

A committed candidate

University Rectors are vital defenders of students' interests, and should take an active part in University life, working hard on your behalf. I'm committed to doing that, but I believe that I have far more to offer than time.

A Glasgow candidate

I've lived or worked in the west end of Glasgow for ten years, and with my office just 20 minutes' walk away from the University I still spend most of my week here.

A Holyrood candidate

Representing Glasgow in the Scottish Parliament complements the role of Rector – as an MSP I already represent you on issues like student finance, debt, higher education policy, housing and more. It's Holyrood, not Westminster, which makes these decisions; in the week when you vote for a new Rector I'll be voting in Parliament to abolish the graduate endowment, which is just a thinly veiled tuition fee.

As Rector I would be an advocate for students both within and beyond the University, for example in pushing for minimum standards for private landlords. The current registration scheme is a start but it's simply not weeding out the dodgy landlords, and we all know they're still out there.

A campaigning candidate

I'd be a campaigning Rector, especially on issues like fair trade, ethical investment and sustainability on campus. Universities have a huge opportunity to reduce their environmental impact, which makes good business sense too, freeing up resources to spend on teaching. I've been nominated by People & Planet, who have done great work throughout the country on greener campuses, and as Rector I'd build on that.

Glasgow University deserves a Rector who's enthusiastic about the job, and who's in the right place to do it well. I'm in both the right places – in Glasgow and in Holyrood. To read more, visit www.voteharvie.com

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