

Vote Kate for CUSU Women's Officer

Hi! I'm Kate Litman and I'm running to be your Women's Officer. I believe the Women's Campaign must be engaged in a feminism which works for the liberation of all women and non-binary people. I am committed to making the Women's Campaign an inclusive and welcoming space, creating a community and campaign where we can build solidarity, find joy and enact change. To find out more about my ideas and what I want to work on as Women's Officer, give my manifesto a read!

Policies

Gender attainment gap

- Review the gender attainment gap 5 years on from the 2014-15 Mind the Gap research and report
- Conduct research into how Cambridge can be a learning environment which disadvantages women
- Lobby for changes which will improve the experience of women studying at Cambridge, such as better mental health provision and the inclusion of women's work in our curricula

Anti-racist work

- Resist Prevent, a racist policy which makes Muslim women the targets of surveillance at university (e.g. push for staff to receive unconscious bias training)
- Support campaigns to Decolonise the Curriculum, drawing on my experience as a member of the Decolonise History Working Group
- Strengthen the connection between WomCam and FLY

Fight sexual violence

- Increased specialised in-house university support services for survivors
- Every college to have its own disciplinary procedure on sexual violence and harassment which is fit for purpose

Transgender students

- Work with the LGBT+ Campaign to make WomCam a more welcoming space for trans and non-binary students
- As Murray Edwards Women's Officer I successfully campaigned for Medwards to allow transgender women to apply to the college on the basis of self-identification. I will work to improve trans admissions policies at all women's colleges
- University admin systems must recognise non-binary genders and make it easier for students to change their name in university records

Rent

- Last year I initiated the Murray Edwards Cut the Rent Campaign.
- I will continue to campaign to cut rents and make Cambridge a more accessible and liveable space for working class women

Community

Connecting with Colleges

- I want to hear what colleges want from the Women's Campaign and work collaboratively with them to achieve goals like gender neutral toilets and free menstrual products
 - Meet individually with college Women's Officers and JCRs to discuss what resources the Women's Campaign can offer them
 - Hold a Women's Officers Council once a term
 - Increase collaboration with FemSocs by co-hosting events and setting up a weekly bulletin to circulate information from FemSoc term cards
 - Create toolkits providing resources for students to lead their own college-level campaigns

Supporting Campaigns

- The Women's Campaign must work with movements such as the Living Wage Campaign and groups fighting for divestment from fossil fuels and the arms industry, recognising that these issues particularly affect women

Legacy

- I will continue the work I have begun as WomCam Secretary to record memories of feminist work and activism by establishing the CUSU Women's Archive