

## U0837\_2: Nominations Form

**Full name\***

Jethro Lewis Tieman

**Role Category\***

Nation and Area Representative

**Candidate Question 1: What attracted you to stand for this role**

I am developing a green start-up in an impact accelerator, full time, which has concentrated my whole focus on sustainability and positive social change. Having, additionally, grown up in Africa, which is now being badly affected by climate change, I am acutely aware of the pressing need to pivot to a more mindful and responsible approach to our use of resources and pay attention to life cycles and the consequences of our consumption. I got into combined STEM to be able to understand better the solutions that are possible and am really finding my OU studies rewarding. This makes it seem like a natural step to extend my engagement with the university through what I know best, which is firmly built around analysing and understanding sustainability and impact.

**Candidate Question 2: What are the top two issues that you would want to address as part of the 2024-26 Student Leadership Team?**

My core aim would be to expand education and career opportunities for OU students in sustainability and environmental issues. I genuinely believe that environmental literacy is now becoming a core competency needed in every area of decision-making, if we are to save our planet.

i would also aim to explore ways the OU can expand its outward-facing sustainability communication, and thought leadership, drawing on the work undertaken by both students and faculty to inform and motivate an accelerated pace of change in society towards sustainable thinking and habits.

