

S0767_2: Nominations Form

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Preferred Name* Elizabeth

MANIFESTO* Having been an Open University student for two years as an English Language and Literature student, and now a first-year law student, as well as a parent to two OU students, I would like to get more involved with the University as a whole. I feel the OU provides students with a wonderful way forward with their education, enabling a vast array of students, from all sectors of society to widen their horizons.

Over the past two years, mostly due to Covid, I have felt that the interactions between students have become more distant than necessary. The social media groups help- but there is a greater sense of isolation. This lack of engagement means we are missing invaluable interactions with people from diverse backgrounds and experiences, losing our opportunity to create local study groups, and social and professional networks.

There are a few things we can do to help improve our social interactions. The reinstatement of in-person tutorials will enable students to meet others and create a support system, as well as re-establishing a personal connection with our tutors.

Encouraging tutors to go on video during tutorials would make them seem more engaged with students, as currently, many of our tutors are just a faceless voice.

Creating opportunities for safe-informal cross-study local gatherings will give us all support during our studies. These relationships will also help us as we enter our chosen careers, either as friendly support groups or working networks within our fields of work.

PLEDGES* Reinstatement of in-person tutorials to create better tutor/student relationships while enabling students to meet each other in safe environments.

Facilitate students to meet other local students from a range of degree programs.

Raise awareness of the Student Association and the OU affiliated clubs to generate a community atmosphere amongst students.

Roles* Area Representative England

