

AVS/IVSA UK & Ireland Elections 2020

Name: Joshua Page

Position: Veterinary Public Health Officer

Vet School: University of Nottingham

About me:

Hi, my name is Josh, I'm running for the position of VPHO. Currently, I am in second year at Nottingham, I have a keen interest in public health and the one health initiative. Having grown up in agriculture and maintained my interest in all things farm, I have seen first-hand how important collaboration is in maintaining food safety and public health. At university, I'm an active member of badminton and climb regularly and have made some great friends from both. I have been lucky enough to be involved in scouting growing up and progressing through to young leader, and love an adrenaline rush I've done things from white-water rafting to traversing gorges with 200ft drops.

Experience:

Throughout my time in scouting I have been given the responsibility to organise multiple events, whether that's charity quizzes or preparing expeditions in foreign countries, all of which I have challenged me in some way and encouraged me to think on my feet. At Sixth form I was part of the senior prefect team, this involved organising and carrying out open days, as well as giving tours to prospective students and promoting the school at various events. I have also held multiple jobs in logistics and animal care and welfare, these have taught me numerous skills, from handling difficult and stressful situations, planning and event management, presenting and teaching to a wide variety of people. Having recently attended FAVS Congress at Nottingham this year, I was able to see organisation and planning that went into organising practical's and lectures on an extensive list of different subjects, it showed to me how a successful congress could be run.

What I would try to achieve in my role:

My number one priority as VPHO would be to have a great One health conference and try to inspire the next generation of vets and health practitioners to be interested in public health. I think that a vet's role is only going to increase in the next decade as the population of the world begins to skyrocket, bringing with it a whole host of new diseases affecting both humans and animals. For a starting point for sponsors of the conference, I would look to the existing relationships that NFAVS has created through a wonderfully successful congress, some of these could include the British cattle veterinary association and pig veterinary society, I would also like to get involved with Animal & Plant Health Agency and see if they would be a sponsor for the conference.

Why you should vote for me:

Having enjoyed the responsibilities afforded to me already at University and outside of which, I think I am the right person for the role of VPHO as I have a strong work ethic and desire to improve and maintain the reach and role of IVSA. I think that having a sense of humour and the ability to laugh at yourself is crucial for any committee role as it will be needed to for when things don't go according to plan and you are needed to think outside the box. For a successful One Health conference, good communications skills will be needed as I will be required to work with colleagues from the IVSA, potentially different vet schools and external companies and speakers. Thank you very for reading my manifesto I will endeavour to continue the great work of the IVSA.