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for

CUSU ACCESS & FUNDING OFFICER



Hi, I'm Olivia (Liv), a 2nd year Philosophy student at Newnham. Having first been introduced to Cambridge through an **access visit in 2012** and coming back for **GEEMA summer schools** in subsequent years, I have **first-hand experience** of just how vital access work is and am **passionate** about making Cambridge more accessible to students from under-represented groups. Last year, I co-founded **Cambridge ACS Student Sessions** with **support from CUSU and Cambridge RAG**. Over 30 students attended. At least 7 students were invited to interview in the 2016/17 admissions cycle and 2 received offers*. More **access highlights** include...

1. JCR ACCESS OFFICER AT NEWNHAM (FEBRUARY 2016 TO PRESENT)

- Founded **Newnham's first BME Conference**
- Established the **Newnham JCR Instagram page** and "**Day in the Life**" series
- Co-wrote the Newnham page of the **Alternative Prospectus**

2. SCHOOLS LIAISON OFFICER AT NEWNHAM (SUMMER 2016)

- **Ran workshops** on Higher Education and Oxbridge admissions for students from year 9 upwards
- **Attended schools, colleges and HE fairs** as the university's sole representative
- **Engaged with teachers and parents** to tackle preconceptions about Oxbridge

POLICIES

1. CONTINUE THE GREAT WORK 😊

- Improve on existing #CambTweet Q&A sessions by introducing **Google Hangout Q&A sessions**
- **Extend the reach of the Shadowing Scheme** by circulating information to organisations that work with students from under-represented groups

2. SUPPORT MORE INTERSECTIONAL ACCESS INITIATIVES

- **Support societies and liberation campaigns** to work towards improving access for current and prospective students
- Kick-start a **Cambridge equivalent of OxVlog** to provide varied insights into life at Cambridge

3. GREATER TRANSPARENCY ABOUT ACCESS


- Update CUSU's "Access and Widening Participation" page to **create a central hub of access initiatives** happening across colleges
- Provide **bi-termly access bulletins** with information about changes to policy that could affect current and prospective students

VOTE MARCH 7TH - 10TH | #LIV4ACCESS BECAUSE I LIV(E) FOR ACCESS!**

*that I'm aware of – there may be more 😊

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Got questions? Feel free to message me on

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