

VOTE = STELLA = FOR CUSU
+ GU

★ WELFARE + RIGHTS ★



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I will advocate for:

★ Meaningful Structural Change

We often focus on treating the symptoms of the mental health crisis, but for real improvements we need to **change the conversation**, combining **proactive campaigning** with **countering its structural causes**.

The removal of maintenance loans and steep tuition fees have fostered an increasingly competitive environment. Pressure to make costly degrees 'worthwhile' is coupled with the stress of paying rising rents, while graduates face underpaid, casualised work. Education is undermined in favour of metrics, and alternative learning methods sidelined in aid of 'productivity'.

ACCESS TO HOUSING - I'll support and centralise rent efforts with CUSU and the GU, and work to combat housing inequality and homelessness in Cambridge

ANTI-CASUALISATION - I'll work with the rest of the GU and UCU to ensure the university fairly pays its workers, including graduate students, and with the Living Wage Campaign to advocate for the rights of casualised workers

COUNTERING COMPETITIVITY - I'll push to get a university swimming pool as a place for non-competitive sport and time out, and lobby for an afternoon without scheduled academic work a week

ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF LEARNING - I'll organise skillshares, teach-outs, and collaborative working environments, and make lecture recording and book and note sharing more accessible

★ Popping the 'Bubble'

The 'bubble' myth falsely divides students from people living in the town; this isolationism only places more pressure on students to make **academic achievements** their sole concern.

FACILITATING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT - I'll collaborate with town groups and ARU, e.g. by working with Jimmy's homeless shelter, the Period Poverty Campaign, and Women's Strike

OPEN ACCESS - I'll lobby for access to libraries regardless of college, and access to university and college spaces for local residents

★ No Welfare Without Rights: Proactive Campaigning

TRAINING STAFF - I'll ensure all tutors are trained in line with anti-discrimination policies and Sexual Assault and Harassment training, and create an online resource/course for all staff

ACTIVE ANTI-RACISM - I'll continue the End Everyday Racism Project, work to ensure that meaningful decolonisation doesn't end with curricula, and oppose the Hostile Environment and Prevent

SUPPORTING SURVIVORS - I'll work with the Women's Officer to improve our in-house support services for survivors of sexual violence, provide training with Cambridge Rape Crisis Centre, and restart CUSU's survivors forum

COMBATING STIGMA - I'll support student sex workers and campaigns for decriminalisation, run welfare forums, events, and awareness campaigns, and provide free first aid + mental health training for all