

MARCEL LLAVERO PASQUINA

RUNNING FOR UNIVERSITY COUNCILLOR 2018/19

Dear all,

My name is Marcel Llaveró Pasquina, I am Zero Carbon Society's Campaign Officer and a second-year PhD student at Girton College. I have always been an active political campaigner, especially around the issues of global climate justice. I have been part of various climate justice groups in different countries around Europe and have participated in benchmark social movements like Ende-Gelände. I have also advocated for human rights and social justice at the UN Climate Conferences in Paris (2015) and Bonn (2017). With extensive experience in political organising, I can strongly defend student values and principles at Council.

As University Councillor, if you will elect me, I will act as a representative for the University liberation campaigns, and fight for the progressive ideals they embody. I will continue mobilising with the student grass-roots organisations and CUSU and GU Presidents to have a common strategy and vision. I believe that for real change to take place, pressure must come both from grass-roots campaigns, and from within Council itself. For this reason, I will campaign and coordinate passionately with Cambridge's liberation campaigns, and on Council, I will fight vehemently on their behalf, and the values they represent. I will fight for a University that:

- 1.- **Divests from fossil fuels**, stops being complicit with the destruction of livelihoods and ecosystems around the world and takes responsibility for our historical contribution to climate injustice.
- 2.- **Takes political responsibility**, challenges political and economic injustice within and outside of the University: decolonises the curriculum, pays the living wage, speaks up on migrants' and asylum seekers' rights and makes university spaces accessible.
- 3.- **Defends public education**, does not push students and staff into the precariat, guarantees affordable education for all students, and stands strong against the neoliberal attacks to commodify higher education.
- 4.- **Honours diversity**, recognises the marginalised position of the BME community and supports access campaigns whilst also championing the fight against Prevent so that no member of the university is stigmatised due to race or religion.
- 5.- **Stands for gender rights**, ensures gender equality, fights sexual harassment and protects gender and sexual freedom.
- 6.- **Is democratic, transparent and accountable**, listens to the voices of students and staff, and makes sure that their views are manifest in the policy of our University.