

General Council Elections 2022 *Trustee Nomination Form*

Name: Joanna Ramsey



Why are you standing for election to GC as a trustee?

SCM has been an extremely important part of my time at university and has made me feel like there are Christian spaces where I can fit in with other people who are similar to me. I am therefore keen to give something back to SCM and to help keep it going for years to come so that it can be there for many more young, liberal Christians in the future.

In addition, although I have experience of being on the committee for university societies, I have never been involved with the running of a national organisation, so I would like to be on General Council in order to challenge myself and gain new skills, as well as to learn more about how SCM works.

Tell us a bit about yourself:

I am a third year natural sciences student at University of Birmingham, majoring in maths and psychology, and I am currently on a year abroad in Montreal, which has been a great experience so far. When term has ended, I am planning to spend some time in Canada, exploring the different things to do in Montreal and also hopefully travelling to a couple of other parts of Canada.

Outside of academics, my main hobby is music; I play the piano and clarinet and I enjoy singing in choirs. I have not been able to take part in many music-related activities in the last couple of years since a lot of societies haven't been running due to Covid, but I am keen to get more involved with them again when I am back in Birmingham for my final year.

What skills would you bring to General Council?

Having been on the committee for SCM Birmingham, I have experience of helping to run a small society and I know how much work this takes. I am extremely organised and reliable, and will always get any job done on time and to the best of my ability. I am also great at working in a team with others, as I like to make sure that everyone is heard and that decisions are made fairly, and this will be a vital skill for being on General Council.

How have you been involved in SCM as a member?

I joined SCM Birmingham and national SCM shortly after starting university in my first year. SCM Birmingham has been a big part of my university experience, as I attended regularly during my first and second years, and was also on committee as publicity officer in second year. I am looking forward to being an active part of SCM Birmingham again next year, when I will also be treasurer for the society.

In terms of national SCM, I went to the last two national gatherings, both of which I found really enjoyable and fulfilling, and I also attended a couple of SCM online events. I plan to go to the national gathering again this year, which I'm looking forward to, and now that the covid situation has improved, I am hoping that there will be more in person events in the future for me to get involved with.

What would you like to achieve if you are elected?

If I were elected, I would aim to make SCM the best organisation it can be. I would help to make decisions to keep it running smoothly and to make the best use of available funds, so that it can continue to do the great work that it already does. If possible, I would like to make SCM more widely known among Christian students, so that everyone who would benefit from it knows that it is there.

I'd also like to help increase the number of members and raise more money for the organisation so that it can do even more of its important work.