

Charlie Kelly – Station Manager

Since joining GCU I have spent every day in the station learning as much about the running of Radio Caley. Since the end of Term A I have been the Head of Audio and supported many events both inside and outside of GCU, alongside my audio team, and earned the station hundreds of pounds which has allowed us to be able to update equipment when it is needed and have events such as the birthday and getaway. By being Head of Audio I have done my best to learn how the station runs with the help of Tom and by reading up on mixing, EQs and experimenting with software such as Reaper. After becoming the first female Head of Audio, I joined Student Voice to act as an undergraduate representative of GSBS but I know that it is in Radio Caley's policy that station manager is automatically in student voice and is to provide regular reports on how we are doing. As Head of Audio, I have kept on top of the PA system, emails/bookings and any issues around the station which require me, as well as managing a competent audio team.

I want to make Radio Caley the sound of GCU and push to have us played outside of the SA, especially in the Saltire Centre in the main refectory. This will boost our exposure around the university as the EDIT have stands all around university, we should have outlets around uni too. This would hopefully lead to more volunteers at the station which would get more funding too. I also want to ensure issues around the station are fixed such as the fact of we do not have accurate numbers of listeners due to the computer only showing how many servers are listening rather than individual devices.

Tom has been an amazing mentor to me and has let me shadow him as manager before I was head of audio and after. By learning so much from him, I have seen what works and what doesn't work as manager and what can be improved in the station for next year. One of the main things to be done this year, which Tom admits more focus was required on, is to ensure we have everyone signed up as an official volunteer to boost our numbers and secure our funding. Being on the committee this year, with such experienced people in each role, has exposed me to how each role works due to working with all members so closely, especially Head of IT who has taught me a lot about the station due to his experience. By working so closely with everyone, I have enough knowledge of each role to assist each committee member, as is stated in the policy that the station manager should do.

I think the time has come for Radio Caley to let in a new generation of Radio personalities both on the mic and off. I do not expect to be the best station manager the world has ever seen, especially not this year anyway, and I will most likely make mistakes, as will every member of our committee, been and gone, has done, and will do. I do aim to work to the best of my ability and never stop learning and teaching where I can. I will always persist and do what is best for the station and the volunteers, for years to come.