The Candidate.

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Hello! My name is Hana Arai and I want to be the Curtin Student Guild’s 51st Guild President.

When sitting down to write this statement, I reflected on what the average Curtin University student wants out of their Guild. I thought of stability: to know that your university experience is in good hands.

I thought of excitement: a vibrant campus culture, with plenty of events and good support for our clubs so you can develop your skills outside of the classroom and have fun doing it.

I thought of protection: a union that will fight for your right to a quality education and that will stand up to cuts and bad policy.

More than ever, our university education is under threat. In the past five years, billions have been torn from the tertiary education sector. We’ve seen our HECS repayment threshold decrease, universities become more business focused and less learning focused, and last year we almost saw a trimester model implemented at Curtin. Our universities are struggling, and students are paying the price.

Next year, we need a Guild that is strong, experienced, and ready to take up the challenge of fighting against this trend. I believe that I am the best person to lead that Guild into 2020.

It is my great privilege and honour to be the leader of Illuminate going into the next elections. Illuminate is a ticket with a strong balance between experience and fresh ideas that has allowed us to kick goals for students every year. We have introduced free Guild membership, brought Curtin its biggest and best events and parties, and is the only ticket that is 100% independent without ties to a national organisation. We are 100% for students, by students.

Our candidates are passionate advocates, leaders in clubs, and experience-focused students from all walks of life who all have one thing in common: they are committed to making this campus the most inclusive, vibrant, and student-friendly it can be.

The leadership of Illuminate has established the Curtin Student Guild as one of the most successful student organisations in the country, and I intend to keep it that way.

This year as Vice President, I have helped oversee a truly active and effective Guild. We have established a ‘First Year Committee’, protected student’s learning from staff cuts, delivered the biggest climate rally Perth has seen in years, run a huge ‘Enrol to Vote’ federal election campaign, produced the first ever ‘Clubs Conference’, and put more students on more university committees across the university to increase the student voice.

Over the years, I have maintained the opinion that true representation must arise from open communication, strength in numbers, and genuine connection. This is the kind of Guild I want to foster in 2020. Only a vote for Illuminate will deliver this.

Over the past two years, I have had the privilege to represent Curtin students as a Guild Councillor, Queer Officer, Guild Secretary and the National Union of Students’ WA State Branch President. Although a daunting task, I have come across some of the most amazing people and the most amazing circumstances that I wouldn’t find in another job. This past year has shown me that my dedication, strength, organization skills and my passion for representing students exceeded my own expectations.

I have time and time again used my platform in the Guild to improve the lives of students on a campus and state level, involving myself in initiatives to do with student rights, the environment and student welfare. I have long term goals to improve the university experience for all students with the collaboration between the executive members, faculty representatives and equity departments. I believe my passion for representation comes with my ability to workshop and facilitate our reps to produce the best work possible.

I want to acknowledge that I am someone from a marginalised community and I want to ensure that I always use any platform that I have strived for, to not only educate myself and others but raise the voices of those people from marginalised communities who don’t have the opportunity to have a say and shine a light on issues that are far more than myself. I want to push the wants, needs and issues of students to make tangible change.

Now more than ever, society needs a push to see social change. I believe I have the skills to bring together communities around Curtin to enact change for the bettering of students.

The education sector nationwide is also the most turbulent. With consistent cuts to the funding of education, I believe that my experiences in governance and activism can lead the 2020 Guild in the push for a more equitable and accessible education system.

There should be no boundaries to and accessible education system. There should be no boundaries to enact change and I want to inspire our future representatives to be the best that ever was!

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CAITLIN EGOLOFF-BARR
LEFT ACTION

Hi I'm Caitlin Egloff-Barr and I'm running for education vice president. I am an environmental biology student and cat mum. My favourite show is Buffy the Vampire Slayer, and my favourite movie is Pride.

I have been a socialist for a number of years, organising and building protests against the Liberals, against education cuts, and for marriage equality and refugee rights, among other issues. In 2018 I was a guild councillor where, along with other left action councillors, I argued for the guild to actively take up and involve students in the fight for education and social justice issues. Since the Liberals first formed government they have been trying to bring in cuts to education as well as attack LGBTQI+ people, refugees, poor people and other oppressed groups. The National Union of Students (NUS) has played a vital role in stopping a number of the Liberals’ attacks. This year the Liberals were re-elected and will feel emboldened to implement cuts and right wing policies which make it harder for oppressed groups. It is vital that we look to the 2014 education campaign where large student mobilisations were able to stop the Liberal government from bringing the US style of education to Australia. Left action members have been on the frontline of these campaigns and will continue to do so. It has been unfortunate to see Illuminate continue their policy of threatening to cut funding to NUS if it doesn’t fulfill a few bureaucratic checks and balances. Holding hostage the core national body that fights for students will do nothing to take things forwards.

When cuts occur at a national level, they also hit hard at home too. Last year the university implemented a number of cuts to science and engineering including sacking 50 technical staff, offering redundancies and restructuring a number of degrees. Unfortunately students have not been informed about the staff cuts, and were not engaged in a campaign to stop them. Left Action believes this is the key role of the Guild, and it has been disappointing to see Illuminate missing from action on campus education cuts this year.

For a Guild that will fight for you rights, Vote [1] Left Action
Vote [1] Caitlin Egloff-Barr for Education Vice-President
Vote [1] Erin Russell for Representation Board Member

I want every Curtin student to be able to share this experience, this is why I get involved with the Guild, barbecues, stalls, and events. It’s such a great opportunity to meet with other students, show them how much fun student life can be, and brighten up someone's day a little (even if it’s just with a sausage sizzle or a free donut). In my role as Queer Officer, I run our monthly Meet & Greets and was heavily involved in the organisation of our spectacular Garden Party earlier in the semester. Events like this can create lasting memories for our students and that’s something I absolutely want to be a part of.

As a queer, trans non-male, party culture has not always been as kind as it could have been, and I want to absolutely highlight in our events and activities at Curtin. I want to help ensure that ALL Curtin students feel welcome at the party and that we celebrate the diversity of our students rather than pushing it out. Safety and accessibility are the key to any good event, and I care deeply about doing everything I can to cement this in Curtin’s activities. I want our women and non-men to feel safe and free from harassment in our activities. I want our students with accessibility or sensory needs to feel included and seen. I want our students from other countries, cultures, ethnicities, and language groups to feel respected and part of our community. I want our queer students to feel safe at our activities with whoever they want to be with or don’t want to be with. I want our trans, intersex and gender diverse students to feel accepted in our activities, and I don’t ever want them to fear for their safety while within our university. I want to help cement a culture at Curtin University of inclusivity, safety, and fun.

Vote [1] Illuminate

BRIDGE TRUELL
ILLUMINATE

Hi, my name’s Bridge. I’m a third-year psychology student and the Guild’s current Queer Officer. This year I’m running for the position of Vice President - Activities with Illuminate because I love my university and have found the most amazing group of welcoming, supportive, and fun-loving people to ensure that all Curtin students have the best experience possible.

Coming to uni in first year was extremely daunting. Many of us are far away from home, don’t know anyone here. Being alone on this huge campus can make you feel really small, just as I did. Then I attended O-week. I immersed myself in the colourful world that was the Curtin community, and I never looked back. Wandering around on O-Day, joining as many clubs as I could, meeting the Guildies, seeing some of the amazing live performers, and attending the events that week (especially the quintessential toga party!). I’d found a vibrant and active place I could begin my academic career and still have fun!

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MITCHELL MURRAY
REVIVE

Hi, my name is Mitchell Murray. I am a second year Chinese and International Relations student and I am running for Activities Vice President and NUS Delegate with REVIVE!

I am running because I want a vibrant campus culture. I want Curtin to be a place where you can have a drink and a good time on a Friday night. Our Tav is the envy of Murdoch and ECU and we should utilise it. It is true that the current guild has done good work on events but we should always strive to do better.

The events at university can be just as important as our education and because of this I will be working closely with our fantastic Tav.
to provide events and develop a campus culture which other universities will envy! I will ensure that we have more beers, beats and barbecues on campus! Additionally, REVIVE understands that everyone needs a break! Everyone likes Kahoot! That’s why REVIVE is keen on running a whole campus session of Kahoot twice a semester! We’ve keen to see you all having a good time and I am especially keen to participate myself. As your representative, I pledge to seek student input and feedback in all the events that we create and hold, making our university more fun for all students!

Clubs are the lifeblood of campus culture, and currently are suffering from the most bureaucratic process in the state for club grants. That’s why if elected REVIVE will commit to a root-and-branch review of the entire club registration and grants process, to make it easier for clubs to run events on campus. Additionally, we will improve incentives for clubs to run more on-campus events that are more accessible to normal students. We are all at University to improve our employment chances. REVIVE will organise more events with both public and private employers to give you the chance to build the connections you will need out in the workforce.

Simply put, more parties, less bull.

On September 16-19,

VOTE [1] MITCHELL MURRAY
FOR ACTIVITIES VICE PRESIDENT
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FOR NUS DELEGATE
VOTE [1] REVIVE

I will create more opportunities for Business and Law students to network, and create those connections that we’ll take with us into the workforce. The climate crisis scares me as a young person. I think we’ll be the generation of students that go out and create positive change. I will push the university to provide students with internships and work experience in exciting new industries that are more sustainable and working to build a better future.

I’m just one Business and Law student. To represent the whole of our faculty, I want to make sure that every student has a chance to make their voice heard. I will assist Illuminate in implementing the Course Representative system, so students from any Business and Law course are heard on the specific issues affecting their course. I will also improve communication between B&L faculty clubs, some of which I am already a member of, and the Faculty Representative.

If elected to Guild Council, I will be able to take the ideas and concerns of all of the students I speak to and represent, and continue advocating for our continued quality of education.

Curtin sends delegates to the National Union of Students (NUS) who vote to decide the most important issues the union should be representing students on. Illuminate is the only ticket that is 100% independent, and not held accountable to a larger political organisation. This means nobody can force me to vote a specific way - I’m accountable only to the Curtin students who elected me. If elected NUS Delegate, I vow to increase consultation with students to find out what issues they care about, and also take the issues I’ve described, and advocate for them on a national level.

Vote [1] Jesse Zambrano for Business and Law Faculty Representative!
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Vote [1] Illuminate!

Hello! My name is Jesse and I’m a second year Economics student. I’m running for Business and Law Faculty Representative, Guild Councillor and NUS Delegate.

A degree should be more than just a piece of paper. To me that means that we should graduate feeling prepared to enter our chosen careers, having received a high quality education.

As the government cuts funding to education, it’s students that feel the effects. We’ve seen it in the university’s attempt to introduce trimesters at the cost of student’s work-life balance and mental health. Over the past year, staff layoffs across faculties have been piling an impossible workload on teachers, deteriorating the quality of our education.

I have the skills to fight for our quality of education in the Faculty of Business and Law. I’m an assertive person - if it’s important I won’t back down, and I’ll do what it takes to get the job done. I have good communication skills. I’m not afraid to speak up and make myself heard, but I’m also a good listener. This means I can be a channel for students to communicate their ideas and concerns to the university.

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Hi everyone! My name is Fatma Sehic and I am a second year Advanced Science student majoring in Data Science. I am excited to be running for the positions of Science and Engineering Faculty Representative and Guild Councillor with Illuminate in 2019!

Two of my biggest passions are STEM and student representation. STEM initiatives can and will revolutionise the world and it is important that our STEM leaders who drive these initiatives have access to a strong support network. University is one platform for these leaders to gather the knowledge and nurture the skills they need to achieve their big STEM goals. However, as students, they are often not in a position of power and can find themselves experiencing barriers towards achieving these goals because of decisions made by higher authorities. As the Faculty Representative for Science and Engineering, I want to address these issues and create more opportunities for personal and professional growth to ensure that our emerging STEM leaders can

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achieve their full potential. Through a position on Guild Council, I would be honoured to be part of shaping and directing the Guild to ensure that it is the strongest and most effective it can be, and it continues to serve students well.

I have been actively involved in student representation for over five years, including being part of the First Year Committee last year and an Ordinary Member of the Representation Board this year. Through these experiences, I have learned a lot about the various issues faced by students and the causes they are passionate about – one of the biggest of these being immediate action towards climate change. I am eager to use this position as a platform to make sure these issues are tackled and these causes are supported.

With my experience in student representation and burning passion for high quality education, I am confident that I would be a strong pillar of support for Science and Engineering students at Curtin as the Faculty Representative and students in general as a Guild Councillor.

Vote [1] Fatma Sehic for Science and Engineering Faculty Representative!
Vote [1] Fatma Sehic for Guild Councillor!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

**HEALTH SCIENCES FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE.**

**BRIANA HODGKINSON**
**REVIVE**

Hi! My name is Briana and I’m your Revive candidate for Health Science Representative and Ordinary Guild Councillor. I am a passionate 2nd year psychology student with a keen eye on becoming a child speech pathologist in the future. I know how hard it can be to receive the support you need as a student on campus when looming deadlines become ever closer, and you run into an issue and are forced to choose between 5% off your final grade for a late submission, or a rushed assignment that you’re not totally happy with.

That’s why I’m running this year, to improve the outcomes not only for health science students in particular, but students across the campus, as well as advocate for those who may not have a voice.

As a passionate advocate for equality, I will actively support and advocate for the student welfare campaigns, including those centred around youth allowance, in collaboration with the National Union of Students.

I will advocate for increased opportunities for those studying Health science degrees to practise their interview skills in order to further improve employment opportunities upon graduation, as well as advocate for vacation work with companies to extend to all degrees within the faculty.

On a broader scale, I will ensure more of an effort is made to consult with the general student body in relation to divisive political issues, as well as increase your awareness around current issues throughout the world. Revive will make more efforts in general to make decision-making processes and guild elections more transparent and inclusive for all.

Overall, I want to improve the outcomes for students across our campus, advocate for a safe and inviting campus, and speak for those who do not have a voice.

Vote [1] Briana Hodgkinson for Health Science Representative
Vote [1] Briana Hodgkinson for Ordinary Guild Councillor

**JERU SUNDAR**
**ILLUMINATE**

Hey! My name is Jerusilla Sundar but everyone just calls me Jeru. I am a second-year Pharmacy student and I’m running for the Health Sciences Faculty Representative position as part of Illuminate in 2019.

I believe everyone has the potential to make changes and influence that change, all we must do is try. This will be my first year with Illuminate, but I have had some prior experience as both the First and Second year representative for Pharmacy as part of WAPSA (WA Pharmacy Students Association).

During my time at WAPSA I have learnt the impact students can have on their education and experience at Curtin, from planning social events to changing future assessments and units to better suit the students.

As a student and a representative, voicing the opinion of my peers is the most important thing we can do, whether everything is just fine or if there are changes to be made. By allowing me to represent Health Sciences, I plan on doing just that.

Health is a significant and impactful part of our society. Health professionals are given the ability to directly and indirectly save and change lives. Inter-professional communication and understanding are integral to delivering the best practice, both in our current environment as students and in the future within the workforce. As the Faculty Representative for Health Sciences, I aim to bring all these disciplines together so we can learn what part everyone plays in health through educational and social events.

As part of Illuminate I am determined to help every student and address any issues they bring forth. I am personally very passionate about matters such as racism, sexism, gender equality and access to education and resources for everyone including those with disabilities, and of course the impacts of climate change. These concerns and more are something we all care about at Illuminate and the bottom line is that we care about you and your time at Curtin.

Vote [1] Jerusilla Sundar for Health Sciences Faculty Representative
Vote [1] Illuminate!
Hi I’m Richard Birchall a third-year occupational therapy student running for Faculty of Health Sciences Representative. I have been involved in rallies for indigenous rights, refugee rights and the campaign for equal marriage. I am also active in the protest movement against climate change. The massive fossil fuel companies who profit from the destruction of the planet are not going down without a fight and my goal will be to push for student involvement into every action that can challenge global warming.

I think it has never been more important to put activists into the guild. The climate is under threat of collapse, racism and sexism are on the rise and our education is increasingly corporatised. Last year’s funding cut left 10,000 university places without funding. This amounts to a 2.1 billion dollar cut to tertiary education. The only way to stop cuts like these is for students to fight back. Left Action believes in student activism as a proven means of defending education in Australia. In 2014 the government proposed the deregulation of fees which would give us a US-style education system run for only the rich who could afford extremely high fees. Students fought back. Student protests that took to the streets and interrupted forums forced the government to withdraw the changes. This is the way I believe we need to fight in the future.

This strategy works by involving as many students as possible which is why Left Action is running in the National Union of Students. This group coordinates across university campuses in every state in Australia to decide on what students should do. By voting for Left Action in the National Union of Students you help us argue for left-wing protest campaigns to defend education as we did in 2014. You also support the national movement against global warming. The NUS is able to coordinate protests across Australia in the defence of the planet but to do this there must be left-wing activists inside the NUS arguing for this strategy.

Vote [1] Richard Birchall for Representation Board Member
Vote [1] Erin Russell for Representation Board Member
Vote [1] Christopher MacFarlane for NUS.

As young as 12 I have always been interested in history, politics, language and philosophy. In high school my subjects included history, geography, two languages and I was chosen twice to participate in inter school philosophy debates. I have also competed in debating, receiving special awards and cultural honours (colours). I still continue my love for humanities with my degree, majoring in International Relations in my second year, second semester. Humanities is my area, my passion and will fight for our voices to be heard.

The Humanities Representative position should go to an enthusiastic candidate that takes action when students express concern within the Humanities Faculty, be it with a tutor, lecturer, course structure or content. The Humanities Representative should fight when Humanities subjects are being threatened or disregarded by the university. The Humanities Representative must be held to account, have voice the student’s interests. The Humanities Representative should act on the Humanities student’s behalf and voice the student’s interests. The Humanities must be respected at Curtin University. Illuminate is the only team you can trust to truly represent, make appropriate decisions and fight for student rights and their demands.

I want real action on climate change NOW. I want to organise activities and events in which we actively make change, we collectively pick up rubbish, plant trees and organise petitions/protests and write letters. I want every student to feel accepted, safe and celebrated at Curtin University, to have easy access to important and necessary student services and for our diverse community. I want humanities students to feel valued, heard and respected at Curtin University. Illuminate is the only team you can trust to truly represent, make appropriate decisions and fight for the rights and demands of Curtin students. I would be absolutely honored if you vote for me to be your Humanities Representative and National Union of Students delegate for 2020!!

Vote [1] Concetta (Connie) Martelli for Humanities Representative!
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INTERNATIONAL STUDENT COMMITTEE PRESIDENT.

SULEMAN MIRZA REVIVE

Hello, my name is Suleman and I’m running with REVIVE in this election for International Students Committee President.

I believe the guild should be putting students’ interests first. Revive is keen for the guild to get back to the business of advocating for students’ interests on and off-campus instead of mindlessly crusading for the latest hot button issue being propagated by Buzzfeed. We’re keen to advocate for things like more funding for mental health on campus so students have access to essential services when they need them. Workshops on campus to ensure that students have a well-rounded understanding of their rights at work.

If elected I will sit down with the university and advocate for student housing rent increases to be capped at inflation. I do this because I believe in a better standard of living for students on campus. Housing is a right, not a privilege and students should not be priced out of student housing. To ensure a good working relationship between student housing leaders and the guild Revive aims to establish a joint committee with leaders from student housing and the guild to work on student housing-related issues.

We are all at University to improve our employment chances. Revive will organise more events with both public and private employers to give you the chance to build the connections you will need out in the workforce.

This September VOTE 1 Suleman Sheryar Mirza for International Representative
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VOTE 1 REVIVE

AMELIA NGUYEN ILLUMINATE

Hi, My name is Amelia Nguyen, and I am running for International Student Committee President with Illuminate for 2019/2020.

The journey of undertaking education in an unfamiliar country has left me with numerous valuable learned-lessons. Knowledge is only of so much value unless it is communicated and transferred to the people in need. My experience of pushing through the cultural barriers to get as involved as I could in a wide range of activities will hopefully inspire many more international students to engage and contribute to our common Curtin and Australian community regardless of your upbringing. My overseas education doesn’t just cease at Australia but I also took the opportunity to Europe for an exchange program. Within WA, I challenged myself to step out of my comfort zone and managed to get multiple work placements while participating in different committees to raise awareness around what matters to students. All in, I had the honour of representing Curtin to welcome a huge cohort of international students and their parents to Perth at the WA Government House.

As your International Student Committee Presidents, I’ll take proactive course of actions to ensure all international students’ rights are upheld and taken into consideration throughout the university policy-making procedure. An important part of my agenda is to create a platform for international students to settle down into Perth’s life sail smoothly with a culturally appropriate manner and breaking the myths around some common misconceptions. Most importantly, I’ll thrive to connect international students with relevant industry partners to improve your employability as the future global citizen. Illuminate is the only group that you can trust to ensure equity, accessibility and consultation of the university experience of all International Students.

Vote [1] Amelia Nguyen for International Student Committee President!
Vote [1] Illuminate

POSTGRADUATE STUDENT COMMITTEE PRESIDENT.

MAY MAJIMBI ILLUMINATE Elected unopposed

It is with great interest that I apply for President of the Postgraduate Student Committee. This is a unique opportunity to work with the highly impactful Curtin Guild team to advocate for the needs of postgraduate students.

I’m a PhD candidate in the School of Public Health with a research focus on vascular pathology and an expected completion date of December 2020. I’m also a sessional academic, with experience in multiple tutoring and mentoring roles.

My passion for science and working with people is most evident in my current appointment as the PSC Research Vice President (VP). Since my committee induction in May 2019, I have communicated regularly with the PSC President and Secretary regarding ongoing projects in an effort to learn more about PSC initiatives. I have served as a spokesperson on the Retention Taskforce and PSC liaison on the Academic Services Committee. I have travelled to Canberra, NSW to
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the role of psc president demands excellent leadership and governance skills; it requires the successful applicant to work collaboratively with committee members, curtin guild, and external stakeholders. the current president, romana begicevic has been a wonderful role model in her efforts to advocate for a safer, more inclusive study environment for postgraduate students. romana has worked tirelessly to increase student accessibility to the careers department and promote various industry opportunities.

if elected as psc president, my primary goal would be to carry on the legacy of romana by working towards improving the visibility of psc to postgrads across all departments. i endeavour to tackle our specific issues by proposing motions central to our livelihood at curtin and supporting initiatives geared towards increasing employability prospects once we graduate. above all else, i promise to be an active and enthusiastic voice for all postgraduate students.

accessibility officer.

diana ryan

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I continue to believe that the Guild can only truly represent all students if it remains free; that students should feel comfortable to access the assistance of the Guild without hesitation; and that significant time should be taken to consider how events can be made further open to all.

I hope to be able to protect the achievements of past representatives and build greater access to Guild events and services, as well as support students to be on an equal playing field. Disability comes in many forms and affects people’s university participation in various ways. I hope to listen to and represent your interests, and bring down barriers to participation.

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Vote [1] Illuminate!

read me! see if you agree.
let’s power up the accessibility officer position at curtin.

I’m Dylan Botica. I launched the Knowledge Arc Light Rail project as a study contract. I did it to bring the future forward and Curtin’s new bus station is ready to accommodate it — but when it comes to students with disabilities, I’m unsure about OUR future.

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Hey y’all! My name’s Bry (pronounced “bree”)! I use they/them pronouns, and I’m running with Illuminate to be your Queer Officer for 2020. I’m a social work student, with interests in queer rights and advocacy, intersectionality, community engagement, and peer support. I’ve been an active member of the Queer Department since I started studying at Curtin in 2016, and I strongly believe in the support and engagement it brings to LGBTQIA+ students at Curtin. I’ve been involved in building and facilitating queer communities at a grassroots level for my whole life, helping to bring people together and create strong networks. I’ve seen first-hand the resiliency and benefits that a strong community can give to marginalised populations, and I believe that building these networks is an essential part of maintaining a healthy and proud queer community. If elected as your Queer Officer, I promise to continue the hard work of those before me, providing a voice for queer students on campus and advocating for your rights at Curtin. In addition, I aim to increase the community support and engagement that the Queer Department provides, putting on more events throughout the year for queer students to meet each other and build community, such as boardgame days, sundowners, and other social events. Finally, I will continue the work that has been started by our previous Queer Officer, by continuing to campaign for more all-gender bathrooms, sanitary disposal bins in all bathrooms, and increased safety for queer students on campus and in campus housing. I’m excited to be working with Illuminate to keep the Curtin Student Guild working for students and providing the best level of support and advocacy we can provide to the students of Curtin.


Hello! My name is Star Castillo and I am running for a position within Guild as Women’s Equity Officer for Illuminate in 2020. It would be an absolute privilege to represent all the female students at Curtin University and be a catalyst for our empowerment on campus. I believe in strong representations of women in leadership roles and I am a confident candidate to amplify opportunities that matter and make a difference.

I am the current president of two business clubs that are notorious for changemaking and empowerment: Enactus Curtin University and Curtin Women in Business. In 2020, I want to work with all the female presidents of clubs, all women’s clubs and off-campus women’s associations that triumph women’s growth and support men’s mental health. I believe in the power of supportive networks and I am extremely proud to be apart of Illuminate who are making strides to put the best interests of Curtin students FIRST.

Vote [1] Star Castillo for Women’s Equity Officer Vote [1] Illuminate!

Kaya! My name is Cheyenne Conway and I am a proud Balladong Banjima woman from Perth. I am currently in my first year of a Bachelor of Psychology at Curtin and I am running for the position of the Guild Indigenous Equity Officer for 2020. It is in my best interest to help and support all students of Curtin University!

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See previous statement (page 5).
Hi, my name is Claire Almeida, and I am in my third year of Primary Education at Curtin. I am running for a councillor position for Illuminate in 2019.

One of the main reasons behind my decision to join the Curtin community was the chance to work, collaborate and become friends with students of all ages, backgrounds, experiences and orientations. Over my time at Curtin, I have been given the opportunity to work with amazing people and clubs to make changes in fields that I am passionate about. This includes the fight for women’s rights, zero tolerance to abuse and equal opportunity for all. I have been given a chance to fight for the rights and dignity of everyone through Amnesty International, Starlight Foundation, The Ronald McDonald House and The School of Education Student Council. Throughout these clubs and organisations, my aim and driving force are to provide a voice and stand for everyone.

Curtin prides itself on recognising and valuing every student for their individuality and diversity, and I have been lucky to experience these values at Curtin. I understand that not all students experience the feeling of being welcome, and I promise to fight for and stand by these students.

As Dr Maya Angelo said: “In diversity there is beauty, and there is strength.” Through Illuminate, I will strive to create a campus and community that is not only open to, but inviting to all students, staff and members of the community.

Vote [1] Claire Almeida for Guild Councillor
Vote [1] Illuminate

Hi there. My name is Anthony Harris and I am a first year International Relations student. I am running with Revive for Guild Councillor and NUS Delegate!

All of us at Revive believe that in the current funding environment, corporate sponsorships are vital to ensuring the quality of our education. Revive will work with the university to attract more corporate sponsors to our university, provided of course these sponsorships do not affect academic freedom.

I know from experience that the current deadline system for submitting assignments is broken. It just leads to more stress as students working on multiple assignments have to not only worry about submitting multiple assessments but now also have to worry about managing different deadlines. That’s why I’m committed to a universal deadline of 11:59 PM across all disciplines and classes. We’re also committing to all students can submit assignments online thus removing the barrier of coming to university to submit your assignment. This will be a great initiative for differently-abled students who can sometimes find it difficult to come to campus. This will ensure a fair go for those students struggling.

We all know that clubs are the lifeblood of campus culture, and currently are suffering from the most bureaucratic process in the state for club grants. That’s why if elected Revive will commit to a root-and-branch review of the entire club registration and grants process, to make it easier for clubs to run events on campus. Additionally, we will improve incentives for clubs to run more on-campus events that are more accessible to normal students.

So on September 16-19,

VOTE [1] ANTHONY HARRIS FOR GUILD COUNCILLOR
VOTE [1] ANTHONY HARRIS FOR NUS DELEGATE
VOTE [1] REVIVE

Hi! My name is Timothy Adams, and I am a second-year engineering student and I am running for the position of Guild Councillor and General Representation Board Member in 2020.

After being on the general representation board in 2019 and the first-year committee in 2018 I am keen to continue trying to make a difference and be a loud voice for all students. Curtin university is an amazing place and while my time here has been short, I’ve grown to love it. But as is with everything, Nothing is perfect. That is why I am running again this year. I want to continue to improve the education level, welfare, student rights, economic footprint and accessibility for all students. As an engineering student I am also very invested in our great faculty and in furthering the science and engineering faculty as a whole. Food is also a passion of mine but as I am gluten intolerant, I always find it hard to eat out, that is why I am so grateful that the guild cafes offer a range of food and beverages to suit everyone’s dietary needs. If elected I would like to continue to push more variety and healthy options while also raising awareness about these options.

I am running with Illuminate again this year as they are the most complete ticket at Curtin university and are driven to empower, improve and be a voice for all students. The guild under illuminate has delivered Free guild membership, amazing events, the best fries and food on campus and all the great services that the guild provides to all students daily. Illuminate and myself are extremely grateful for this opportunity to represent you, our fellow students. So,

Vote [1] Tim Adams for Guild Councillor and General Representation Board Member!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

Hey! My name is Rhiannon Merrifield, I’m a second year Education student, and I’m running to be one of your Guild Councillor with Illuminate this year.

In my time as a student at Curtin University I’ve been exposed to so
many diverse views and stories from students, throughout the university, and I strongly believe that they all deserve to be heard. I would love to be your voice on any topics Guild discusses and I strongly believe your stories should guide the way.

Whilst I am new to Illuminate and the Guild scene, I have worked for years with NGO’s that help groups and individuals - young or old - find their voice.

Everyone at Curtin has a story and a voice. With so many strong and talented individuals creating our identity as students, why shouldn’t their voices be the ones that guide our way? I believe as a Guild Councillor I can share your voice and make Curtin the best experience possible. The Guild runs so many amazing events and I would like to continue their positive impact, with Illuminate’s support. We all have amazing opportunities at our fingers, so let’s make amazing memories with them!

Vote [1] Rhiannon Merrifield for Guild Councillor!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

DAY POWEHL ILLUMINATE

Hi! My name is Day. I’m a second year Law and International Relations student and I am running for the position of Guild Councillor for Illuminate in 2020.

I remember starting out my university journey being unsure about what I wanted to study and eventually build a career in! I, like many others, changed my university degree at the end of my first year. Deciding on a career pathway at 17/18 years old is challenging, even for students who know what they want to do.

This makes it very important that Curtin University is supportive of students that don’t make the right choice for themselves, the first time. I believe that this is one of the many things that have given me the insight into the students at Curtin and the knowledge to have a voice for students within the Guild, no matter which course they are coming from.

While I may be new to Illuminate, I am far from inexperienced! During my two years at Curtin, I have been an active member within clubs and organisations, both within the university and externally. As part of said organisations, I have organised events, whilst promoting a space for discussion between students and established academia members.

I believe that Curtin University has a wealth of talented and exceptional students, and I believe as Guild Councillor I can provide opportunities for students to create a rewarding university experience. With the support of Illuminate, free Guild memberships (and sausage sizzles), awesome and diverse social events and a strong support team are things I want to maintain at Curtin, as well as fighting for better parking solutions. I believe that through Illuminate, we will be able to, without a doubt, keep achieving the high standards of support and passion to fight for what is right for students. So if you enjoy free feeds, great guild events, and a strong student support team:

Vote [1] Day Powehll for Guild Councillor!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

JAMIE DI SILVIO REVIVE

G’day, my name is Jamie Di Silvio. I am a first year Commerce student and I am running for Ordinary Guild Councillor with Revive!

I am running because I believe the guild should be putting students’ interests first. Revive is keen for the guild to get back to the business of advocating for students’ interests on and off-campus instead of mindlessly crusading for the latest hot button issue being propagated by Buzzfeed. We’re keen to advocate for things like more funding for mental health on campus so students have access to essential services when they need them. Workshops on campus to ensure that students have a well-rounded understanding of their rights at work.

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VOTE [1] JAMIE DI SILVIO FOR GUILD COUNCILLOR
VOTE [1] REVIVE

CHRIS GRANT LEFT ACTION

Hi, I’m Chris Grant, and I’m running with Left Action, for Guild Council.

There’s no shortage of problems in the world at the moment. Whether that’s the chronic underfunding of our education, increasing unemployment and cuts to welfare, our governments appalling treatment of refugees, or the climate crisis that threatens our very existence on the planet. All of these issues demand answers, and that is something that our guild should play a part in.

Student unions have a long and proud history of taking a stand on the social and moral issues of the day. Whether that be opposing apartheid in South Africa, standing up for Aboriginal rights, or being part of the mass movements against the Vietnam War. The Guild is a political body, and what it uses its resources for matters.

The guild is more than just a body that runs cafes and food outlets. It can organise protests, mobilise students, be part of national campaigns, and use its resources to help support and grow those campaigns.

Left Action is a ticket of committed Left wing activists, who stand up for what we believe in. We don’t just come out of the woodwork once a year to get elected and then just
disappear again. We’re involved in campaigns and activism all year round to try and make the world a better place.

Now more than ever we need a left-wing guild that is willing to take up the issues of the day, organise protests, stand up against our government when they approve more coal mines, stand up against our university when they cut more courses and staff. The Amazon is burning, we can’t afford to wait any longer, vote for action.

Vote [1] Chris Grant for Guild Councillor
Vote [1] Erin Russell for Representation Board Member
Vote [1] Christopher MacFarlane for NUS Delegate

GEORGIA MCGRATH
ILLUMINATE

Hey guys!

As many of you know, this year I have had the absolute pleasure of being your Health Sciences Representative in 2018/19!

The Student Guild has been an integral part of my experience so far at Curtin, and I am super excited to become more involved with the university and the Guild as one of your 2020 Guild Councillors!

Over the last year, I have had the opportunity to form some great relationships with current members of the Guild, students and staff. Through my involvement with WAPSA, I have had the opportunity to speak on behalf of my peers and provide feedback on our course to both tutors and senior university staff. I have been honoured to represent Health Science Students over the past year and assist in creating a positive and memorable university experience for all students. I am very excited to see what Jeru Sundar has to offer with this role, she is in my opinion, the best candidate for Health Science Faculty Representative as she is not only determined but is interested in ensuring multidisciplinary outcomes, industry connections and love and support for all!

In this position, I will ensure that the orientation experience for all students is engaging, and makes all the new students feel really excited for their first year of university! I would want to be a representative who assists new students in their transition from high school to university, and ensures they feel welcome and motivated. I will also work hard to ensure that the experiences and opinions of students are heard and considered by the university, in both decision making and to benefit future students.

Vote [1] Georgia McGrath for Guild Councillor!

Vote [1] Jeru Sundar for Health Science Faculty Representative!
Vote [1] Illuminate 2019!

LUKE BROSNAN
LUKE PARTY


We, The Luke’s, have assembled our unique minds to do our part in continuing the vector of positive change here at Curtin University. In recent years the Guild has made some great environmental changes to our campus, and I’d like to help continue that effort (let’s be honest, this planet is getting a little more Luke-warm). This year I have been involved with the Curtin Chemistry Club as an Ordinary Committee Member, so I have a bit of an idea on what goes into planning events and making things happen. Given this, I’d like to apply my limited skill set of listening, nodding, and sometimes moving my mouth to help provide students with the same great experiences that the university and the Guild have provided me over the years.
All jokes aside, I really would like the opportunity to be elected as a Guild councillor to keep making good things happen! (Maybe a second ply? Haha jk...unless?)


SAV ROSE
REVIVE
Candidate photo and statement not provided.

JASON KIM
ILLUMINATE

Hi everyone! My name is Jason Kim and I am a first-year Engineering student running for the position of Guild Councillor with Illuminate in the upcoming 2019 Curtin Student Guild Elections.

I am grateful for everything that has been given to me in life and I am fully aware of how little others are given. I want to give back where possible and help others in any way I can. This world is not perfect but it’s the only one that we have. I’m no longer talking about the future generation’s problem; it is our problem. To ensure a bright future I particularly believe in providing quality education to all students across the world. I have taught students on a local scale, volunteered to raise funds for students in countries with high rates of poverty and have gone abroad to teach in other countries.

No matter which Faculty you’re in, whatever course you’re taking or how far into your degree you are, you must also value education or else you wouldn’t be here today. Although I’ve only recently joined Illuminate, in this short time I have seen them pursue universal equality, fight for climate change, advocate for quality education and a meaningful university experience for all students. It is for that reason, I am proud to represent Illuminate in the upcoming elections.

I believe that students should hold staff and management accountable for their actions; society and this very campus has changed in the last decade and therefore the system must also change. As a Guild Councillor, I want to advocate for that progressive change, where our values as a student cohort are reflected in the everyday running of university, where students aren’t working for the system but the system is working for the betterment of students. I want to be that voice for all those who have been left unheard. My strength lies in my ability to lead but foremost in my ability to work in a team.

With the other candidates, who are supported by Illuminate, we will reflect the values of students through our work in the Guild. We will continue to uphold the trust that you have placed in our Illuminate candidates from the past couple of years. The university experience is a unique one and we aim to make it better through our advocacy of reflective change, awesome Guild run events and a support system for all students at Curtin. Together, let’s make the student experience as good as it can be.

Vote [1] Jason Kim for Guild Councillor!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

ALEXANDRA PANNELL
ILLUMINATE

Hi! My name is Alex.

I am currently a first-year Commerce student specializing in Marketing and Advertising. Previously I’ve been your Business and Law Representative which gained me a lot of experience in the running of the guild. I’d love to continue representing all of you by getting elected as an Illuminate candidate to become a Guild Councillor and an Ordinary Representation Board member.

If selected I know this opportunity will allow me to tackle ANY issues you have about Curtin.

I know that it is sometimes hard to have your voice heard as a student. If elected I promise to listen to any issues or concerns faced by any of you. I will bring these issues to the forefront of meeting as it’s not just the Guild who creates positive change - it starts with ‘YOU’.

If elected into this role I will not only focus on the serious stuff, I’ll have a bit of fun with it as well. So, if you want great events, your voice to be heard and FREE food:

Vote [1] Alexandra Pannell for Guild Councillor!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

ROB VUSAK
LEFT ACTION

Hi, I’m Rob, a first-year econ student and a socialist. This year I am running for the position of ordinary Guild Councillor with Left Action.

I believe that the Guild should fight for students, not bow down to the demands of the University and its corporate sponsors.

As the climate crisis grows to the level of an existential catastrophe, the University’s links to and support of the fossil fuel industry need to be challenged. Mining giants BHP and Woodside have funded the University and done all they can to ensure a coal-friendly school of mines is given precedence.

It is the role of the Guild to campaign against these links and to hold the University responsible for the crimes committed by these companies against the environment. Only Left Action has the determination to end these links all together. Students need to come together and quickly to have a chance at fighting climate change, and activist guilds need to lead this charge.

All while that crisis unfolds, the University has been more than able to find $300 million for its new Curtin City development, but has constantly made cuts to our education. Staff have been laid off and class sizes have increased. In April this year, as staff were made redundant in both Perth and Kalgoorlie Curtin campuses, the only response offered by the Illuminate Guild was to criticise the flawed process...
and the implementation of the redundancies, rather than to take any position against the sackings.

Left Action have a proven record when it comes to fighting staff cuts. In the past we have prevented the sackings of lecturers by organising petitions and a sit in of the business school office.

As the Liberal government launches new attacks on education, activist guilds are the only hope we have as students to fight for our futures.

We can’t allow our own representatives to sell out to the very forces we should be fighting. The Liberal government has already made a $2.1 billion cut to university funding across the country, as well as lowering the HECS debt payback threshold (the amount you have to earn to start paying back the loan).

Left Action is all about directly challenging these attacks on students and doing all we can to make a better environment within campus for all of us. In this year alone we’ve: organised a rally against Islamophobia on campus, attended by over 300 students, meetings discussing sexism and what to do about it, supported abortion rights in WA, and stood up for international students in the face of new strict rules governing their attendance.

Only Left Action can make the Guild take up the struggle for the rights of students at Curtin. Vote [1] Left Action for social justice and for a fairer experience for all students.

Vote [1] Rob Vusak for Guild Councillor
Vote [1] Erin Russell for Representation Board Member
Vote [1] Christopher MacFarlane for NUS

G’day I’m Adam, and in this election I’m running for Guild Councillor with Illuminate. Illuminate has been leading the Guild for the last 5 years now and I am proud of all of the things this team has achieved and all of the ways we have tangibly improved the student experience at Curtin.

In my time at Curtin I have been an active member of a number of clubs, a Guild Councillor, and the Guild’s Activities Vice President. I have seen the Illuminate-led Guild deliver in all areas, but closest to my heart is the way we have empowered clubs and transformed campus culture at Curtin; Illuminate massively increased club grants, built Clubs HQ, delivered Clubs HQ 2, started the Club Challenge and ran the Guild’s first ever Clubs Conference.

In 2020, Illuminate is committed to strengthening the Guild’s relationship with clubs and helping them thrive. We will develop an online portal to make it easier for clubs to plan events, increase collaboration with clubs on Guild events (such as involving cultural clubs in Pasar Malam), and deliver a bigger and better Clubs Conference. Illuminate’s candidate for Activities Vice President - Bridge Truell - is by far the best person for the job and I would love to have the opportunity to assist them in kicking goals for Guild clubs as a Guild Councillor.

Vote [1] Adam Parsons for Guild Councillor!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

Hey there! Let me introduce myself: my name is Harry Brooking, I am a first year International Relations and Business Law student and I am running for the position of Guild Councillor for 2019.

Like many students, I strive to do my very best where I can, and that's I want for Curtin University students. I want to be your voice, the voice that works to improve life for all Curtin students new and old. Given the opportunity by you, I promise I will strive to do my very best, working hard for you to make your journey through university as smooth as possible.

I have a genuine interest in all people and cultures. In 2017 I went on a three-week trip to Tanzania, West Africa, where I assisted African school children young and old with their English language skills. I also assisted local residents to build and create new homes and facilities. I am fascinated by the development of people to reach their full potential.

This also gave me insight to the cultural diversities present in this world; everyone has different stories and everyone comes from different backgrounds. The challenges are for everyone to feel as part of this world with no one left behind, so I promise to work for YOU, to achieve the desired outcome which benefits ALL students on campus.

Curtin is globally recognised as being one of the best universities in the world; I believe as a Guild Councillor, I will continue to improve life for students, ensuring that Curtin doesn’t just have high rankings, but students here have a genuinely positive experience.

Current policies such as free Guild membership, exciting events and a supportive environment are things that I believe are the best to keep at Curtin, and with the support of Illuminate we can make this happen.

Vote [1] Harry Brooking for Guild Councillor!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

G’day, My name is James Wilson, I am a second year International Relations student and I am your Revive Candidate for Ordinary Guild Councillor and NUS Delegate.

I believe in fairness, real change and quality student representation!

I believe the guild should be putting students’ interests first. Revive is keen for the guild to get back to the business of advocating for students’ interests on and off-campus instead of mindlessly crusading for the latest hot button issue being propagated by Buzzfeed. We’re keen to advocate for things like more funding for mental health on campus so students have access to essential services when they need them. Workshops on campus to ensure that students have a well-rounded understanding of their rights at work.

One of the biggest things the guild does to affect your day-to-day life is the quality of services that the Guild provides. That’s why if elected, I...
will work with the Guild Catering department to improve milk options for lactose intolerant people, as well as undertaking a consultation process with students in regards to anything else they want to see the Guild catering services provide.

The current guild has gone from championing transparency and inclusion to keeping you in the dark. To counteract this, if elected, Revive and myself will seek to reform the decision making processes of the guild and provide regular digest to students outlining why the guild has taken certain decisions.

On September 16-19,
VOTE [1] JAMES WILSON FOR GUILD COUNCILLOR
VOTE [1] JAMES WILSON FOR NUS DELEGATE
VOTE [1] REVIVE

MIN DEE CHIA
ILLUMINATE

Hey everybody! My name is Min Dee and I am a first year Commerce student. In the 2019 Guild Elections, I am running to be one of your Guild Councillors with Illuminate.

In 2019, I have represented the voices of first years through my active participation with Curtin Student Guild's First Year Committee. The activities that my team and I have been part of to better the student experience of first years - including regular meetings where we provide feedback to the Guild Executive, creating the First Year Guide, and talking to students about the Guild and the issues that matter to students at Guild O-day - have provided an insight into what the Guild does to support Curtin students. I have had the experience being in the Guild which is an asset moving forwards into the future.

At Curtin, I believe that we should strive to achieve our full potential. As your Guild Councillor, I would be thrilled to act as a building block in your quest. Together we will ensure that our voices are heard loud and clear on matters that mean the most to us.

Since 2014, Illuminate has provided student focused events, free support services, facilitation of clubs and societies and representation of Curtin students. Most importantly, Illuminate has made Guild membership free for all students currently enrolled in Curtin and is the only ticket committed to keeping it this way. All of these initiatives assist in the betterment of your student experience and will be here to stay if Illuminate is elected.

Let’s make our experience at Curtin an unforgettable one!

Vote [1] Min Dee Chia for Guild Councillor!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

MIKE FARRELL
ILLUMINATE

Hello Facebook friends, and fellow Curtin students.

It’s happening again! You may remember last year I ran for Humanities Faculty Representative and NUS Delegate. It was an honour being able to attend conferences over east, meeting students that taught me all types of campus knowledge & shared their experiences. I want to ensure the Curtin Student Guild is union run with the idea of independent STUDENT representation, and not just a political party deciding what to do. Illuminate is a faction that will ensure this as we have students from all faculties, clubs and courses.

So far, 2019 has been a year of successful new changes. It makes me proud that Illuminate has been able to achieve a deduction of late assessment submission penalty, taking the standard 10% down to 5%. Following requests by students to investigate advantageous efforts surrounding illustration students created work, Illuminate Faculty Reps have held student’s intellectual property in high priority when sitting on committee boards with faculty staff. We have helped establish better communication between students and staff in several courses, through stricter consultation and briefs introduced to students at the beginning of units that didn’t exist at all before.

If elected as Guild Councillor, it means high education standards are going to continue as my main priority. Illuminate will always fight for a better campus culture and encouraging all student’s at Guild events & activities to contribute and get involved in the awesome community that is Curtin. There is a frightening trend across universities in Australia today; compulsory trimesters, staff being sacked every semester, and cost cutting measures constantly being developed that not only hinder students’ attitudes, but also their experiences, study and thus future.

If elected as NUS Delegate, I want to continue the fight at the National Union of Students conferences to make sure they know the West is Best! Curtin deserves much more than it receives both funding and attention.

Keeping Guild membership free, supplying fun, free events, bringing back GRASSLANDS FESTIVAL and keeping the Guild political party-independent, is just some of what Illuminate stands for. We love feedback and want to work for you, the students. As of today, the 10th of September, voting commences in a week! On the 17th to the 20th you will be able to vote from 10am to 4pm on Bentley campus at Atkinson and the Vege Patch.

Vote [1] Illuminate!

JULIA KHEN
ILLUMINATE

Hi! My name is Julia Khen, I am a first year Animation and Game Design student and I have been part of the Guild’s First Year Committee for 2019 and I am running for the position of Guild Councillor in 2020. Being a student myself, I know that not all students have any idea of what path they want to take in terms of degrees and careers, and I am aware that many want help and questions answered in support for their experience through university. I believe that with my knowledge, I would be a great voice for the students, and I know with all my heart that students need more of those who care and who are able to listen to their needs. Furthermore, I have experience in supporting those in need, volunteering for organisations, organising events and raising awareness for important issues and this is shown in my part of organisations such as Curtin Volunteers, the Union of Myanmar Committee and Zion Youth.

With my experience, I believe that as a Guild Councillor, I can...
help students to experience and make the most out of the student life at university and this includes listening to what students want. With the support of Illuminate, I am able to help students, contribute new ideas, deliver exciting events and free food (who doesn’t love a good snack while around campus?), and be part of other campus shenanigans that can bring students together and create more memorable times.

High quality education for all students is my number one priority; I want to make sure that all students are supported throughout their studies in the best ways possible. I will advocate for improving educational resources, making sure that lectures and tutors are trained properly and all students are able to access the services they need, including mental health support services and language services.

Additionally, I want to bring more awareness to climate change and sustainability, and advocate for environmental justice. I will continue the work Illuminate has done this year to speak up about what students can do to make change, and resource more sustainable products in the cafes around campus.

I believe that with my knowledge and voice, I can help grow and strengthen the support of students at Curtin University and strive for the Guild to reach even greater achievements!


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and Cultural theory, and a Masters of Communications. I am also the Queer Representative for the Medical Society. I am running for an Ordinary Member of the Representation Board position with Illuminate in this election.

I have a broad range of experiences, both as a student at multiple universities across the country, but also as a human being, having lived and worked interstate and overseas for many years. I hope to represent not only the Medical or Health Science cohort, but also the mature-age, interstate, LGBTQIA+ and the working cohorts of Curtin University. I believe I can offer unique insights and understanding to the Guild, and I can inform and advance the interests of students of every stripe through good Guild governance.

I believe strongly in the need for the Guild to remain 100% independent of outside interests, so that it can function exclusively to serve the interests of Curtin students. We study the courses, we pay the fees, and we pay the SSAF, so we should see 100% of the returns.

I also believe that Australia generally and Curtin specifically need to take action at all levels to combat climate change, and so will work at all times to ensure the Guild’s actions are sustainable and ethical choices.

Vote [1] Hunter Gurevich for Ordinary Member of the Representation Board!
Vote [1] Illuminate 2019!

MANGO ADONIS
ILLUMINATE

Hi everyone! My name is Rahaf Gahi and I'm running for the position of Ordinary representation board with the Curtin Student Guild. I'm a second year Education student. I want to run for the Guild as a student representative because I'm passionate about ensuring every student has the opportunity to have a great university experience.

We all know what it’s like to feel overwhelmed at university. Making friends, getting all your assessments done, finding the right classrooms. I want to be able to contribute to making life easier for students. We all deserve a safe and inclusive environment.

I’m particularly passionate about ensuring that international students feel welcomed in Perth, women’s rights, and ensuring that graduates are able to find employment when they graduate.

I want to be an active advocate for students, and I believe that if elected, I could really make some positive change.

Vote [1] Rahaf Gahi!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

LUKE GIBSON
REVIVE

I'm Mango Adonis, a first year Commerce student, and I'm running to become an Ordinary Member of the Representation Board with Illuminate. I'm here to represent YOU and YOUR representation matters!

Being a student in 2012 and back now with a strong focus on finishing their degree, university helped me find my passion and degree and here I am focused on helping my fellow students have the best years of their lives. I am here to get YOU heard, because YOU matter, no matter how small your issues are!

Even though I'm new to Illuminate, I assure you my years of wisdom and knowledge and my wide experience will help you shape what your university experience is going to be like. I volunteered for various causes, such as dressing up to become Minnie Mouse during Perth Children’s Hospital Day last semester, got involved in Curtin Open Day and I have been a team leader for the Faculty of Business and Law’s Orientation Day this semester.

I love Curtin as my university, and I would love to help YOU make it better! With Illuminate, we can continue to make our Guild membership free, our campus environmentally-friendly, provide a supportive team of Representatives and bring you awesome events! YOU won't regret voting me in to be a part of your Guild!

Vote [1] Mango Adonis for Ordinary Member of the Representation Board!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

RAHAF GAHL
ILLUMINATE

Hello there, my name is Luke Gibson, I am a first year Industrial Relations student and I am running with Revive for Representation Board Member!

I know uni can be a hard time and can have a massive toll on your mental health, that’s why I’m proud to announce that if elected onto the guild, we will advocate for a larger amount of student money to be spent on providing quality mental health services on campus available to all students.

I work in a part-time job and have done so from a young age. I know that it can sometimes be difficult to balance your uni workload and we’re keen to see this process become as simple as possible. The last thing you want to be dealing with at work is a bullying manager or an unsafe workplace. That’s why if elected I would be keen to work with unions in the relevant sectors to run “Your Rights at Work” workshops on campus to ensure that students know exactly what they’re entitled to in their workplace. I’ve always been passionate about trade unions, and the labour movement in this country, which is why this is the Revive policy I am most proud of.

With friends and relations living in student accommodation, I’m aware of the fact that the street lights are not adequate. That’s why our team will advocate for improved street lights on student accommodation, particularly at Vickery House, for a safer campus.

On September 16-19, VOTE [1] LUKE GIBSON FOR REPRESENTATION BOARD MEMBER
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ILLUMINATE

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Hi! My name is Tashana Jones, but I prefer to go by Tash! I am a second year student doing a double degree in Geology and Environmental Biology, and I am running for a position as an Ordinary Member of the Representation Board with Illuminate.

Since starting at Curtin in 2018, I have been involved in many extracurricular activities, events and clubs (I even started my own!). Being involved in so many different things has allowed me to gain an insight into student life, both academically and on campus. I also came to Curtin after working for a few years, and in doing so have gained a little life experience that definitely comes in handy.

My experience at Curtin and in the work force allows me to see things in the bigger picture. I aim to share this knowledge throughout the student body through my nominated position on the Representation Board for Illuminate in 2020. We have a great student body here at Curtin, and it should be represented by those that are driven to provide the best experience for all. I am passionate about student well-being, academic experiences and a fun, healthy lifestyle. By holding a position on the Representation Board I will apply the same passion and determination and hope to support all students equally.

Vote [1] Tashana Jones for Ordinary Member of the Representation Board!

Vote [1] Illuminate!

This is my first year running for a position on the Guild Representatives Board, but I can assure you my knowledge of many social, political and environmental issues is broad and regularly growing. Your quality of life as a student shouldn’t ever be below Australia’s poverty line. Standards of living are directly correlated with health and well-being. I will be advocating for better student experiences both within Curtin University, and outside of it as a result of political interaction.

Vote [1] Neve Kerwick for Ordinary Member of the Representation Board!

Vote [1] Illuminate!

University can be a really tough time for a lot of us and it’s often difficult knowing where to turn to when you’re having problems. Talking to other students, I’ve found that we often have issues that can’t be addressed by talking to university staff such as tutors leaving out information relevant to assignments, unit assignments that seem unnecessary, student exploitation by university staff, that lacklustre education. At the end of the day, students are the biggest stakeholders of the university and we deserve a say. I want to fight for you, myself, and all future students of Curtin. I want us all to feel included and supported as part of the Curtin student body.

I’ve been a Curtin student since 2018 and have changed my course twice in the span of one year. Over the years, I have been introduced to a wide variety of people with different needs and experiences and have also struggled with studies myself.

Candidate photo and statement not provided.

Alexandra Pannell
Illuminate

Tash Jones
Illuminate

Neve Kerwick
Illuminate

Timothy Adams
Illuminate

Winnie Foss
Illuminate

Micha Gartz
Revive

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Hey, I'm Erin Russell. I'm a socialist, climate rebel and art nerd. This year I'm running with Left Action to be an ordinary representation board member.

Left Action sees the Guild's role as an activist body that can and should defend students’ rights. This means our basic right to good quality, affordable education, and our right to live on a planet that isn't heading towards climate catastrophe.

With global temperatures and sea levels rising, the Guild should be throwing itself into the campaign to fight Australia’s fossil fuel industry and our coal-worshipping government. Left Action activists were the first to argue in the National Union of Students that university students should be mobilised across the country to fight for climate justice. I moved a motion this year to declare a climate emergency and now the Guild must act accordingly.

We think the Guild should establish an environment office and commit serious resources to it. It should call on Curtin University to break all ties with the fossil fuel industry. It should give material and legal support to climate activists.

Students also face mounting attacks to higher education from both sides of parliament and from our own Vice Chancellors. Over the years we’ve had cuts to education funding, fee increases and are having to pay back our HECS debt on a lower income. We need dedicated, experienced activists in the National Union of Students who will organise students to fight against the Liberals’ education cuts which are only going to get worse.

Curtin University has also been making cutbacks. This year they’ve started to cut staff members, one school at a time. They started with Minerals, Energy and Chemical Engineering teaching staff and Illuminate failed to do anything to fight this, simply criticising the process and even helping the university to replace the staff with old lecture recordings. This has only paved the way for the university to start going after other departments. Students deserve principled, dedicated activists who will argue for a proper fightback. I will continue to criticise Illuminate and push for a proper fight against future cuts, as Left Action activists did last year to stop the cuts to arts majors and units.

Only Left Action have the track record to wage the necessary fightback against the neoliberal agenda of our government and Vice Chancellors who want to see our universities become low quality, profit-making machines while ripping off students. We have to pay thousands of dollars, struggle to work while studying since student welfare is so inadequate, and there’s no guarantee of a job at the end of it, especially while we’re hurtling towards climate catastrophe! This situation needs to be turned around and Left Action are prepared to throw ourselves into the fight as we do all year round.

Vote [1] Left Action
Vote [1] Erin Russell for Representation Board Member
Vote [1] Christopher MacFarlane for NUS

Hi all, my name is Emily Moore. I'm in my second year of studying a double degree in International Business and International Relations at Curtin University and I'm running for Ordinary Representation Board with Revive!

I know that our years spent at university can take a massive toll on our mental health and social well-being that is why if I am elected I will advocate for larger amounts of energy, time and money to be spent in providing quality mental health services on campus as well as online. We ourselves or at least someone we know struggles from mental health issues, which is some cases stops us from doing our best or stops another from even coming to university. Reasons such as social anxiety, stress from deadlines and lack of teacher support are some of the occurrences that stop us in our tracks but with the right strategy I will advocate and aim to ease such burdens and make our university the number one choice for those who struggle with mental health issues.

I also want to see a universal deadline for assessment submission across all disciplines and year groups, 11:59PM. With our already busy lives managing work, study and social life streamlining the assessment submitting time will take one more worry of our plate. I also want to support all assessments being submitted online rather than in person. Again, to ease the load of those busy students who can't make it on campus for different reasons. Both of these proposals aim to ensure a fair go for all students, especially those who come to Curtin University for a flexible and well-rounded education.

Finally, I know exam period is stressful! We often go for weeks on end with little sleep, bad eating habits and minimal social lives. So, my question is how can we look after ourselves better during this period? The first step I believe as a university is to commit to providing free meals for students during the two-week period on campus. Running on campus BBQs, offering specific dietary requirements as well as faith-based food substitutes is just one idea among many others to feed ourselves well during exams. Again, touching on our mental health, I also want to aim to create wellness centered hubs for us to participate in during exam time. Free student massages, open creative spaces, chill out rooms, movie times and much much more. Exam period will always be stressful but why not treat yourself in and amongst the chaos?

Live well and stress less! This September.

Vote [1] Emily Moore for Ordinary Representation Board
Vote [1] Revive

Hi! My name is Clare Metcalf, I am a second year Commerce Student and I am running for an Ordinary Member of the Representation Board position with Illuminate in 2019.
Curtin has so many things to offer students, like a beautiful campus, club options for all of your interests, and Angazi Fries. While I certainly spent plenty of time taking all of it for granted, I soon realised that 2/3 of these things were provided by the Curtin Student Guild. For my first two years at University I’ve been lucky to have free Guild membership that provides students with exciting events, essential services and plenty of freebies throughout the semesters—and even luckier to have never known anything else! I believe Curtin students deserve a Guild whose only agenda is supporting students and improving the student experience.

The greatest thing I’ve gotten out of the Guild so far is the community I’ve found in the Queer Department. As an Ordinary Member of the Representation Board I want to direct time and resources into improving the Equity Spaces and increasing the profile and impact of the Equity Departments so that all students at Curtin can feel that they have a place and a feel on Campus.

vote [1] clare metcalf for ordinary member of the representation board!

vote [1] illuminate!

AARON LEIGH BUTT
ILLUMINATE

Hi. My name is Aaron and I am running to be a member of the Representation Board. I am currently in my third year studying a double degree in Psychology, Human Resource Management and Industrial Relations.

I recently got involved with the Guild and Illuminate in 2019 for the opportunity to express my altruism, passion and thoughtfulness towards the student experience. As a member of the LGBTQIA+ community, I have often struggled for identity and acceptance within a community and as a student, I have constantly battled with what education means to me. As a result, I have been back and forth with my motivations and studies. Then I finally found my home here at Curtin University. It was the supportive, diverse and lively culture the Guild and Illuminate had created that made me feel safe and settled. I am so excited to be involved in representing something that is so special to me.

This is such an important time in our lives and all students deserve support, acceptance and understanding. No matter who we are, where we are from, what we are doing and where we are going, ALL OF US should feel inspired by our experience at Curtin University. I cannot wait to work with what is coming in 2020 to ensure that this happens.

vote [1] aaronleigh butt for ordinary member of the representation board!

vote [1] illuminate!

JEREMY GILCHRIST
REVIVE

G’day, my name is Jeremy Gilchrist, I am a second year Screen Arts student and I am a Revive Candidate for Ordinary Representation Board Member!

I love to help people and would love to help and maintain the changes the Curtin Guild have made, allowing students to feel cared for by their university. From free s’mores to free Guild membership, Guild has made a real impact on the students and I hope to see s’more of that. I hope to be a voice for all Health Science students and be the change they hope to see. I am confident I

PRASANTHI JEYARAMN
ILLUMINATE

Hi! My name is Prashanthi Jeyaramn, I am a first year Speech Pathology student and I am running for a position in the Guild’s Representation Board to represent Curtin students in 2020. During this year I got involved with the Guild by being the Health Science Faculty Rep in the First Year Committee. I have just recently become a member of the progressive and active ticket Illuminate.

Though my experience with the Guild is limited, I believe I can bring more to my peers and continue to make a change. In my time in the committee I made social media posts inviting students to express their concerns or experiences they enjoyed and conveyed these messages during our meetings.

I feel like I have made a strong connection with my cohort and feel they find comfort in raising problems they hope to see changed at Curtin. I would love to create a safe space for all students of different races and gender. As a South Asian, I hope to bring representation of my culture to the Guild and to encourage other South Asians to come forward and get involved.

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can help achieve all the goals set forward alongside the other talented nominees.

Vote [1] Prashanthi Jayaramn for Ordinary Member of the Representation Board!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

JOSHUA HOWELL
ILLUMINATE

Hi! My name is Joshua Howell, I am a second year accounting student, and I am running running for the position of Ordinary Member of the Representation Board with Illuminate in 2019.

Curtin University and the Guild in particular has given me great opportunities to make new friends and explore myself as an individual through events over the last year. Previously, I was critical of the Guild but realised this was due to not having enough knowledge of the reasons why certain things were done. After having the opportunity to attend the Annual General Meeting this year, I learned a lot more about the Guild and Illuminate and realised how much work they have done to support students. I now feel that Illuminate is the only ticket that can deliver an inclusive and effective Guild which serves all students.

As an Ordinary Member of the Representation Board, I want to ensure that the services of the Guild are visible for all students to access and be aware of. I would love to be part of the Guild and I believe my experience of three years as a youth worker has equipped me with the necessary skills to help Illuminate continue their good work.

Many students take for granted free Guild membership, amazing events and free food, but these are only able to occur because the students of Curtin have elected Illuminate into the Guild. If you wish to see these things and many others continue to happen, please support me and Illuminate at this year’s elections, and we promise to make your university experience unforgettable.

Vote [1] Joshua Howell for Ordinary Member of the Representation Board!
Vote [1] Illuminate

BEN GRASSI
ILLUMINATE

Hi, my name is Ben Grassi, I am a third year Mechatronics Engineering student, and I am running for the position of Ordinary Member of the Representation Board for Illuminate in 2019.

I've spent most of uni staying pretty under the radar in terms of clubs; I'm a member of a handful, but I've never opted for an important spot in any of them. Similarly, I haven’t been part of any political groups on campus, and aside from a few votes in the guild elections, I haven’t had much to do with Illuminate. In all honesty, I don’t know exactly what this role will entail, but I am excited to find out, and I hope that I will be able to make a difference for the current and future students of Curtin. I spend around 20+ hours a week in classes, not to mention the time in between them, and make good use of the facilities on campus, Basement Cafe being chief among them, and I would like to ensure that these facilities are maintained.

My university career hasn’t been perfect; I've dealt with my fair share of boring units, bad group projects, and less-than-stellar communication from unit coordinators, and I’m sure I share this experience with every other university student in the world. I believe that by joining the ranks of Illuminate, I can help make a difference, and make sure that all students have easy access to whatever facilities they need to navigate life on campus. I may not have the experience of some of the other members of Illuminate, but I’ll do my part to help make a difference on campus.

Vote [1] Ben Grassi for Ordinary Member of the Representation Board!
Vote [1] Illuminate!

ERIN RUSSELL
LEFT ACTION

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HANA ARAI
ILLUMINATE

See previous statement (page 2).

MIKE FARRELL
NATIONAL UNION OF STUDENTS (NUS) DELEGATE.

See previous statement (page 15).

MITCHELL MURRAY
REVIVE

See previous statement (page 3).
Hi my name is Christopher MacFarlane and I am Left Action’s candidate for the position of National Union of Students delegate this year. I am a humanities student majoring in journalism and literary and cultural studies. As a Socialist and an activist, I’ve been involved in building a number of important protests this year.

I am running with Left Action because it’s the only ticket committed to fighting for the environment and social justice without hesitation. This year Left Action candidates have been instrumental in building protests for climate justice, travelling to Sydney to make the argument for national action at NUS’ education conference, plastering the campus with posters for the school strikes for climate, as well as making announcements in lectures to advertise the National Day of Action on August 9. Left Action is the only ticket willing to throw the guild behind a serious campaign for climate justice. We are campaigning for the guild to establish an environment office with the resources necessary to push the campaign forward on campus. We are also campaigning for the guild to use its resources to materially, and legally, support those students who wish to engage in environmental protests and civil disobedience. Finally we are demanding that the university cuts ties with the companies most responsible for the climate catastrophe we face, including fossil fuel giants Chevron and Woodside.

Left Action are the only ticket with a commitment to fighting for social justice. We think that fighting for social justice is something that goes to the very heart of what the guild is. The Curtin Student Guild has previously campaigned against the Vietnam War, against Apartheid in South Africa, for women’s rights, and for lgbtqi+ rights. Left Action is the only ticket that wants to keep this tradition alive. This year our candidates leapt into action after the Christchurch massacre, building one of the biggest demonstrations to take place on Curtin campus in years. We made announcements in lectures, handed out hundreds of leaflets, organised, chaired, and spoke at the rally. Throughout the year we have also campaigned for abortion rights, against the government’s heinous religious discrimination bill and for solidarity with the Algerian and Sudanese revolutions.

The Curtin Guild needs a strong and determined activist voice. The National Union of Students also needs determined left wing activists. Voting for Left Action means voting for committed activists who will fight for what they believe in all year round.

Vote [1] Christopher MacFarlane for NUS
Vote [1] Erin Russell for Ordinary Representation Board Member
Vote [1] Left Action
Hey, I’m Katelyn! I study International Relations & Japanese, and I’m running for the position of NUS Delegate for Curtin, with Illuminate.

I currently am a guild councillor and I am deputy chair of council. Through this role I have learnt a great deal about issues that affect all students at Curtin, I have gained knowledge about the inner workings of both the guild, and Curtin university. From this, I believe I have the knowledge about my fellow students’ issues, and many ideas to improve students’ lives at a national level. I will fight to student voices are heard at a national level, that we work cohesively for all issues that affect us, including but not limited to in the following areas: Women’s rights, queer issues, welfare, and ensuring we are all receiving a quality education.

Last year, I was elected as guild councillor on the basis of ensuring a stronger quality of life for us all, and since then I have participated in fighting for a federal government that will respect Universities, in numerous protests to ensure students are heard on the issue of Climate Change, I’ve voted in council to ensure a transparent guild, and participated in our finance committees to guarantee our SSAF is being spent wisely, you may also recognise me from the BBQs on campus – giving students a free feed to ensure no student goes hungry. This amazing opportunity, that all of you who voted, have given me, has allowed me to explore who I am as an individual, and to discover my passion for ensuring all voices are heard, and listened to all, at all levels of politics and unionism, and I know I can continue this within the role of being one of Curtin’s National Union of Students delegates. To take our issues to a national body, so that we can work together to achieve tangible change.

I stand with Illuminate because I see them as the best chance for student representation on campus. Run by Curtin students for Curtin students. Illuminate has always been dedicated to fighting for a high standard of education for Curtin Students, exampled in the cut down of unnecessary exams, and assessments are relevant for all courses. They stand for accessibility and diversity for all students, by fighting for a free guild membership and re-introducing free BBQs. As well as introducing biodegradable packaging in all Guild Cafes to decrease the Guilds environmental carbon footprint. And finally: because they always run amazing events such as Grasslands, and guess what, we are going to fight to bring it back!

[1] Katelyn Colson as NUS Delegate
[2] Hana Arai as Guild President
[3] Illuminate for a guild that is independent and fighting for you!