

LAUREN ALDRED – SOCIAL SECRETARY

“Hi I’m Lauren, rarely seen without a beanie and nicknamed ‘The Lost Child’ of Shock (even had a mini house built for me) and I’m hoping to be your social sec for 2020/2021”



About Me

Joining Shock at the beginning of first year was one of the best decisions I’ve ever made, not only helping me to gain new skills but it has also brought me out of my shell a lot, especially during second year.

I’ve had a great experience with Shock these past two years, learning from/ pestering Ciaran with questions as part of the tech team re-building the studios, helping produce Deep Chats in semester 1, attending as many socials as possible (including my first ever nightclub, which was Fifth for those wondering) and developing a strong passion for the station.

I absolutely love spending (quite a lot) of time in the Shock studios and with other members whether its hiding 20+ Freddos around the studios from Edd, dressing as a Simpson on Rec Night or just spending time sitting in the office. However, I would love to have a more active role within Shock during my final year, assisting the new station manager with the day to day running of the station and organising all kinds of fun events and socials to get as many members involved as possible. As well as following on from the amazing work Gibby has done organising Shock’s socials this year.



Manifesto

As someone who’s attended a large number of Shock’s socials over the past two years, I know from personal experience how important they are to make the experience of student radio that much more memorable and help people make amazing (and sometimes completely bonkers) friends. This year I aim to make Shock more united as a society (especially after the current lockdown situation) and ensure Shock is a place everyone can feel safe and welcome at all times.

- **Experience:** I have previous experience in organising all manner of weird and wacky events for the Brownie unit I currently help at (not much difference between 8 year olds and uni students on nights out).
- **Experience:** I’ve had work experience at Reform Radio, helping out at large scale events hosted at their studios.
- **Something for Everyone:** This year as much as we all love a boozy night out, I want to ensure that there is a variety of socials that everyone can get involved with, whether it’s a trip to laser quest, an escape room or a movie night at the SU (with popcorn of course) and with good old nightclubs still in the mix too.
- **Frequent Socials:** I want to hold more socials throughout each semester to help bring Shock members closer together. Sometimes the studios can feel a little distant when people only come in to do their shows, so I want to make the office area a more social space, where members can get to know each other.
- **Launch Event:** Once Shock is back up and running next year it will likely be the first time some of us have seen each other since lockdown, I want to hold a large social where returning members can not only reunite, but also introduce new members into the society in a fun way and allow them to get to know older members as well as the new committee.
- **Events:** I will aim to work with the station manager and deputy to ensure not only that larger events can be held, but ensure that members are able to get involved as much as possible whether it’s helping at OBs or charity events and ensuring a social aspect can be brought to these where possible.
- **Members:** Finally, I’m a friendly, approachable person who is a good listener and is always up for a good old moan over a coffee or a pint. I won’t only be there to plan socials, but there for your general wellbeing as well, and if you feel like you need help with anything I will always be around to talk to.

Thanks so much for taking the time to read! See you at the AGM!