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FOR GU LGBTQ+ OFFICER

WHO AM I?

I'm Howard, a master's student at Magdalene College. As someone who also did their undergraduate degree here, I'm familiar with the issues that matter most to LGBTQ+ students, especially LGBTQ+ students of colour. Cambridge University is a great place to be LGBTQ+, but there's always more that can be done. I'm keen to build on the work of previous LGBTQ+ Officers to continue the GU's legacy as a space of support and community for LGBTQ+ students, and campaign for our rights.

WHY ME?

I have the experience to work together with others to effectively campaign for positive change and provide students with support.

- As LGBTQ+ Officer of the Cambridge University SU Black & Minority Ethnic Campaign, I supported LGBTQ+ students of colour and helped launch FUSE, a network for LGBTQ+ students of colour.
- As BME Officer of Magdalene College JCR, I organised socials and other events for BME students to build a sense of community.
- As a Student Rep on the Faculty Board of History, I worked with the UCU and others to support their successful campaign to end the History Faculty's use of unpaid teaching by grad students.
- As a Reporter and Section Editor for Varsity, the student newspaper, I've written about many of the issues that matter to students.

MY GOALS & PRIORITIES:

- Organise a programme of events for LGBTQ+ History Month in February, with a particular focus on how sexuality intersects with race, class, gender, etc.
- Work closely with the Women's, International, BME, Families, and Disabilities Officers to ensure that the GU supports and empowers all LGBTQ+ students (e.g. by running joint events).
- Acting as a point of contact for all concerns from LGBTQ+ students.
- Act on the findings of the recent 'Out at Cambridge' Report, working with the GU Sabbatical Officers to campaign for the University to improve its policies on discrimination.

