



Sabbatical Elections Nomination Form



Position: Vice President Education & Welfare

Candidate Name: Katie "Kettle" Knowles

Student No: Current VP Education & Welfare

Programme: As above **Year:** _____

6 word Slogan: Whatever you want, whatever you need

Background/Personal Information (No more than 100 words)

As your current VPEW I believe in your representation. It's now time our Union got serious to take realistic goals to the University to affect REAL change. Building relationships with the University where I can now challenge their provision has taken time. Using my experience to support fellow sabbaticals next year can only improve our standing in the University to ensure your voice is heard. This year I've supported 100's of students with appeals, complaints and disciplinaries, run safety campaigns, reinvigorated programme reps and got free car parking for disabled students on campus.

What I Believe (no more than 5 bulletpoints, no more than 20 words each)

- Our Union is more than just a bar; it should be a fun, supportive and helpful environment for all students
- In building an academic community where challenging teaching quality is at the forefront of student experience
- YSJ students deserve opportunities to differentiate themselves from other graduates. Student led opportunities improve employability in a competitive job market
- Education and welfare are intrinsically linked; well-being is the grass roots of academic success.
- Every student experience is different. The union's job is to learn from these to accurately represent these to the University

What I Want to Change (as above)

- Staffed academic advice centre; knowledgeable advice on complaints and appeals as well as information on local opportunities and support networks
- Student agreement with course leaders; guaranteeing standards of contact time and feedback, leading to action if broken
- Interactive timetabling where students can opt into and out of sessions that best fit in with their lives
- Set up a mature student network; including childcare, networking and peer tutorials.
- Realistic campaign to extend all library opening until midnight, this staged approach will be difficult for the University to refuse

Please return this form, with your photo to the Students' Union reception by 12noon, Thursday 18th February 2010 – or email it to a.winter@yorksj.ac.uk