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Student life:

It's tough, you have no money, not enough time, too many essays and you just want a nap. I want to give the chance for all students to have access to a chill out zone, a quiet, comfy, safe place where anyone and everyone can come to destress, have a cuppa and have a chat (or even that nap!). Within this I will give the chance for students to get support for: student living, whether that's getting information about renting or sorting out issues within your accommodation, student funding, first time away from home, absence from lectures, relationships and friendships, and any other issues you might face.

Student funding:

I'm a student, I know what it's like to live off beans for what feels like weeks (the smell isn't great...). The student funding team offer so much help from advice to a foodbank accessible to everyone, and I want to reduce the stigma surrounding poverty and increase the help you can receive by working closely with them.

Scrap the Stigma:

At uni you will face new, exciting and scary situations. No matter what I will be available to any and every student at any time should you need someone to speak to. Whether you want advice, a rant, a good old natter or even a hug, I want to give you a stigma free zone. For students to talk to each other in a similar environment, I will arrange coffee and cake mornings to meet people in similar situations.

Trash the Taboo:

Alcohol abuse, drug use, sexual assault, racism, homophobia, hate crime, poverty. Everyone will know someone who has experienced one or more of these, whether that's yourself, a friend, a parent, a lecturer. And you might not know. I want to raise awareness of these issues at university and get rid of the taboo around these words and activities. It is nothing to be ashamed or afraid of, and I will work with you and the wellbeing team to support you in any way possible, whether that's being a shoulder to lean on or a point of contact within the university.

One big family:

I want to connect people from different courses, different sports teams and different backgrounds by creating mix and mingle socials, arranged by YOU for YOU. I'll give chance for those who don't take part in any sports or societies to meet new people in ways that you might not expect...

At the heart of everything, I want YOU to have the best experience possible here, to spread your wings and fly high, to make every day a masterpiece and smash your degree.