



### Full-Time Officer Election Results March 2018

#### Introduction

2018 has seen Edinburgh College Students' Association's 6th annual Full-Time Officer Elections and it has been another year which has engaged plenty of candidates to stand and students to vote.

It has been fantastic to see so many enthusiastic students willing to put themselves forward and do something positive for the benefit of students, the Association and the College. We have been involved in a Scotland-wide project called the 'Big Student Elections', which is in its 6th year and has grown to now include 12 Students' Associations across Scotland working together to run annual elections in the same week.

Our own polling period lasted just over 4 days and involved polling stations being made available in high-footfall areas on all campuses throughout that period. On Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> of March, ECSA joined colleagues from Edinburgh Napier Students' Association, Heriot Watt Students' Association, Queen Margaret Students' Association and the National Union of Students Scotland to celebrate a successful week and announce the winners from the participating Associations in Edinburgh.

All of our polling takes place online, so students can vote from the comfort of their sofa, on the bus, or come and speak with us at one of the polling stations on campus. This year saw 9 candidates contest for 3 posts and the results have produced our first ever all woman Full-Time Officer team. Unfortunately, the College closure days slowed down our preparation and promotional activity on campus, so our overall total number of votes is down slightly on last year from 1052 to 723 (Just under 4%).

We're proud of all of our candidates for the work they've done throughout the week and for coming back to College after surviving the 'Beast From The East' with renewed energy and enthusiasm. It is what keeps the Association going and what help make students' lives better.

We'd like to thank all of the fantastic candidates, all of the staff from across the College who encouraged students to participate, and all of our students who cast their votes.

There is still plenty to get done before the end of this academic year, but we're excited to see what next year hold when the new team take the reins in July.

# **The Winners**

#### Sarah Hay

#### President

Sarah is a current NC Early Education & Childcare student at the Sighthill Campus. Her priorities this year will be: building learner engagement for all, keeping students at the heart of all College decisions, improving childcare, and campaigning for apprentices' rights.



Vice President (Sports & Activities)

### Shannon Young

Shannon is currently studying towards her YMCA Exercise and Fitness Instructors' qualification at Sighthill Campus. Her goals for the year are making fitness more accessible, working on better mental health support, and giving students healthier eating opportunities at college.



### Vice President (Welfare)

#### **Beth Anderson**

Beth is our current VP Welfare and was first elected back in 2017. She is a HND Human Resource Management graduate of the college, and will be working this year towards: developing mental health and wellbeing work, building on our work with the creation of liberation groups, and promoting equality for all.



### The Results | President

#### Results Sheet - March 2018

Post	President		
Places	1		
Valid votes	680		
Quota	341		

Candidates	Stage 1	Transfers	Stage 2	Transfers	Stage 3	Transfers	Stage 4	Result
Sarah Hay	300	1	301	32	333	62	395	Elected @ Stage 4
Natalie Holt	107	2	109	23	132	Eliminated	-	-
Claudio Oliveira	97	2	99	Eliminated	-	-	-	-
Cara Stobo	166	2	168	24	192	52	244	
RON (Re-Open Nominations)	10	Eliminated	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-transferable		3	3	20	23	18	41	
Totals	680	10	680	99	680	132	680	

After the first stage, no candidates had met quota, so RON was eliminated and votes redistributed After stage 2, no canddiate had met quota, so Claudio Oliveira was eliminated and votes redistributed After stage 3, no canddiate had met quota, so Natalie Holt was eliminated and votes redistributed Sarah Hay has reached the quota at stage 4 and is duly elected as President for 2018/19

## The Results | Vice President Sports & Activities

Results Sheet - March 2018			
Post	Vice President Sports & Activities	]	
Places	1		
Valid votes	609		
Quota	305		
Candidates	Stage 1	Result	
	Stage 1 382	Result Elected @ Stage 1	
Candidates Shannon Young Kevin Rae			
Shannon Young	382		
Shannon Young Kevin Rae	382 116		
Shannon Young Kevin Rae Lucas Hajman	382 116 59		
Shannon Young Kevin Rae Lucas Hajman Corey Watt	382 116 59 46		

Shannon Young has reached the quota at stage 1 and is duly elected as Vice President Sports & Activities for 2018/19

## The Results | Vice President Welfare

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Post	Vice President Welfare		
Places	1		
Valid votes	564		
Quota	283		

Candidates	Stage 1	Result
Beth Anderson	523	Elected @ Stage 1
RON (Re-Open Nominations)	41	
Non-transferable		
Totals	564	

Beth Anderson has reached the quota at stage 1 and is duly elected as Vice President Welfare for 2018/19