

# *the Durham Union*



EASTER TERM 2020  
TERM CARD



# PRESIDENT'S WELCOME



Despite all evidence to the contrary, the human spirit will always hope for improvement, for good things to happen. We never give up, and there is something beautiful in that.

Though we are living through uncharted times it is my honour to bring to you an Easter term in what is the first for the society: outside of Durham and the Union.

Easter is traditionally one of the most emotional terms of the year, beginning with the pressure of assessments, calming down with cheeky post-exams pints, and concluding with celebrations, college days and graduation. For many, this would have been the beginning of the end, for others the end of the beginning. For now, we have to change what was normally a roller coaster of emotions and try to make something beautiful with what we have in reach.

With over 4,000 life members, the Durham Union is bigger than a bar, a chamber, or a ball. The time spent debating ideas and stretching the mind represents the true pillars of our Society and during the days ahead I will strive for the continuity of those valuable moments despite our distance.

You will discover from this term card that thanks to the continued effort of some dedicated individuals we have the privilege of offering a variety of activities to brighten our days and challenge our thinking.

While our debates will be pushed to Michaelmas, this term will continue with open doors to high-quality addresses of distinguished figures such as Professor Noam Chomsky, Mrs Gina Miller and Baroness D' Souza just to name a few.

The Union is imperfect like most things in life. Nonetheless, it has been a real pleasure to work for its improvement in my time here. I hope that you enjoy our online events this term, and shortly, find yourself contributing to the betterment of our society.

Mis mejores deseos,

**EDUARDO ENAMORADO**  
President, Easter 2020



The Pemberton Building  
Image: Matthew Midlane



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THIS HOUSE WOULD  
Abolish the House of Lords

## PROPOSITION

**Baroness Bennett**

Former Leader of the Green Party of England and Wales (2012-16).

**Dr Kyle Murray**

Teaching Fellow in Public Law and Human Rights (Durham Law School).

**Justin Madders MP**

Member of Parliament for Ellesmere Port and Neston (2015-).

**Lord Howell**

Former Secretary of State for Transport (1981-83).

**Mark Harper MP**

Former Chief Whip of the House of Commons (2015-16).

**William Wragg MP**

Member of Parliament for Hazel Grove (2015-).



## OPPOSITION

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THIS HOUSE BELIEVES  
Veganism is the Future

## PROPOSITION

**Richard D. Ryder**

Psychologist and author who wrote the *Victims of Science* and invented the term "speciesism".

**Julius Berrien**

Founder of Online Course website *Edukatico* and Philosophy graduate of Durham University.

**Alex O'Connor**

Founder of the *Cosmic Skeptic* YouTube channel, Podcast and Blog.

**Adam Bedford**

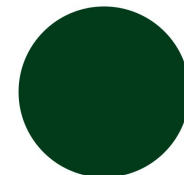
Regional Director for the National Farmers' Union (NFU).

**Prof. Alice Stanton**

Associate Professor in Molecular and Cellular Therapeutics, Vice-Dean at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland.



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## OPPOSITION



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THIS HOUSE BELIEVES  
a British University Education  
is not worth the Money

## PROPOSITION

**Baron McNicol**

Former General Secretary of the Labour Party, former regional organiser for the GMB Union.

**Lilith Foster-Collins**

Dedicated member of the Union's House Committee and a founder of the student movement "Decommercialize Durham".

**Tom Chapman**

St. Aidan's College President-Elect and active member of the *Ripped Off* Campaign.

**Prof. Matthew Jones**

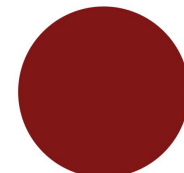
Professor in the Department of Physics at Durham University researching Quantum Light and Matter.

**Ben Gadsby**

Research and Policy manager of charity *Impetus*, focusing on helping young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.



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## OPPOSITION

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THIS HOUSE BELIEVES  
Life is a Comedy

## PROPOSITION

**Elaine Robertson**

Founder & Director of 'Conny Art Festival' based in County Durham. Edinburgh Fringe performer and rising star on the North East circuit.

**Matt Kenyon**

Social Secretary of the Oxford Revue and current English Language and Literature undergraduate.

**Erika Ehler**

2019 Winner of the Chortle Student Comedy award, Edinburgh Fringe and Latitude Festival performer.

**Joey Abels**

Head of Stand up at the Newcastle University Comedy Society and Computer Science undergraduate.



## OPPOSITION



# Addresses



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## NOAM CHOMSKY

American philosopher, historian and political activist.



Known as "the father of modern linguistics", Professor Chomsky is a prominent academic in analytic philosophy and a founder of the field of cognitive science. He is the author of more than 100 books on topics including linguistics, war, politics and mass media. Recent research in three different citation indices indicate that Professor Chomsky is one of the most cited individuals in works published in the past 20 years. It appears one cannot write a paper without citing Noam Chomsky.

June 5th, 8:30 PM





**April 30th, 8:30 PM**

**Juan Pablo Escobar**

**Colombian Author, Architect and son of the infamous Pablo Escobar**

Juan Pablo, now known as Sebastian Marroquin, has spent his adult life carving an alternative path and beginning the slow process of seeking forgiveness for the crimes of his father. He is an architect, designer, producer of documentaries and writer. Sebastian is now an Ambassador of the World Organisation for Peace, working closely with governments and NGOs around the world to create public policies that reduce drug addiction and trafficking.



**June 18th, 8:30 PM**

**Baroness D'Souza**

**British Scientist and Life Peer, Former Lord Speaker (2011-2016)**

A former Speaker of the House of Lords, Baroness D'Souza has occupied a plethora of roles across different fields. As executive director of organisation Article 19, she championed human rights and development issues. Her work as a United Nations independent research consultant saw her directing key research into the economic origins and alleviation of famine.

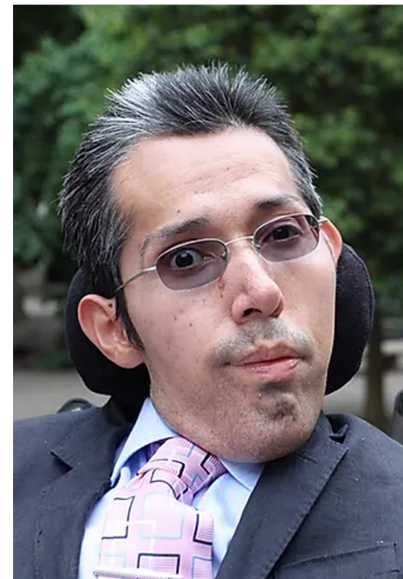


**June 12th, 8:30 PM**

**Brittany Peet**

**Tiger King Star & Director of Captive Animal Law Enforcement for PETA**

Tiger King has become a worldwide Netflix hit, opening the conversation for animal protection and conservation. PETA US Director of Animal Law Enforcement, Brittane Peet, has an insider view on the state of unregulated zoos in America. With plenty of experience battling neglect and abuse to wild animals, she featured in the docuseries having testified at Joe Exotic's trial and rescued nearly 50 animals from his custody.



**June 27th, 8:30 PM**

**Diego Soto-Miranda**

**First Latin American in having entered the elite of British law as a Barrister.**

Diego Soto-Miranda is a London commercial barrister and double LSE graduate. He was born with spinal muscular atrophy which keeps him immobile from the neck down. Soto-Miranda has previously spoken about the shock he has seen in his courtroom opponents when they have seen him wheelchair bound opposing them. His story is one of challenges, determination and success.





## GINA MILLER

Guyanese-British businesswoman,  
campaigner and activist.

Co-Founder of SCM Direct & Founder of Centrum Campaign Limited. She has twice led legal challenges against the government and won. Her first victory came in 2017, when the Supreme Court ruled in favour of giving MP's a say over triggering Article 50 to take the UK out of the EU. Her second came in September 2019, when the Supreme Court ruled that PM Boris Johnson's decision to suspend Parliament was unlawful.

June 16th, 3:30 PM



## Activism and LGBTQ+ Rights

June 9th, 8:30 PM



## PANELLISTS



## BETH LITRELL

Beth Littrell is a Senior Supervising Attorney at the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC), after spending nearly two decades at the American Civil Liberties Union and Lambda Legal, the largest LGBTQ legal organization in the U.S.



## BISI ALIMI

First Nigerian to come out on national TV, world-renowned AIDS activist with expertise in sexual health, and LGBT rights. Executive Director of the Bisi Alimi Foundation, co-founder and director of Rainbow Intersection.



# Socials



## COOKIES & COCKTAILS

Join in for a live cook along with social sec Lucy, making some tasty cookies. Don't worry if you're missing your usual Union social drinks, Lucy will also be showing you how to mix up some of Social Comm's finest cocktails to enjoy along with your bakes.



## JUST A MINUTE

Don't miss the chance to sign up for our very first Union *Just a Minute* competition. Inspired by the classic radio game show, contestants will have their debating and public speaking skills tested by speaking on an unknown topic for 60s without repetition, deviation or hesitation! Think you've got what it takes? Keep an eye on the members page for the sign up.



## FABULOUS FITNESS

Join our Assistant Custodian and fitness fanatic Grace for her home workout series to keep you motivated through the lockdown and exam period.



## DURHAM UNION LOCKDOWN CHALLENGE

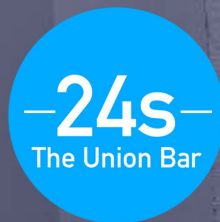
Socials and Outreach are teaming up to bring you a brand new challenge for Easter Term. We're looking to make a difference to charities that are close to our members' hearts across the world, and keep fit at the same time!

Our aim is to collectively run the distance from Land's End to John O'Groats, 1,407 km, over our Easter Term. Run for 30 mins, 30 km, 30 miles... every step counts and can help change lives! Join our Strava club **Durham Union Lockdown Challenge** to contribute. We encourage everyone talking part to donate £5 to a charity of your choice. Send or tag us in a photo with the name of your chosen charity.





# 24 NORTH BAILEY CLUB



Commonly known as '24s', the Durham Union's Bar is one of our most cherished assets. No other student society at the University can claim to have its own private venue, with a bar, beer garden, events space and living accommodation for members.

With the recent outbreak of Covid-19, just like the rest of the world, 24 North Bailey Club finds itself dealing with an unprecedented situation which inevitably brings business as usual to a halt. However, we remain resolute in our commitment to serving our members and are exploring alternative arrangements to provide opportunities to relax and meet friends from across the university.

24's is a great social hub, usually holding the Union's free socials as well as its own regular well-loved events. The pub quiz is renowned in Durham, always featuring new topics-on anything from music to Netflix, to heads of state! Live music acts, karaoke and themed events with special cocktails are usual highlights of an ordinary term.

Under the present circumstances, we are committed to bringing the 24's spirit to your home. Scheduled for this term we have planned virtual pub quizzes on general knowledge, BoJack Horseman, and Rick & Morty, so stay tuned for these nights.

Your Custodian Team,  
Alexander Buxton Carda & Grace Annandale



## GETTING INVOLVED

Naturally, involvement in the Union goes beyond merely attending our events. While some committees will be more active than others following current lockdown restrictions, there is no harm in considering a future role in our society. Whether it involves a position as one of our elected officers or as a regular member in our many committees, there is a role for everyone who wants to drive the Union forward.

### *President's Committee*

Helps the President-Elect to prepare for their upcoming term, by researching potential speakers for addresses, debates and forums, and assisting them in the drafting of invitations.

### *Secretary's Committee*

Consists of representatives from the University's colleges, who are elected in order to gather members' feedback, and distribute Union publicity to all members.

### *Debates Committee*

Organises the debating workshops and internal competitions, helping to run three of the largest debating competitions in the UK: the IV, the Schools' Competition and the Open.

### *House Committee*

Responsible for taking care of the logistical operations that accompany each of our events.

### *Rules Committee*

Assist the Returning Officer in running free and fair elections to all Union positions, by scrutinising procedures. They also ensure that the Union's constitution is constantly up to date and relevant.

### *Social Committee*

Working with the Social Secretary, this committee helps organise the Union's social events, and is perfect for anyone interested in getting involved with the creative side of the Union.

### *Sponsorship Committee*

In tandem with the Sponsorship Secretary, this committee encourages outside bodies (local and national companies) to support the Union's events.

### *Bar Committee*

Anyone can join 24s' Bar Committee to air your views and have your say on how the best bar in Durham is run.



# Student DEBATING

For those who would like to try debating, the Durham Union Society also has an excellent competitive squad. We hold regular training sessions at novice, intermediate, and advanced level and, nearly every week, we send students across the country to compete on behalf of Durham. We also compete at the World and European Debating Championships.



This year, the Union's competitive debate squads have proven themselves on the UK and international circuits, winning several competitions and reaching the finals of others. Our A team broke at the World Universities Debating Championship in Thailand at the beginning of the year. Last term we also hosted the first Durham LGBT+ Open, which was a great success.



This term, we are looking into holding remote training sessions and socials, so make sure to join our Facebook group, Durham Union Debating, to stay up to date with all our news. We look forward to seeing you!

**George Filippopoulos**  
Director of Debating



## Who's who



President

Eduardo Enamorado



Treasurer

Fergus Barker



Secretary

James Wroe



President-Elect

Tristan Pahl



Sponsorship Secretary

Tamara Herrington



Custodian

Alexander Buxton



Director of Debating

George Filippopoulos



Social Secretary

Lucy Jackson

**Alumni Officer:** Amy Mitchell

**Assistant Custodian:** Grace Annandale

**Debate Competitions Secretary:** Tara Jackson

**Debate Training Secretary:** Asha Symons

**Equalities Officer:** Alannah Life

**Technologies Officer:** Ben Doerry

**Returning Officer:** Jack Perry

**Speakers Secretary:** Matthew Midlane

**Publicity Officer:** Elliott Boyd-Stringer

**Outreach Officer:** Harry Troise

**Steward:** Ryan de Vere

**Deputy Technologies Officer:** Luke Stuart



## PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE



Emma Bagnall



James Adamson



Kate Little



Max Kendix



Xavier Wain



Sophie Farmer



Matthew Midlane



Tara Jackson-Rigchung



Romer Palad



Harry Troise



Jack Snell



James Harrison

## PRESIDENT'S THANKS



Thanks must go to the Union Staff. Sharon and Alison, without whom the Union Office could not run administratively nor financially. Sue, thank you so much for the work you do in maintaining things to such a high standard.

A huge thanks to all the members who since the beginning of my first campaign motivated and challenged me to become better. Of course, to all the members of the President's Committee, your recognition on the previous page is evidence of your dedication in making this term possible.

To Social Secretary Lucy Jackson, thank you for your work and attention in carrying the friendly heart of the Union. Furthermore, I am most grateful to Secretary James Wroe and Custodian Alex B-C, your efforts in two of the most challenging roles within the Union are unquestionable. To Fergus for being a consistent and diligent Treasurer and to President-Elect Tristan for his generosity in allowing to move some debates for next term. To Tamara Herrington our Sponsorship Secretary, thanks for your previous great work in publicity, I expect some hot deals for next term and I know you will deliver.

I want to highlight my appreciation to our debaters, who constantly help drive the Union's reputation in the right direction, carrying Durham to the highest places in international and national competitions. Rosie and George, thank you for being my companions during the endless 24s Monday shifts. I hope you know how much I value your judgement and opinions. It was my pleasure to work alongside both of you on Standing Committee, even if it was for a short time.

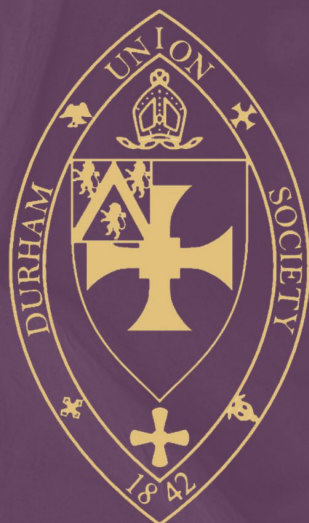
Now I will go a bit more informal to thank those friendships that developed through my time in the Union. Firstly, to my Speakers Secretary Matthew Midlane, I will always be grateful for your support and attention. It has been a long and challenging journey, but I hope we both remain sane after this is all over. To my past Speakers Sec. Liddy, thanks for dealing with me, sorting speakers in such a short timeframe and always being present when needed. To my dude Romer Palad for leading the development of this Term Card. I could not have hoped for anything better, you have some impressive talent and a huge heart.

To the old guard, Samrat, thank you for dragging me into this mess, my degree might have suffered but my memories will stay first class. To the myth, the legend, the bearded romantic Rhodri, your help, advice and knowledge have been truly essential in this weird journey. Gracias muchacho! Yash, you have a controversial relationship with this place nonetheless I will always appreciate your friendship. To Rayan, Finn and the Jacks, it was a pleasure to laugh, drink and learn with you all.

To James, Kitty, Tara and Max, I'm impressed by your passion and commitment to the Society. I have high expectations for you all, I know you can achieve great things inside and outside the Union. Thank you for encouraging me throughout my time as President and staying even when so many left.

All in all, thank you for this experience. I'm truly privileged and humbled to serve you in these difficult times. We will get through the pandemic together.

**Stay home, safe and well.**



# WHY JOIN?

- **Free entry** to addresses from celebrities and leading public figures
- **Free entry** to debates with expert speaker on topical issues, every Friday night
- Access to the Union's private bar and event venue at 24 North Bailey Club
- Opportunities to live and work at 24 North Bailey Club
- Opportunities to learn to debate as a novice or hone your skills with our world class debate squad
- Free admission to the events and facilities of the Oxford, Cambridge and Edinburgh Unions
- Our members-only socials are amongst the best in Durham
- Exclusive discounts in independent shops across Durham
- The ability to get involved in the running of Durham's largest society, and a great addition to any CV
- Socialise with students from different colleges and courses.

Join online at [dus.org.uk](http://dus.org.uk), or visit our office.



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