

# SUSTAINABILITY OFFICER



**Guy Parsons**



Hiya I'm Guy, I am on Level 5 Illustration, and I'm running for the role of Sustainability Officer. I love design and am a country rambler at heart, feeling engaged and connected with nature and our surroundings is very important to me.

As the current Co-President of the Sustainability Society - Conscious Creatives, we have really had to scale-down our ambitions for the society the past year. I'd like to be able to push forward the plans we had for the past year given the opportunity in the next academic year.

First of all, I would like to introduce more green spaces to both campuses. Green spaces are hugely important to increase overall wellbeing and productivity. Research has shown plants decrease stress and increase productivity within workspaces. With more greenery in our dedicated University work spaces, students and staff will feel benefits of reduced levels of work anxiety and increased creativity. Outdoor spaces will be a focus, working with spaces available, I want to be able to bring those at LAU, with more access to outdoor spaces to enjoy.

I'd also like to focus on waste management outside of the University. Especially within green spaces around Leeds, so we can keep beautiful spaces like Woodhouse Moor free of litter and debris. I'd also like to work with some accommodations, in giving students more access to sustainable waste disposal.

I've been involved with the Conscious Creatives Society since my first week at LAU, being involved with campaigns, exhibitions and rebranding. If successful, I'd love to be able to carry on working for the society and Union, in pushing sustainability to the forefront of what makes our University a great place to be part of.

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