

# VOTE MARISA

I'm Marisa (she/her) a final year sociology student at Newnham College. I was the **Disabled Students Rep on the WomCam Committee 2018-2019**, and **Newnham JCR Women and Non-Binary Officer 2019-2020**. I've been attending Women's Campaign forum since my first year, and it has been a space where I have learned so much and developed my feminism, as well as being a **space of joy, solidarity and collective care**. It is vital that the Women's Campaign continues to be an **independent and active campaign** working both with and against the university for the **liberation of all women and non-binary students**.



## Tackling Sexual Violence and Misconduct

- Following the open letter regarding Trinity Hall issued by the Women's Campaign, continue pushing for a **centralised university sexual misconduct procedure** that colleges would commit to, in order to avoid the conflicts of interest and mishandling of sexual misconduct procedure by under trained staff
- Helping **Women's Officers feel informed and empowered** to work with their colleges to improve support for survivors of sexual violence (e.g. hosting a women's officer forum once a term)
- Using information from the upcoming **sexual harassment survey** to inform policy that foregrounds what students find most important

## Working Class Solidarity

- **Opposing the marketisation** of higher education (e.g. continuing to support the boycott of the NSS)
- **Supporting striking staff** as long as they continue to strike, highlighting issues of the gender pay gap and collaborating to organise teach-ins
- Looking into **collaboration with Women's Strike**, with the potential for organising a coach from Cambridge to attend the London strike rally

## Commitment to Anti-Racism

- Continuing to support **work against Prevent**, recognising how this impacts particularly on Muslim women and non-binary people e.g. working with Welfare officer and 'Preventing Prevent', looking into collaboration with other SU's who are also doing this work
- **Supporting decolonise projects** that are happening in faculties, recognising that this is not limited to expanding reading lists but also involves challenging the way the university is structured and the voices that it privileges
- Maintaining a stance that is **anti-detention and anti-"hostile environment"** – e.g. organising coaches to Yarl's Wood protests

## Trans Inclusive Feminism

- **Resisting TERF groups in Cambridge** – adapting and updating guide to TERF ideology to keep people informed on how to recognise and oppose it
- **Linking up with other SU's** (particularly ARU) – TERF ideology is a problem we are working against on different campuses around the UK
- Working with CUSU LGBT+ to decide on the best methods to resist TERFs – making sure that the **safety and wellbeing of trans students is the priority of our activism**
- Continuing work with women's colleges – to support trans students past admission (e.g. Support colleges in introducing **gender expression funds**)
- Working with the Trans rep and Non-Binary Rep on the WomCam committee to make sure that WomCam feels like a **safe and accessible space and that trans and non-binary people are centred in our activist work**

## Encourage Collaboration and Creativity

- Facilitate **discussion groups** run by WomCam committee (like helping to reinstate the queer women's discussion group)
- Experiment with **rotating facilitators** at forum, and themed discussions each week
- Work with Disabled Students Rep on the committee to **improve accessibility of forum** - e.g. using live minutes
- **Widen collaboration** with university societies – inviting women and non-binary people from FLY, CDE, Zero Carbon, Living Wage groups to come and lead forum sessions
- Collaborate with non-university groups – such as Sisters Uncut, sex workers' groups such as SWARM – inviting people from these organisations to come and speak at WomCam
- Support **creative events** organised with the zine officer to provide a space for women and non-binary people to create together

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