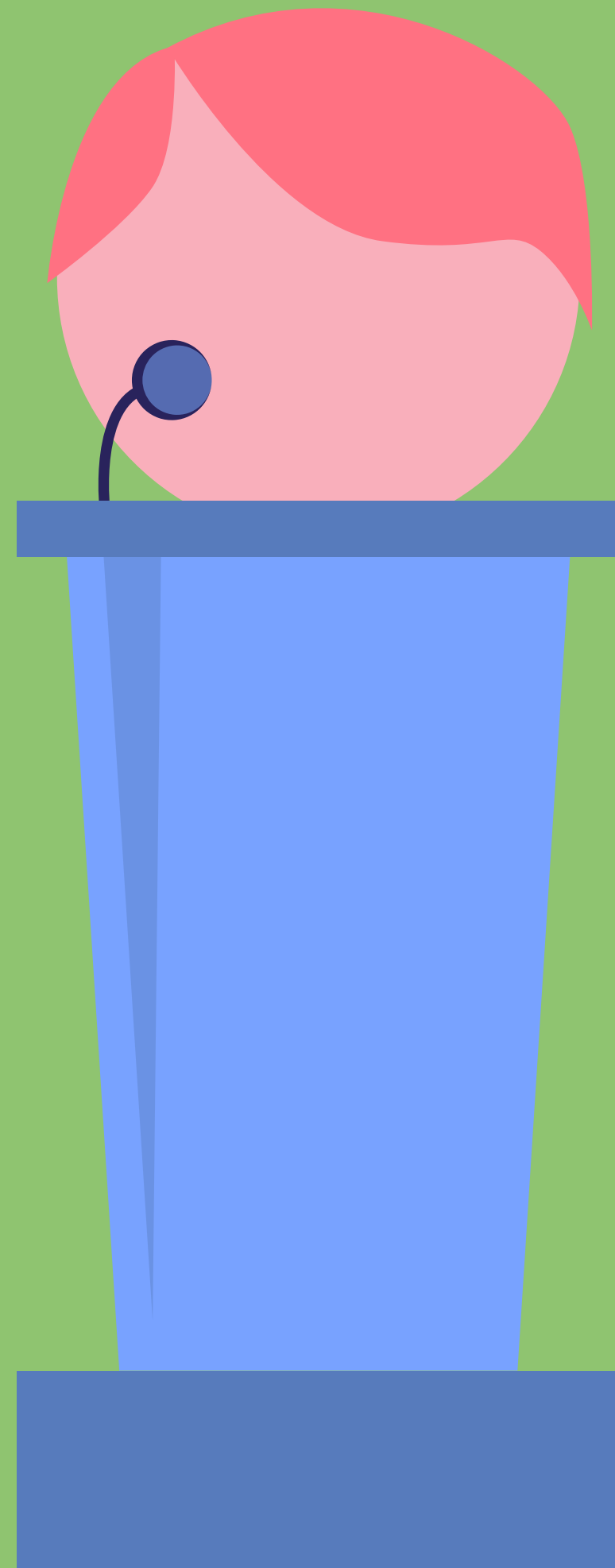




Alex Hunt

Chair of Education, Language & Psychology



Hello! my name is Alex Hunt, I am currently a third-year psychology student and I am applying to become the chair of school of Education, Language & Psychology. Although I am finishing my undergraduate degree this year, I plan to continue studying here at York St John University to undergo a masters of research in psychology. Since the start of my second year studying at York St John University, I have been partaking in creating a sense of community within my course by being chair of the psychology society where my committee and I organise social events catered towards students of psychology as well as like-minded people passionate about the topic of psychology.

It has occurred to me and other students highly populated courses including psychology, that it can feel overwhelming to make new friends because of how intimidating it can be to talk to peers and lecturers within those large groups. Which is why I have been using the psychology society as a platform to create a sense of community, inclusivity and cohesion by hosting engaging social events. This is where people studying or interested in the topic can feel comfortable to discuss their passion for psychology, which I believe relaxed environments can provide the chance to do so. With that said, one of my goals as chair of school is to use the influence of the position to establish, promote and guide more course-based societies associated with Education, Language and Psychology to bring my goal of creating thriving communities into fruition. The primary motivation behind this goal is to alleviate the mental health issues and stress that can weigh heavily upon students. An easily accessible community I believe is a perfect way of reducing these issues by helping students realise that they are not alone and have nothing to be ashamed of when it concerns mental health.

I have had experience as an academic representative of my course where I sought out feedback from my friends and peers within my course as a means to improve the learning experience for all students. I believe that nominating myself for chair of school gives me the capability of giving further feedback to the teaching staff of YSJ who are actively open to helping make the experience of learning more accessible and engaging in order for students to get the most out of their university experience by enhancing the skillsets they desire for their future endeavours.

In summary, I hope you will consider me for the position of chair of school of education, Language and Psychology so that I have the means to carry out the goal of creating more course-based societies which students can feel proud to a part of! I am enthusiastic to see this through, all for maintaining the ideal student experience!