

My name is Debbie Aitken (pronouns: she/her) and I am final year PhD student in Medical Education at Darwin College. I would like to put myself forward for the post of Mature Students' Officer to ensure continued representation and support for mature students at Cambridge. As a mature student who has been both part-time and full-time during 6 years of PhD study (to accommodate the fact that I have a full-time job outside of Cambridge), I have first hand experience of some of the challenges faced by mature students.

I have been the CUSU LGBT+ Grad & Mature Students Rep since June 2019, and I also previously did this role in 2014/15. I was a student union sabbatical for a year when I was an undergraduate (Vice President Welfare) followed by a year as the NUS LGBT Officer for Scotland, so I have a wide range of experience of student support and representation. I hope to be able to use some of this experience to contribute to the work of CUSU.