

# Daniel Roberts

## Manifesto

Hello, I am Daniel Roberts, and I am studying for a master's in games development part-time; I also work for the university as a student ambassador. I want to run for the role of Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Officer because I am disabled myself. I am a firm believer in imposter syndrome; I have it myself.

I have Cerebral Palsy, which means I can't walk and talk. I currently have a manual wheelchair to move around, and hopefully, getting a powered wheelchair in April as I have to be pushed around at the moment. I have a communication device (DynaVox) to assist me in talking; they say they can't keep me quiet, so I will be a good officer in your corner.

I would never believed that I achieved my BSC honours degree, never mind doing my MSC, but it requires extra work being disabled; I am not a fast typer, and the motivation to write academically on a Master's is non-existent sometimes. Why am I still here? The answer is I can't work in McDonald's or stock the shelves at M&S; I am joking. However, everyone has a life purpose (a goal), and I aim to become a game developer. Everyone should have a purpose, and they should get the necessary help. Nowadays, computers have specialised tools that assist someone with a disability in reaching their potential. Everything is possible, and if anybody says differently, they haven't tried to solve the problem that they are facing. I don't mean if I want to be the next Steven Fletcher in football, I can do it. No, it is entirely impossible in that sense, professional male football because I can't walk. However, I play powerchair football, and I can try to become Steven Fletcher in powerchair football because everyone knows how the chant goes. Everyone should have a goal, it doesn't matter the first time you think if it is too big and impossible to achieve because you can have many goals in life.

If I get elected, I want prospective students who are disabled or from disadvantaged backgrounds to have the same welcome that I had when I started here and the same positive experience I am having, regardless of whether they want to study game development. They can enjoy a future at Wrexham University when they are mattered and heard alongside their peers. For current students, if they are facing difficulties, they can come and see me. If I can help, I will. Regardless, I will not stop until they are happy. After all, the university is in the top 10 for student satisfaction.

As I am the first in my family to get into University, I didn't know what to expect from a university. Mainly due to my disability, so I want to help other students in similar positions on their path to getting their degrees.

I believe it's students who make a university, and lecturers are there to teach. Wrexham University also have excellent and caring lecturers.