Leesha Daniells

Vote for Leesha!!

My name is Leesha Daniells and I am a politics student at the University of Suffolk. You should vote for me as your Women’s Officer, because I am passionate about women’s rights and would love to support all women on campus, so that you feel safe and represented at the university.

Last year, I was part of the Ipswich Night In campaign, which boycotted venues to implore them to act and stop their lack of accountability for spikings. I am a Senior Sports Ambassador, President of the Badminton team and a member of the Women’s Netball, team so I already have some understanding of the workings of the Students’ Union.

My manifesto points -

**Making Ipswich Safer for Women on Nights Out:**

* The reaction to the spikings in Ipswich recently emphasised the lack of support for women on nights out.
* I plan to speak with the council about installing more streetlights along the waterfront, because it’s currently very dark which makes it a vulnerable place for women to walk at night.
* I would like to set up a partnership between the Ipswich Town Pastors and the Students’ Union, to support women whilst out at night. The Town Pastors hand out water, book taxis and offer advice, however I would like to extend this further so that they provide flip flops and ponchos, and I’d like to promote their services in the university so that more students know and use them.

**Women’s Nights:**

* I plan to find a suitable venue to hold a social evening for women once a month, with affordable food and drink.
* Each month would have a different theme, with a variety of female speakers, poets, artists, leaders, women in STEM, businesswomen and athletes.
* This would be an opportunity for female students to come together, celebrate, learn and be inspired by what women can and have achieved.

**This Girl Can:**

* I’d like to build a partnership with the This Girl Can campaign to encourage more women to participate in sports. Unfortunately, there were not enough women to enter a women's football team this year, and the women's badminton team had to withdraw from BUCs due to a lack of players.
* I know how hard it can be for women to join a new club, without feeling that they are being judged or worrying about what they look like whilst exercising. Using This Girl Can resources, I would like to make sports more inclusive and empower more women to join in.

If I were to get the role of Women’s Officer, I would be free to chat to anyone about any concerns that they had and listen to any suggestions on how to make the university better for women. Thank you :)