

General Council Elections 2024

Convenor Portfolio Nomination Form



Name: Abigail Hollingsworth

Why are you standing for election to GC?

I have been involved with SCM for a number of years now and am passionate about supporting the movement. The SCM community has supported me throughout my university career, both undergrad and postgrad, and has been an amazing encouragement and blessing. I am standing for GC to help the movement continue to be a blessing for many years to come.

What portfolio are you standing for?

I am standing as Convenor of trustees.

I was elected as a trustee last year, which is a two-year post, so I am still a trustee for another year. I would like to stand as Convenor to support and encourage Naomi as CEO and to coordinate between the trustees and the staff members.

Tell us a bit about yourself:

I am in my second year studying for a PhD in Mathematics at the University of Warwick. I love reading, playing piano, jigsaws, and archery

What skills would you bring to General Council?

I am passionate about the work of SCM, in particular creating supportive communities and helping people deepen and develop their faiths. I am also keen to support Naomi and the rest of the staff members of SCM to do the jobs we have hired them to do, coordinate the trustees, and encourage the students and their group leaders in their faiths.

How have you been involved in SCM as a member?

I have been involved with SCM for over 5 years. I joined in my first year of undergrad at Southampton University. We got the SCM group there affiliated with the student union, and I took over as president of SCM Southampton for the next three years until I graduated. Highlights of this include talks from external speakers, like our CEO Naomi N, and craft sessions during exam season. We survived Covid, and I handed over the reins, and SCM Southampton is still going strong!

I have also restarted Coventry SCM with Emilia which has grown slowly over the last year. The best part of this year was when we participated in a joint workshop with Birmingham SCM, led by Phoebe (one of our Faith in Action workers).

I have also been a trustee of SCM for a year, as well as theology and resources portfolio holder.

What would you like to achieve if you are elected?

I want to encourage a good relationship between the staff and the trustees and support Naomi in all her wonderful work as CEO.