VOTE CLAIRE FOR NUS DELEGATE

I’m Claire Sosienski Smith, I’m the current CUSU Women’s Officer and I am running for NUS delegate. I believe that the student movement is strengthened by our collective engagement and focus on liberation. I come into contact with so many students each week through facilitating Women’s Campaign forums and the efforts to decolonise the English faculty, as well as supporting students in their organising work by speaking at events, running reading groups and consulting with the Women’s Campaign committee.

EXPERIENCE

* Current CUSU Women’s Officer
* Head of a CUSU Liberation Campaign
* Facilitator of the Decolonise English Working Group
* Active during the UCU strike support
* Held representative roles on my college JCR, the Women’s Campaign committee and organised with Cambridge Defend Education during my undergraduate degree
* Have attended NUS Women’s Conference, NUS Zones Conference, and collaborated with the NUS Welfare Zone and NUS Women’s Campaign

PRIORITIES

* I am very keen to be involved with the NUS as we reimagine its position as a union and its role in the fight for a free, liberated education
* Combatting harassment and intimidation at university by sharing experience of reforming the disciplinary procedure, supporting students who report instances of sexual harassments, and the ways in which we enable people to find meaningful justice
* Focus on decolonising the university as a way to fundamentally shift a learning environment that disadvantages students who have not found themselves represented or prioritised in the current curricula
* Resisting the marketisation of the university to imagine new ways of learning which are not restricted by extortionate rent prices, student fees or inadequate welfare provision

CARE

* + I learnt about and became active in student politics by working with students who feel alienated by the university and it is the rage of the Women’s Campaign and student activist networks that sustains my work. I want to ensure that the voices of marginalised students are represented at this year’s conference
  + Focus on demystifying the internal workings of the student movement by tweeting about the conference and making sure everyone understands what is being voted on, how I am voting and how this effects our organising work