

## **Ben Margolis for CSU President**

### **Making Cambridge education work for everyone**

- Work with faculties to reduce student workload during term and vacations, including a week 5 reading week and no contact hours on Wednesday afternoons.
- Work on standardising supervisor training, ensuring that they are informed on how to appropriately respond to welfare issues.
- Ensure there is equal and adequate mental health provision across all colleges, advocating a counsellor in every college, whilst working with the DSO to fight for vital funding to the overstretched Disabilities Resource Centre and University Counselling Service.
- Ensure that the safety of college members is always put first by formulating a standardised safeguarding framework for academic appointments across all colleges.
- Work with Womcam to increase the scope of Breaking the Silence, by lobbying to ban the use of any confidentiality agreements in the case of sexual misconduct.

### **Making representation work for everyone**

- Bridge the divide between postgraduates and undergraduates with a proposal for standardised roles on JCRs and MCRs across colleges, so the two bodies to work together effectively.
- Improve communication between the student union and the wider student body by considering the implementation of CSU liaison officers across JCRs and MCRs.
- Work across JCRs and MCRs to standardise bursary funding across colleges, ensuring that no students are unfairly disadvantaged by financial insecurity.
- Collaborate with the postgrad team and Cut the Rent campaigns on a pledge for colleges to limit rent increases to inflation level yearly for new tenants, with no increases over the length of qualifications.

### **Making the university a positive social force for everyone**

- Pursue a fossil and arms free university, lobbying on university council for full divestment, and ending funding and sponsorship.
- Scrutinise the implementation of new Prevent legislation, ensuring that any training is counteracted by anti-racial bias training, and that tutors and counselling staff do not compromise confidentiality by government requests for reports.
- Lobby key figures in the university to support free education, including an end to fees, protecting academic staff working conditions, and the restoration of maintenance grants.
- Push with the Living Wage Campaign for workers to have a Real Living Wage, fair conditions and fair representation, working with local trade unions

### **My experience**

- A year as undergraduate faculty board representative for the History faculty.
- CUSU Education Campaigns Officer since June 2019.
- Involved in Fossil Free Campaigning since 2018.
- Core organiser in Robinson Living Wage Campaign.
- Core organiser in Robinson Cut the Rent.

