

Lydia Kay

for Graduate and Mature Student Representative

Hello! I'm Lydia, a second year on the 5-year course, hoping to be the next Graduate and Mature Student rep!

I want to work on integration between graduates/mature students and undergraduates. Also ensure excellent communication between these students and the university regarding the course, both for the 4 and 5-year courses.



Why me?

- I held a position on the Student's Union at my previous university so understand the commitment required - how many meetings you have to attend and the amount of emails you can end up getting each day! But this has made me really prepared for a role on LUSUMA and I believe I have the organisational skills to do a great job. I also planned the graduate ball for my year group so have plenty of event planning skills.
- I understand the challenges of being back at uni for the second time/at an older age...from money worries to realising your chemistry knowledge has been left back in a different decade... I will be able to relate to current and new students and share any concerns with LUSUMA.
- Having more graduate students on the 5 year course this year is great and I feel really passionate about making their opinions heard and to promote integration within the year group.

I will...

- work hard to get to know the current students on the grad course. I am aware that some students feel being in the closing year of the graduate course means they've been a bit left behind, particularly with the introduction of the new curriculum. I will ensure any concerns arising from this are raised quickly with LUSUMA and the university.
- put lots of effort into the events in chemistry week to ensure all students have a brilliant time and get the most out of it.
- plan events throughout the year for graduate and mature students, as I know that sometimes you want to spend time with others of a similar age/people with similar experiences.
- help new graduate students find housemates and accommodation at the beginning of the year if they don't want to live in halls.



- be very keen to get to know any mature students who may be having a harder time integrating and voice any concerns they might have. I think it would be great to be able to arrange a support network, beyond that of medic parents, for anyone with such worries to turn to.
- make the most of students' previous degrees! I would like to create a scheme where graduates are able to share information and skills from their previous degrees with other students. This could be beneficial for undergraduate student considering an intercalated BSc, other research at the university, or for general help with studying. There's such a variety of experience among graduate and mature students and we should make the most of this!

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions - lk149.
Thank you!