

# Tim Nguyen and Konstantina Mirtzan for International Students' Officers

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Hello, we are Konstantina & Tim, and we want to be your next International Students' Officers.

We want to promote diversity and tolerance at our university, even in uncertain times. Brexit might bring more issues for international students, especially EU students. Therefore, we want to ensure that not only your interests will be heard from the university but also that you will be kept up to date with the upcoming changes.

About us:

## **Konstantina**

I come from Greece and I am a 2nd year Politics and International Relations student. Throughout my university experience, I have been involved in several committees of YUSU societies including the York STAR (Student Action for Refugees) Society.

## **Tim**

I am a German international student with Vietnamese heritage. I currently study Politics & Economics in my 2nd year and I am involved in plenty of YUSU and non-YUSU positions including the Vietnamese Society as well as the Student-led Maths Support for 1st year PEP students.

### **1. Further integration:**

- We will continue offering support for international students through the weekly coffee afternoon and drop-in sessions, where students will be able to meet us and talk to us about issues/problems they are experiencing during their university life.

### **2. Better representation:**

- We will continue working with the International Student Network and make sure we improve the life of international students.
- We will also build more ties with the different international societies and encourage them not only to organize more events but also cooperate between each other; like it has worked already with a few international societies.
- To better represent the ~4,000 international students we will start surveys to find out which facilities can/should be improved.
- We will promote ISA before the international students arrive; making them aware of our existence.

### **3. More involvement:**

- We will continue celebrating the different cultures throughout our main ISA events, including the Global Week, Winter Ball etc. Furthermore, we want to introduce more events/activities such as International Quizzes, Sports etc.
- We will tackle the low participation of international students in sport teams by pushing for International Students Sport Teams where we can compete with other college teams. There is a lack of International Students engaging in university/college sport clubs. Establishing an inclusive sports team gives students the opportunity to choose between college/university or international

team. Depending on demand, different sport clubs can be established. To manage this, we want to introduce a Sports/Activity Officer for ISA; organising the ISA's sport club

- We want to build closer ties with our international societies, as we have observed a lack in their activity in the recent years. We will help them doing more events and cooperating with each other.
- We will break the barrier between international, EU and home students by making ISA events more present and inclusive - for international AND UK students.

We hope we will achieve most of our manifesto during our time in office. Nonetheless, we need your votes to make those ideas happen. We appreciate every bit of support we can get!

Thank You!

Konstantina & Tim