

My name is Olivia Thomson, I'm 24 years old, and I have been going to St. James Park since I was 20 months old. My first game was against Leeds United, which we won thanks to our South American midfield duo of Solano and Acuna. I now have a season ticket with my Dad in the Milburn Stand where we've loved watching Newcastle's journey to the Champions League this year. My Dad has been watching the Toon since he was 7, making this his 51<sup>st</sup> season as a Mag and probably his best! St James Park has always been a feature of my life, even outside of football; I was born, within a goal kick of SJP, in the RVI (my Dad kept my Mum's spirits up that day by telling her "you can see the ground from here!"). I went to Newcastle University to study history and me and my friends actually lived on St James Street, with the Strawberry 100m away and the East Stand casting a shadow over our backyard.

I have been a trust member for the last two years and attended my first AGM on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023. I was very impressed with the professionalism and passion that the board members demonstrated that night. It was very evident that all of the NUST board were dedicated in making sure the best interests of Toon fans would be well represented to the Club.

As a young fan, I've experienced the bad times of the previous ownership and I'm now experiencing the most amazing 18 months, following the takeover. With this new success, the club will face new (but exciting) challenges, such as distributing Champions League tickets. I am particularly passionate to support and push the views of young supporters, many of whom are currently struggling to get tickets to either get into SJP or to follow the team away from home. I would also like to represent the experiences female supporters have following NUFC and continue the efforts of the board and the club to make St James Park a place that all Newcastle supporters can enjoy.

I believe that I can bring youth, enthusiasm and passion to the board. I'm a strong communicator and networker, which will be important in representing the views of Trust members to the club. I am also very organised and can support activities of the Trust. Moreover, I am incredibly passionate about helping Newcastle United to become the best football club they can be.