

Hey guys I'm Darren, I am a 4th year studying Human Biology with Sociology and Psychology and the current LGBT officer on the student exec.....I luv every minute of it. This year I want to be YOUR VPSA so that I can help make your experience at GCU as incredible as mine has been.

During my time at GCU I was a class rep for my course in the academic year 08/09, I am a member of student parliament and currently taking part in the student leaders program run by the students association.

As LGBT officer this year I have:

- Run the campaign Donation Not Discrimination, which is to stop the blood ban that is faced by all gay and bisexual men across the UK. This has helped me link in with NUS and I was lucky enough to be able to attend the first ever NUS LGBT residential last summer. A course which helped me develop my skills as an officer to deal with issues effectively and learn how to chair a group and run campaigns.
- Made links with universities across the UK, such as; Glasgow, Strathclyde, Edinburgh, Herriot-Watt, Leeds Met and many more. Building these links has helped me to gain understanding of issues that are faced by students and not just those by LGBT students.
- Built up a relationship with Gay Men's Health, so that they can offer their free services to all gay and bisexual male students on campus. This has been a benefit as not all students feel comfortable speaking with people on campus.

If I was elected as VPSA I would:

- Promote the welfare services throughout the whole student population so YOU know what is available for YOU during your time here at GCU.
- Raise more awareness around the benefits of healthy eating and around the issue of sexual health. Sexual health awareness is an area I have already been involved with this year by helping the current VPSA during the sexual health awareness week. This is a campaign I want to make BIGGER & BETTER this year round.
- Promote services available for students that can help them avoid and deal with any stress they have in both academic and personal life. Stress is something we all face at some point and I want to make sure you have the tools needed to deal with it.
- Make the money management campaign bigger than this year and also attempt to move it to the start of semester A, as this is when most students will start learning to live on their own.
- Work with all other officers on the exec to help bring a welfare aspect to any of their campaigns.

SO GUYS, GIDDY UP AND VOTE DARREN #1 FOR VPSA ON THURSDAY 4TH MARCH!!!!!!

