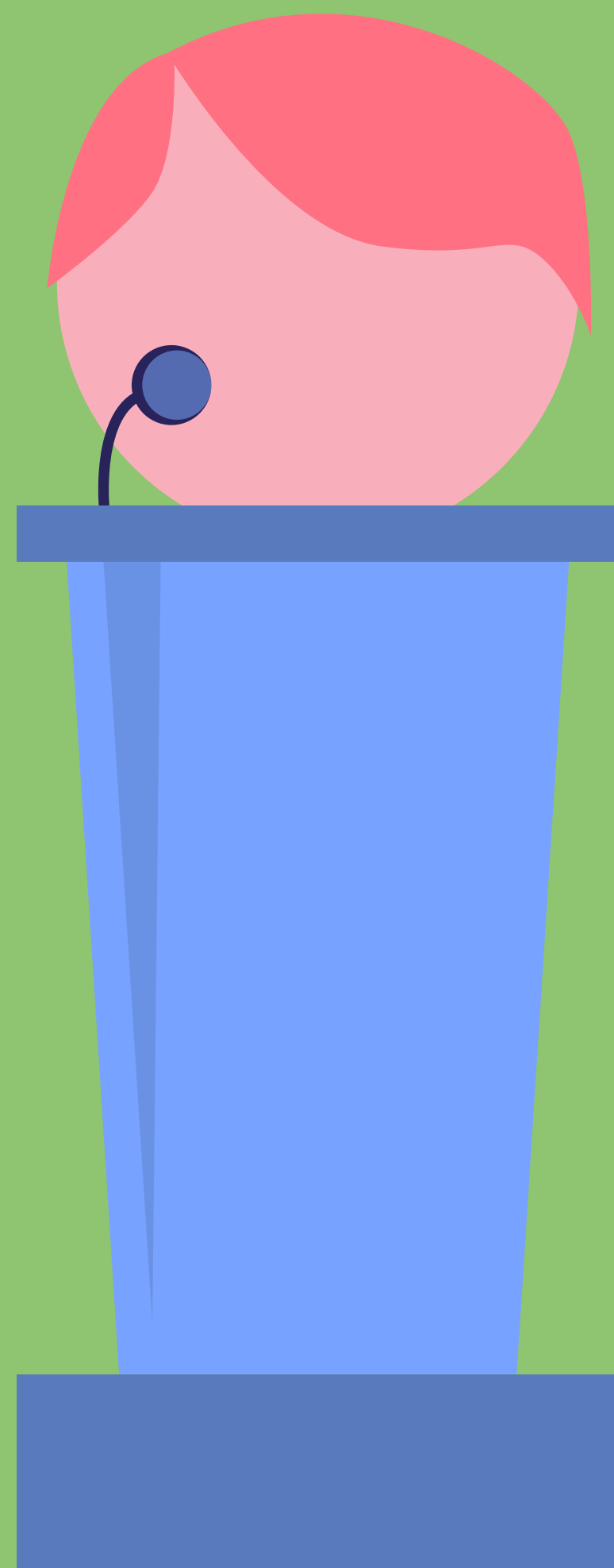




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The SU has six key principles; Fun, Inclusive, Representative, Engaging, Supportive and Passionate. I decided to use these principles to shape the five points in my manifesto.

Fun

I want to create bigger and better events at the union. After hosting karaoke and the quiz nights for two years, I have an understanding of what makes events successful and I want to use that knowledge to make the union the number one place to spend your night. I want to bring live music and entertainment into the union whether it's a band, DJ set or even stand-up comedy. York has a wealth of talent and we need to tap into that. I want the students of YSJ to be able to enjoy the best of what York has to offer in the comfort of their own SU bar.

Inclusive

I want to lobby the university to eliminate graduation fees! After spending £27,000 on tuition fees, why should the student population have to pay to attend their own celebration event? As a widening-participation university, we pride ourselves on our students coming from sections of society that don't typically attend university such as; being from low socio-economic backgrounds, being part of a minority ethnic group, being a care system leaver etc, so why are we treating these people like customers and charging them to attend their own celebration?

Representative

Every student deserves equitable representation, and by equitable, I mean providing the opportunity for those from typically marginalised groups to be elevated to the same platform as everyone else. As President of the Student's Union, I would work alongside the incumbent PWD and the liberation officers to ensure that everyone has equitable representation and feels included in every aspect of university life.

Engaging

I want to ensure that the union is engaging the student population in real world affairs. 18-25-year olds are one of the most powerful demographics in the country and university is the perfect time to become involved in events affecting the world such as general elections. I would want to ensure the union is constantly educating and engaging students in affairs that have the potential to affect their future.

Supportive

Coming to university can be a really daunting experience for some people, especially that first month. I want to start a parent a fresher scheme to help support those people coming to the university through the period around and after fresher's week. Second/third years will "couple up" and look after a fresher during their first month at university acting as a point of contact for them. This will help the first years to acclimatise to life at university and will hopefully encourage them to get involved with the wider aspects of university life such as sports, societies and events.