

James' 2020 Vision for Your UJS

Who am I?

I'm James, the former Birmingham JSOC President, a UJS delegate to the Board of Deputies and Birmingham rep at the NUS Conference. Currently, too many Jewish students in the UK and Ireland don't engage with UJS. That's what I am trying to change. If elected, I'll work to engage as many of those students as possible with our national organisation, building a movement that fights on the issues that matter to them. That's why I've created my 2020 vision that is sure to be a 'spectacle'!

A Genuine Zero Tolerance for Antisemitism

Having been a victim of antisemitism myself, I know the damage that it can cause. Jewish students lose complete faith in their Students' Unions if they fail to stand up for Jewish students and condemn the anti-Jewish racism of some of their members.

- Lobby Universities and Students' Unions to create a genuine Zero Tolerance policy that is fit for purpose, including the IHRA definition and all its examples.
- Deliver antisemitism training to **all** SU Officers, both Part-Time and Full-Time, to better understand anti-Jewish racism.
- Work with CST to keep JSOC events secure and expand the student volunteer programme.

Israel

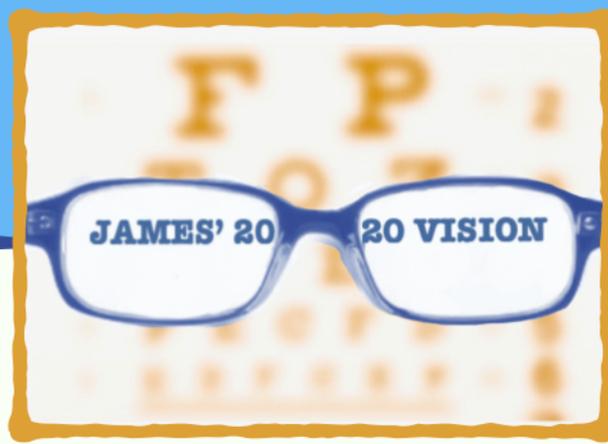
Allow Jewish students to explore their relationship with the Jewish state, uniting in the fight against BDS and the delegitimization of Israel.

- Revisit our strategy when combatting BDS motions at Students' Unions, taking a more proactive role to promote a formalisation of support by SUs to create an environment for peace.
- Lobby SUs to take on security costs when JSOCs host Israeli speakers.

Liberation

Liberation is such an important aspect of UJS's work and the organisation should seek to empower women, LGBT+, disabled, and other marginalised Jewish students. I hope to make UJS liberation more than just a tickbox and to ensure that UJS liberation groups hold more events celebrating all our communities and individuals throughout the year.

- Establish autonomous caucuses for liberation groups and ensure their representation on UJS National Council.
- Support JSOCs to hold events for Black History Month, Pride Month, International Women's Day and Trans Day of Remembrance.



Representation

As Jewish students, our voice is far louder as a collective. If the elected representative of UJS is not held to account, then they are not truly representing Jewish students.

- Hold a Democracy Review in my first three months in office, to enhance UJS's representative structures and to increase the volume of our collective voice.
- Hold monthly Ask Me Anything Q&A live-streamed sessions
- During non-term time, hold office hours for Jewish students to come and meet with me.

Leadership Development and Careers

The students of today are tomorrow's leaders of the Jewish community. UJS should be putting leadership development at its core.

- Work with communal partners to create a new, innovative programme to enhance our Jewish student leaders' personal development, equipping them for the skills needed in the real world.
- Expand the UJS Careers Network to allow for more tailored CV help, more networking events and an all-round more effective alumni network that can provide even more for Jewish students for life after University.

There will be plenty more policy announcements throughout the campaign, so stay tuned to my social media!