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**Why I’m Running:**

I am running for the position of President because I am passionate about giving back and ensuring both existing and future students have the same brilliant experience whilst studying at Keele that I have had. My time at Keele has really shown me how vital associations like the KPA are to a wonderful student experience which is why I want to be the person representing you to make the KPA the best it can be.

In my time at Keele I have experienced a lot and although on the whole my experience has been largely positive, this last year has really helped me understand what effects students in a helpful way and also what needs to be improved on. I understand how easy it has been to be isolated this last year and that is why I want to focus on improving events, making them more inclusive so all postgrads can engage with Keele’s postgrad community. Learning has also been very difficult this last year and I will campaign for all lectures to be recorded so that we can complete our degrees more flexibly around our individual schedules.

I have a variety of experience within societies, both leading and rebuilding. I have great proficiency in organising and co-ordinating events and I am a friendly, approachable guy which is paramount to this role. I work very well in a team whilst also being more than capable of showcasing my leadership qualities to achieve the desirable outcomes we all want.

I won’t just restore the KPA to its former glory but make it better than it has ever been before.

**About Me:**

Hiya! My name is Isuru Wimalasundera [he/him] and I am a LLM International Law and Politics Masters student.

Throughout my four years at Keele, I have been an active member of the student body, undertaking President of KMTS, being a member of LawSoc and showcasing the absolute best of Keele to prospective graduates whilst working as a Student Ambassador. I am a well-integrated passionate student who recognises just what this Uni has done for me. For this reason, I am keen to give back, not only redeeming Keele to its pre-Covid status, but exceeding and surpassing, improving the Uni experience for everyone, especially PG students.

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**Priorities:**

**Ensuring and improving PG Academic Experience:**

* This last year has shown postgraduates need to be seen as being of equal importance to undergrads. I will campaign for the Uni to put a lot more focus on postgrads in every way, so that PG satisfaction is just as good as UG.
* Improve the PG learning experience. Make sure lectures should all be livestreamed and recorded for students who cannot make it in for in-person teaching. I will fight to ensure that all lectures are recorded, which is of paramount importance especially for the generally busier postgraduate.
* Ensure weekly digests go out to postgrads so they can see what the KPA is doing as well as monthly presidential reports.
* Work alongside KeeleSU and the Uni to encourage and facilitate postgrad inclusion and enjoyment of events, societies, and sports clubs.
* Campaign for the Uni to provide PGR students with further financial support.

**Events, Activities & Campaigns:**

* Provide you with a huge variety of events it did before Covid, from coffee mornings to KPA karaoke and tailoring those events to what you, the students, want.
* Support and lead campaigns against fundamental issues such as racism, sexism, ableism, and homophobia to promote diversity and equality.
* Provide improved events and activities for mature and parent students, including more events and ways to get integrated with the postgrad community.
* Continue and build on the wonderful mental health and wellbeing events that the KPA currently have in place.
* Increase the availability of postgrad specific events such as careers fairs, professional personal development initiatives, also CV and public speaking workshops.

**Your KPA:**

* Ensure plenty of opportunities for feedback from you, the postgrad students, so that we can make meaningful changes to improve the Keele postgrad experience.
* Continue to improve on transparency within the KPA so that all postgrad students know, understand, and can input into what the KPA committee are doing.
* Work with the Keele Doctoral Academy to guarantee and improve on the Keele PGR experience.
* Campaign for additional funding and protection for university support services.
* Increase advertisement of support that is available to students for mental health problems.