

## Candidates for the role of Humanist Students President-Elect

Please see below for the details of **Candidate 5: Ronald Barr** standing for the role of Humanist Students President-Elect. Please use the **Voting Form** in order to cast your vote. You are only able to vote in this election if you are a student member of Humanists UK. Each member has one vote only...

## Candidate 5: Ronald Barr

**Biography:** I am a 20 year old Transgender man who is specialising in English and Childhood Studies at the Open University. I love spending my spare time attending Dorset Humanist meetings, volunteering at LGBT+ support groups, and tutoring children. I have identified as a Humanist for most of my life and started to take an active role in my local Humanist community 2 years ago. I love taking part and giving back to my local Humanist community and would like to take this opportunity to step up and represent the Student Humanists.

**Supporting statement:** I would like to run for President Elect as I believe I have the skills, experience, and passion necessary to represent you, the students, on the Humanist Students Board.

I have plenty of experience serving on a board committee, having spent six years of secondary school and sixth form serving on the student council, spending later years chairing and note-taking at the meetings. I spent a lot of time speaking to and surveying students to find out their opinions and feedback to the board about what needed to be done. Following on from school I have taken up roles on committees for Dorset Humanist Schools Education Project, Space Youth Project peer mentor committee Supernovas, and the Dorset Community Fund panel.

I have an active role in my local Humanist community, being a member and diversity representative for Dorset Humanists. I regularly attend meetings and events for the group, volunteer at the group's stall at Bourne Free Pride each year, and am currently in the process of organising a Humanist Naming Ceremony for myself. I hope to within the next year gain accreditation from Humanists UK and AQA for becoming a Humanist school speaker and peer mentor respectively and bring the skills gained from these courses to the president role.

I consider myself to be a level-headed and impartial man and I try to see all sides of an argument before taking action. I feel that I would be able to listen your wants and needs and do my best to act accordingly and create a community that you feel proud to be a part of.