

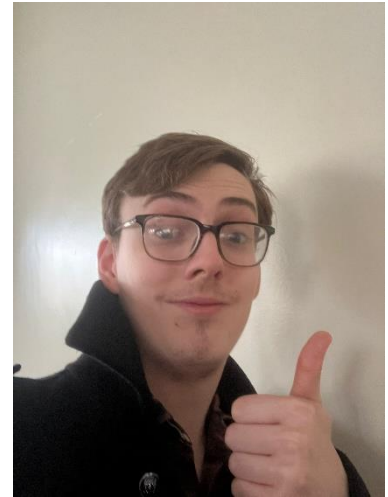
General Council Elections 2024

Trustee Nomination Form

Name: Samuel Simmonds

Why are you standing for election to GC?

Because SCM really holds a massive place in my heart. It has helped to develop my Christianity massively, becoming a more major part of my life than I have ever let it before. SCM has taught me love and acceptance for all, both from the heart but also how theology and prove and strengthen this idea.



What portfolio are you standing for?

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Tell us a bit about yourself:

I am a second year history and history of art undergrad. I was raised a methodist and come from the town of Rugby. My interests are miniature model painting, watching films at the cinema and reading books (particularly magical realism). I also volunteer as a scout leader in my free time.

What skills would you bring to General Council?

Organisation and planning, from the two roles I've had before in SCM Birmingham. A strong understanding of members needs and wants, including developed connections with members to put their desires first. My time running Birmingham SCM also means I now have a strong understanding of theology but also that of academic theologians in the University and local area, giving me a connection I can bring and develop at national SCM.

How have you been involved in SCM as a member?

In my first year of university I was social organiser for half a year, planning three trips for our members, some weekly meetings and managing our social media. At the end of first year I was elected to be president in second year. Following this I've ran Birmingham SCM, inviting speakers, having debates and tripling membership. This has also led to re-election for my third year (2024/2025).

What would you like to achieve if you are elected?

Improving theological resources for SCM, putting more out on the SCM website to use, not only this but also including more articles about theology in the *Movement* magazine, such as interviewing theologians or debating theological ideas.

I'd like to improve the connection SCM groups at Universities feel they have to national SCM with regular check-ins but also support in advertising events ran by national SCM and membership to national SCM, this will also improve the connection for the wider SCM community across universities.

Improve SCM's connection with local churches near universities, developing a connection with these churches, helping to develop local community support for out student groups.