

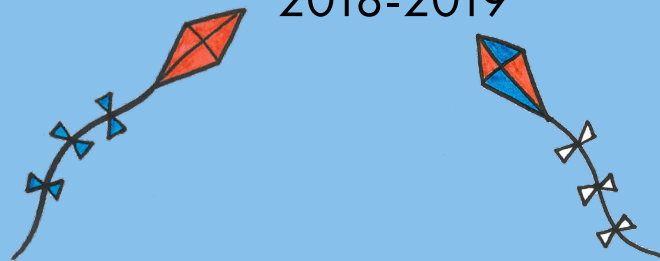


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Why me?

I am experienced in pushing for change as a student: through Cambridge Defend Education working on the NSS Boycott, Cut the Rent campaigns and decolonisation; and through CUSU as a Part Time Exec member campaigning on supervisor training and tuition fees.

FOR CUSU EDUCATION OFFICER 2018-2019



POLICIES

Liberated Education

- Lobbying the university to give supervisors training that gives them the tools to teach students with different ways of learning and to innovate.
- Continuing the work of decolonisation campaigns, linking up and archiving existing efforts, and pushing campaigns into new departments across all subject areas
- Ensuring that decolonisation does not end with more diverse reading lists, and campaigning for curricula that allow students to critically engage with a colonial legacy and present.
- Standardising sexual misconduct guidelines across faculties and departments to build on Breaking the Silence and ensure it makes real change in the long term.
- Working with the Disabled Students' Officer to make sure that students get reasonable adjustment where necessary and that those adjustments are always observed.
- Keeping up the fight to minimise the harm by the repressive and Islamophobic Prevent strategy.

Anti Marketisation

- Opposing Cambridge Uni's complicity in fee rises by pushing for an opt-out from the Teaching Excellence Framework and for the VC to come out against high fees.
- Continuing ways that students can oppose being part of government reforms that make education a product, like the NSS boycott
- Helping to build positive alternatives to the neoliberal university through student-run collaborative learning schemes like book sharing and spaces for us to share knowledge with each other.

APPROACHES

Building student power to make change

- Supporting campaigns to build lasting impacts by recording and linking up different group efforts.
- Bringing together student activist groups in Cambridge for skills sharing and building the capacity of the student body to push for change.
- Facilitating faculty and school reps to push for change by offering training that enables them to mobilise students behind the projects that matter to them.

CUSU and other organisations

- CUSU should regularly work with other organisations to improve our reach, and to learn from the experience of other universities and unions.
- I will create lasting links between undergraduates, graduates and staff; CUSU, the Graduate Union and UCU (the union of university/college staff) ought to be working together all the time, not just in times of crisis like the recent UCU strike.



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