

Statement on the occasion of the launch of the BCU United Nations Society, by the President and Vice President

We would like to express how honoured we both are to be the inaugural President and Vice President create this society. This is a landmark moment for BCU student engagement with the UN, both here in Birmingham, and in our wider communities. We are fully aware that we have been provided an amazing opportunity to inspire our generation, and future BCU students, with the hope they go forward to continue the legacy we aim to leave once we graduate.

We hope the BCU United Nations Society will reflect the United Nations core principles to maintain international peace and security and promote human rights worldwide. We want to ensure that our members are part of this global narrative on peace and human rights. We will strive to teach our members and increase the understanding of the important work happening within the UN and around the world. In time, we would like to see members of the society engage in diplomatic debates and a simulated Model United Nations, which is part of the module curriculum here at BCU. This will enhance our student's abilities to help to uphold peaceful international relations between different global governments and organisations.

By holding events through our Society, we hope to encourage and inspire the next generation of BCU students to embark on a journey to learn, be empowered and protect the basic rights of the most vulnerable people in society that face challenges beyond what most of us can fathom. This inspiration is what will fuel our drive to deliver our upmost best in everything we do during our time in the society, which leads us on to this inaugural event of the society – *'In Conversation with the Experts: The Future of the United Nations'*.

We would like to thank Professor Jon Yorke and Dr Alice Storey for creating this incredible opportunity for all of us here at the Society and the School of Law and for their continued commitment to our studies of the United Nations and how it performs its role to try to bring peace and prosperity to the world.

Thank you.

Mr Stuart Crutchlow, President

Ms Mira Obaro, Vice-President

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