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### **Who are you?**

“You hear her before you see her” as they say but look for the girl with the bottle of cola in hand, a big smile on her face and a Spotify playlist ready to go for any occasion. Born and raised in Dublin, I spent my days (besides from worshipping potatoes) studying to be a medical scientist and fell in love with Sweden during my Erasmus studies here. Safe to say Sweden has pulled me back for good but I do LOVE to travel with my favourite place being Japan. Mention Talking Heads to me and we’ll become best friends.

### **What have you done in the nation?**

Bit eager to become active from the start, I was a frequent worker at SSK before I landed the role of Hovmästare in HT16. Our 4-man (pun intended) crew was amazing with our superb dishwashing skills but our time was short as I fell in love with Lund’s best indie club Heartland and became foreman for it in VT16 for which I’m still a present foreman for. Outside of foreman roles, I enjoy working at the various events (especially as photographer!) and luckily even got the opportunity to work at bigger events such as the SSK ball (Knävlingagillet), Novischfesten and Gåsen.

### **Why are you applying for the position of Pro Qurator Social (PQS)?**

Student nations were a completely new concept for me when I first arrived in Sweden and I adored how involved the student population is and that Lund’s huge student life is solely down to the dedicated students wanting to give more back to each other. I’ve always wanted to be part of this contribution and being in the quratel is a fantastic way to continue creating a fantastic environment for incoming and present students and an opportunity to make Sydsånska Nationen feel like a second home to them as it did and does for me. The position of PQS spoke to me in particular as I like the fast-pace high energy needs of the role and think it matches my personality as I’m someone who tends to not sit still and likes to keep busy. The “social” side of the title also appeals to me as the nation is nothing without the friendships and teamwork that are formed within it, so it’s kind of a dream to have the chance to bring people closer together and try to evoke in everyone the same passion I have for this nation.

### **What would you like to do as Pro Qurator Social (PQS)?**

The PQS has many roles within the nation from responsibility of the events’ inventory, maintenance of the nation building and keeping a good rapport and energy within the foremen and worker group. During my time as PQS I would like to focus on the following:

1. As the music nation, we should strive to bring as much music to Lund’s students as possible and I feel we can always improve on this. I’d like to be involved and encourage more music within our events (in particular our pub and club events), try to organise bigger music events and if possible, revive some of our old outlets such as blogs and magazines with the PR chef.
2. Establishing closer bonds between the workers, foremen and quratel is key to the Nation’s longevity and I want to build on this so people see more of Sydsånska than just voluntary work. This would involve trying to incorporate more workshops & excursions in addition to developing and working alongside the Vieri and NATU foremen posts.
3. Being international myself I’d like to bridge the gap closer between Swedish and non-Swedish students. It’s important to maintain a balance between Swedish traditions that native students are familiar with while trying to reduce the confusion and scariness international students can feel when living here. I also want to apply this to the PQS post itself and leave a position that anyone can easily fall into regardless of where they’re from.

### **Why should the nation meeting elect you?**

Being a scientist, I know I will be able to bring an organised and problem-solving mindset to the role while not being afraid to question in-place systems and try new things. Coming from abroad, I’m not afraid to adapt to new environments and can hopefully bring a fresh perspective to the quratel group. Finally as a loyal worker and lover of Sydsånska Nation, it’d be my honour to work alongside my Goose family and to use my passion for this nation to make an impact in the only place where music really matters. 😊