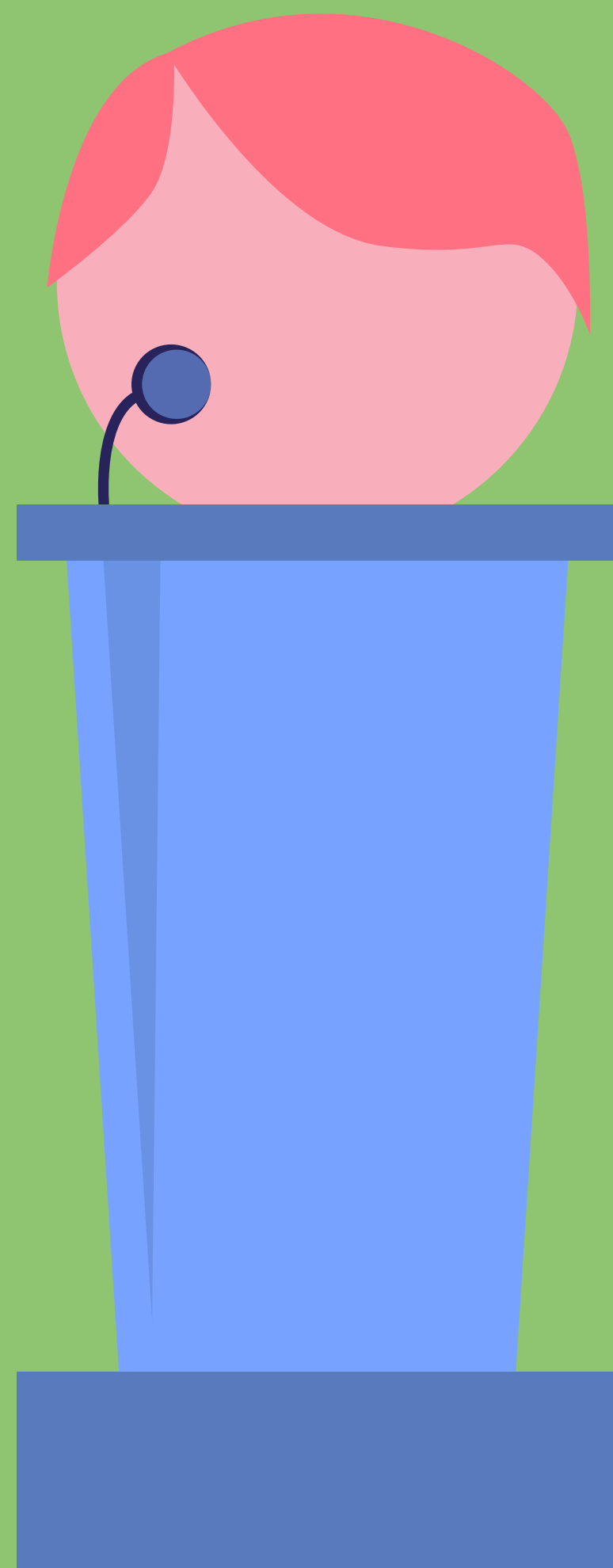




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Wellbeing and Diversity are both areas I am incredibly driven towards changing to ensure that all students regardless of any barriers have access to and feel represented at York St. John University. I will use my voice and platform to make sure every student feels safe, welcomed and at home in their place of study and in their times of need, and maintaining each student as my number one priority. My manifesto points are:

Services Signposting

Student services such as mental health, accessibility teams, and wellbeing require better signposting and how access them, which teams are the most appropriate for the needs and how to locate information on each service. This can be effectively changed through the distribution and accessibility of information on student services physically and digitally.

Wellbeing Zones on Campus

Every student should have access to an appropriate space in which they can pray, meditate, de-stress and calm during sensory overloads. I aim to create better spaces on campus which accommodate all faith-based and wellbeing needs through conversation with students.

Representation Matters

Students should not have to feel like a tick box. Every opinion and representation matters and I aim to work with under-represented students/groups to build relationships between communities on campus and create open and ongoing conversations and spaces surrounding the needs and inclusivity for all students.

Ongoing support

Regardless of whether students are studying in York, London, or abroad, they need to be communication between the students and the university/services to ensure all students feel comfortable and settled beyond the first initial welcome weeks. Students with culture shock and/or moving away from home for the first time need better support and spaces in which they can feel safe and looked after, which can be achieved through maintaining the support and wellbeing out-reach throughout all years of study.

Safety in York

Students moving away to YSJ, to a new home, need to feel safe in that home, which extends out towards the city of York. I believe that working with York City Council to open the conversation about the needs and safety of all students when in York, focusing on issues such as safety, discrimination and accessibility can lead to all students feeling safe in their city of study.