been actively involved with campus affairs. I have participated in many things, such as volunteering for SSU, being a H-Squad ambassador and mentoring for the Peer Mentoring Program, as well as being the president of the Crime and Forensics Society. Last year I was elected as an undergraduate representative on the Swinburne Representative Council for FBL, with the aim to consult with the university and faculty staff about student related issues and concerns.

In the next year I aim to expand my advocacy across the university, and actively work to make your University experience more enjoyable and accessible.



Kipp Stratmann – General Representative

"Hi, my name is Kipp and I am currently in my third year pursuing a double degree in Engineering and Computer Science majoring in Civil Engineering and Network Design. I am pleased to be running for the position of General Representative, and certainly looking forward to working with the rest of the team next year to continue the great work done in the past few years. I have been heavily involved in union activities from starting out as a volunteer helping out with breakfasts and BBQ's when I started studying in 2019, to taking a position on the Hawthorn Campus Committee in 2020 and then sitting on the Education Board this year. I am looking at deepening my connections even further next year. So, I am excited for a third year working to support students and help bring issues to the forefront of the universities mind, making sure everyone's voice is heard, along with continuing to support all the union's other student services. "