

~ Vote Jake Simms for CUSU Ethical Affairs Officer ~

I have been CUSU Ethical Affairs Officer since July 2018. In that time we have grown the Ethical Affairs Campaign to reach hundreds of students; with regular panels, blog updates, and the first University-wide Green Week. We have represented students on committees, helped grow campaigns and increased their accessibility. Here is what I would do if I was re-elected:

Policies

Stand up for workers' rights: Help grow the living wage campaign to pressure colleges to pay the living wage to all staff. Work with local unions to reach out to college staff and ensure the campaign is led by them. Bolster student solidarity with the UCU and GU's campaigns to oppose workforce casualisation.

Campaign for climate justice: Push CUSU to be more active in supporting Zero Carbon's campaign for divestment. Help grow and bring together college divestment campaigns to engage more students. Work with green officers to campaign for structural action on climate change at a college level, including ambitious carbon neutrality targets.

Support the local community: Mobilise students in support of the Save Montreal Square Campaign. Promote the work of local unions and groups such as CHOP campaigning for change on issues including the lack of social housing and homelessness.

Campaign to 'disarm' the University: Support groups working to cut links between the University and arms companies. Promote an intersectional politics rooting attempts to disarm and divest the University in gender and racial justice.

Help students start their own campaigns: Have 2 open-portfolio officers on the new Ethical Affairs Campaign allowing students to receive CUSU support for starting a campaign. Create a 'how to campaign for change' guide drawing on student expertise to help students start their own campaigns.

Approaches

Make campaigning more accessible: Run regular events and skillshares on pressing issues. Organise another 'ethical society squash' to introduce new students to different campaigns and charitable groups. Organise a 'political freshers week' to provide freshers with an accessible introduction to campaigning at Cambridge and the tools to help change the University from day one.

Help coordinate the work of green officers: Introduce a green officer representative on the Ethical Affairs campaign to help support the work of green officers. Run regular green officer meetings to organise collectively for structural change.

Organise another Green Week in Lent 2020: Make it bigger and better than 2019's to involve new groups of people in environmental campaigning.

Why me?

Experienced: I was Christ's green officer from 2017-18 and have been Ethical Affairs Officer since July 2018. I'm a long standing and dedicated member of Zero Carbon and the Living Wage Campaign.

Effective: I have a track record of engaging new students in ethical campaigning by running climate justice and helped arrange political organising workshops at many different colleges, as well as setting up the Christ's Climate Justice Campaign.

Engaged: I have worked closely with green officers (helping organise college events for Green Week), local unions (for the living wage campaign), and college campaigners (having helped organise the first college divestment campaigns joint meeting).