



Christopher Blake

Candidate for Students' with disabilities Officer 2021

Studying: LLB Law with foundation year

Whilst it is important to recognise 2020 / 2021 has been far from ideal, it is also important to acknowledge the strengths students have displayed in these difficult times.

With government restrictions I have unfortunately not had the opportunity to meet many of you. However when this changes I look forward to seeing you all on campus.

My name is Chris, I'm a mature student with a far from traditional route into higher education, I was diagnosed with ASD at the age of 27 and a spinal cord injury when I was 28. As a student with disabilities I find myself in a position to offer help and support to others.

During my first year at Salford I have become student rep for my foundation year, helping spearhead changes to our online learning environments and helping to ensure it meets the needs of my course peers.

If elected to the role of Students' with disabilities officer, I intend to draw on my previous skills working as a service user advisor for Lancashire Care. This role involved working with service users of mental health services across Lancashire, advocating for better service user support and helping to dramatically reduce waiting times for treatments.

If elected my key goals are :

- **Improve parking for students with mobility needs.**
- **Help improve campus grounds for the visually impaired, with the introduction of tactile surfaces.**
- **Hold monthly teams meetings to ensure students voices are heard and represented.**