The NUS Conference is our chance to make our voices heard at the highest policy-making body of the NUS. My priority is to ensure that we make strides towards bold policies that will make our universities truly capable of supporting students both in academia and all surrounding issues such as financial support, access and mental health provision.

I want to make sure that we elect officers who are prepared to fight for our needs as students whether you are an undergraduate, postgraduate, mature, part-time, international or home student. This includes opposing a ‘hostile environment’ government policy keeping overseas students in migration targets as well as standing up against cuts to maintenance grants and loans making our universities inaccessible.

As a Delegate, I will be voting on motions that reflect our needs and aims and will look into submitting and gaining support on motions to improve our health services. I will be holding NUS officers to account and will investigate the progress of reports and policy proposals on issues such as on support for estranged students, affecting LGBT+ students in particular.

I will listen to your opinions and comments and will keep you updated on NUS motions and proceedings at Conference and will aim to break down the barrier of communication when it comes to NUS-specific terms and abbreviations so you are always aware of what will be affecting you in the future.

These are all issues that I am prepared to represent students on and have been proudly doing so as HSPS Part I Student Representative where I have campaigned for better accessibility to lecture halls and have successfully lobbied the Faculty to provide Part I students study skills sessions to ease the transition from school to university, addressing issues of college inequality and general access to Cambridge.

As Campaign’s Officer for the Cambridge Universities Labour Club, I have championed the cause of better support for students struggling with financial difficulties at both the University of Cambridge and Anglia Ruskin University. I am also involved in the Living Wage campaign as the representative for Girton where I am working with students and fellows on making our colleges truly responsible organisations. I supported recent UCU strikes as an issue affecting not only senior staff but many postgraduate students.

As NUS Delegate, I will work with other delegates across the country to make sure that future policy is driven by progressive change and that elected officers strongly campaign on a variety of issues affecting students both in and out of campus. These include:

- Cost of transport

- Student accommodation costs

- Support for EU students after Brexit

- Better mental health provisions

- Opposition to Universal Credit as a policy affecting disabled and mature students with children, for example.

The issues we are faced with are many and it is vital that we stand together to champion these causes. I want to be able to represent these issues nationally and bring back ideas to implement in our own University and colleges!