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For Chair of the York Student Think Tank

MY VISION

As Chair, I will bring a renewed vitality to the York Student Think Tank as the facilitator of a new vision outlined in this five-point manifesto. As we reassemble our society after a year of online events, a fresh approach is imperative to create a more inclusive and structured organisation. I believe this manifesto uniquely meets those needs.

MANIFESTO PROMISES

1. **Effective communication** has been a persistent problem between the 'disparate' groups of this society. To meet this problem, three new measures will be taken: weekly committee meetings, a newsletter and greater constitutional transparency.
2. This society has not held a social event since November 2020, creating a disjointed and unacquainted society. In addition to Socrates Cafe, **less formal social events** will be held such as quizzes, lunch meetups and, of course, nights out (when safe to do so).
3. Active membership numbers have fallen away this year. Throwing people straight into public policy can be a bit daunting. Instead, the **Cortado Journal** (which has not faced the same problems) must be more effectively **utilised as a springboard to get people involved** in the society.
4. Growing this society's interest in and influence on public policy will be a primary focus. In addition to a policy paper relevant at the local or university level, **a policy paper which takes on an issue of national significance** will also be tasked to capture the attention of a wider audience.
5. To raise money we must innovate. We will simultaneously raise awareness of the society and support local business by **reaching out to an independent coffee shop in York** (which fits our brand image) **to sponsor the Cortado Journal** and use it as a venue to host the Socrates cafe.

QUALIFICATIONS

1. This society is facing a member crisis. I have the **best record** in tackling this, taking a failing publication of 3 writers to a vibrant community of 20 in just 6 months.
2. As a member of the **award-winning** York Politics Society committee, I **understand firsthand** what it takes to **run a successful university society**.
3. I will bring a **passion for public policy** to the role of Chair with my experience as an intern for Bright Blue think tank.