

Harry Cannell - Social Secretary

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Greetings good people of Shock Radio. My name's Harry Cannell and, like most people my age, I'm 20. I'm a second year Broadcast Journalism student and have been a dedicated Shock member since September 2017. I have been your Social Secretary for the past three months, and would be delighted if you'd consider my application to remain in this position for a full academic year. As Kylie so eloquently put it, it's better the devil you know, right?

I first ran for this position 12 months ago, but was beaten off by Hannah Welch (oh, grow up!). I was over the moon when she decided she could no longer be arsed, as it meant I was given a second chance. Since being elected in January, I have worked closely with our Head of Events to plan a range of socials that have been enjoyed by everyone, including the *Trainspotting* film night, St. Patrick's Day sesh, Valentine's Day night out. I have strived to organise at least two events a month, something I promise to continue next year.

In addition to my commitment to Shock, I have been an employee of Atmosphere Kitchen & Bar for the past 18 months. This has allowed me to build a tight rapport with Student Union staff, which has come in handy when it comes to events planning. I also have excellent ties with the events team downstairs, and they have been a huge help in organising events. Good job really, as that's what they're paid to do. As part of my job at AKB, I enjoy/endure (delete as appropriate) daily interactions with my fellow students. I will make it one of my primary goals will be to ensure Shock maintains a positive relationship with the rest of the university community. This includes frequent collaborations with other societies. I'd love to, for example, team up with the recently launched DJ Society, as Shock and its events provide the perfect opportunity for aspiring DJs to gain valuable experience.

Finally - yet probably most importantly - I will continue doing all I can to ensure all Shock members feel (cliché alert!) like a family. An oversized and slightly inbred one maybe, but a family nonetheless. We are the University's largest society, with around 200 members. That's more people than I have followers on Twitter. And yet I could probably name about 30 of them, which is probably still more people than I have followers on Twitter. With so many members, it's all too easy to spend an hour in the studio each week, then go home and not see anyone from Shock until a week later. With me as your Social Secretary, this will never happen. And if it does, I like to think I'm a friendly face who has time for everyone - so come and chat to me. I met some of the best friends I have through Shock. If I can make sure you get half as much enjoyment out of your experience here as I already have, I'll have done my job.

That's about it really, as I'm just genuinely awful at bigging myself up. But radio is something I wanted to do for years, ever since a girl in high school told me I had the perfect face for it. I've had an absolute blast since joining Shock and, last time I spoke to her, that girl was working full time in Betfred. I hope you'll at least consider my application because, all joking aside, nothing makes me happier than seeing other people happy. If you keep me in as your Social Secretary, I'll carry on doing everything within my power to make sure *everyone* gets as much happiness and enjoyment out of Shock Radio as I know it is capable of providing. Thanks me lovelies. X