



LEADERSHIP
ELECTIONS

MEET THE CANDIDATES

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WELCOME

Welcome to the manifestos booklet for the 2024 annual Cambridge SU elections. Next academic year, the winners of these elections will be your primary student representatives, and run your Students' Union. Their manifestos are your way of deciding who you want speaking for you - so please do spend a little time reading through them and listening to what they have to say before casting your vote.

Remember that in every election, if you are not happy with any of the candidates, you may also vote to re-open nominations ("RON"). If RON wins an election, nominations for that position will be reopened and a by-election held in due course.

Voting is online via www.cambridgesu.co.uk/vote. The ballot will open at 9 am on Monday 26th February, and close at 5pm on Thursday, 29th February. Provisional Results will be announced from 7pm on Thursday, 29th February, with the Official Results being confirmed later.

We hope that this year's elections are enjoyable for you, and that you can engage with them as much as possible!

THE DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE

DEMOCRACY COMMITTEE

Returning Officer: Archie McCann
Student Council Chair: Benjamin Knight
Democracy Committee Members: Yugal Kishore
Executive Representative: Caredig ap Tomos

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SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE

WHAT ARE STV ELECTIONS

Under STV (Single Transferable Vote), voters rank candidates in order of preference by marking 1, 2, 3 and so on next to the names of candidates on a ballot. A voter can rank as many or as few candidates as they like or just vote for one candidate.

Each candidate needs a minimum number of votes to be elected. This number is calculated according to the number of positions and votes cast and is called a quota. The first preference votes for each candidate are added up and any candidate who has achieved this quota is elected.

If a candidate has more votes than are needed to fill the quota, that candidate's surplus votes are transferred to the remaining candidates. Votes that would have gone to the winner instead go to the second preference listed on those ballot papers.

If candidates do not meet the quota, the candidate with the fewest first preference votes is eliminated and the second preference votes are transferred to other candidates. These processes are repeated until all the seats are filled.

The winner is the candidate who reaches the 'quota' first.

The quota for each of these elections is $50\%+1$ of all the votes cast in that ballot.

STAGES OF COUNTING

1. First preference votes counted
2. If no-one reaches the quota, last-place candidate is eliminated
3. The second preferences of voters who chose that candidate are redistributed among those remaining
4. This continues, if necessary repeating these steps, until someone reaches the quota

CANDIDATES ARE LISTED IN THE FOLLOWING ORDER

Access, Education & Participation Officer (UG)

Katie Clarke
Sam Eastoe

Access, Education & Participation Officer (PG)

Christian Cepeda
Cynthia Ugwu
Neela Maadhuree Aramandla

BME Officer

Maroof Rafique

Disabled Students' Officer

Chalo Waya

President (UG)

Hammad Chaudhry
Sam Hutton
Sarah Anderson

President (PG)

Sumouli Bhattacharjee
Vareesh Pratap

Women's Officer

Manjari Gupta

Double Time Portfolio Officer

Ruth Shaw

University Councillor

Alex Myall

Candidates Without Manifestos

Rose Moffat - President (PG)
Jacob Walsh - Welfare & Community Officer

KATIE FOR UNDERGRAD ACCESS, EDUCATION AND PARTICIPATION OFFICER

CLARKE



Hello! I'm Katie, a third-year geography student at Sidney Sussex and I would love to have the privilege of representing your AEP needs at the SU. I went to one of "England's worst schools" (The Mirror, 2016) and am a **first-generation, state comprehensive and bursary-receiving student**, and have spent a significant portion of my time here trying to make Cambridge more accessible and equitable to every student.

MY PROMISES TO YOU

SU PANTRY FOR STUDENTS



- Adequate nutrition is essential for well-being, but students are increasingly going hungry. **We should not have to compromise on health to study at Cambridge.**
- I would **expand the food bank scheme** I created at Sidney to be university-wide, so that no student has to worry about where their next meal is coming from.

STANDARDISED PREP WEEK



- I will **standardise Prep and Bridging Weeks** at the start of the Michaelmas term for freshers at all colleges to **ensure everyone has the same head start.**
- These will be **fully funded** to ensure that the extra week **does not cause undue financial strain** on the students who would benefit from it most.

REDUCING JCR WORKLOAD



- I will **reduce the number of access forums per term** and instead do **one-on-one meetings** with officers focused on where I can help them with their projects.
- I will also create **resource packs** for JCR officers with financial guides, alternative prospectuses and other templates so they can **focus more on people than paperwork.**

COLLATE A DATABASE OF OPPORTUNITIES



- Most Cambridge target and access opportunities like open lectures, essay competitions and workshops **currently rely on word of mouth or proactive searching.**
- I will create a **new online constantly updated database** that collates and **explains all opportunities** for GCSE and A-level students at each Cambridge college in one place.

A REFORMED SHADOWING SCHEME



- The **Shadowing scheme is no longer fit for purpose:** it is inefficient and does not give prospective students an enriching experience they can carry on to further education.
- I will devote the start of my tenure to **reforming the SU's yearly outreach programme** to be more **inclusive and enriching** for all involved.

ACTIONS, NOT JUST WORDS

AS SIDNEY JCR ACCESS OFFICER I ...

- Created the 'Sidney Financial Guide' to **help freshers to develop financial literacy**
- Reformed the Hardship fund so students can **access help with more dignity**
- Created the **Class Act fund** in collaboration with our Class Act officer
- Created the **first college food bank 'help hub'**, offering **free groceries** to all 350 Sidney undergraduates
- **Oversaw the implementation** of the first **Sidney Prep Week** in 2022



AS UNION ACCESS OFFICER I ...

- Created the **foundation year membership** in collaboration with the university Foundation year team to **diversify voices**
- Created a **new set of teaching resources** for school visits
- Carried out the **Stephen Fry scholarship programmes**



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SAM EASTOE

Eastward, not Backwards

Hi there, I'm Sam and I'd be honoured to be your choice as our next UG Access, Education and Participation Officer. Amidst economic and academic turmoil for students, it's never been more important the barriers to achievement here are broken apart, and with your support I'll work to make them history.

The plan I have aims to tackle the injustices and open up the closed doors students deal with each day, and having worked to expand and protect access measures in two of Cambridge's largest societies already, I believe I can deliver it.

Defending Education:

- Work to bring **all** lectures back online and to make it easier for people to access recordings
- Lobby for the return of online exams for all students who want them - no more bureaucratic barriers
- Continue to fight for the Reading week - you voted for it, you will get it
- Make sure administrative issues regarding admissions are ironed out - joining up with us or returning from an intermission should be as easy as possible
- Ensure as much information as possible is provided on mitigation measures and how to apply for them from the University and the SU, make sure the application process is as transparent as possible

Access means Access

- Fight to **increase** the university bursary rate for students - no more stalling while living costs skyrocket
- Make sure every college puts access at the forefront of their agenda - work with JCRs to ensure every college has an access officer and as many as possible have an access budget for students in need
- **Greater access to music**- SU grants for music lessons, more funding and support for people to learn and develop.
- Push for a **more organised, more expansive** outreach programme - serve the most disadvantaged areas of our country, and leave no one's potential to waste.

Fair Participation:

- Work to make sure the University makes steps to **close the attainment gap**, and that the actions recommended by advisory groups are fairly evaluated
- Ensure regular drop-in sessions for students to discuss educational issues, and have those issues conveyed to Uni leadership
- **Zero tolerance** for bigotry on campus. Campaign and act against exclusionary practices where we see them

A Better University:

- No more arms companies - work to sever the links between this university and military manufacturers, no presence on campus
- Work to ensure the University keeps up with its climate commitments - scrutinise the support offered by those seeking environmental destruction
- Build links with the local trade union movement and encourage support from our students - it's workers who make our time at university special

My vision for this role, for the SU, and for our University is bold enough to have a real impact on the way students engage with Uni life, but grounded in reality - rest assured my head is nowhere near the clouds. If you want to talk over any of this with me I'm always free to, and with your support let's move Eastward, not backwards, on February 29th.





CHRISTIAN CEPEDA

To Empower Every Voice and Pave Pathways to Prosperity, Vote for Christian C!

About Myself:

My journey as a first-generation Mexican-American to an M.Phil. student at Cambridge has been fueled by a commitment to inclusivity and support. At Stanford University, I worked for two years to ensure that students from all backgrounds had the support they needed to thrive, a mission I carried forward at Cambridge by founding the First-Generation and Low-Income Students Society. My roles within the CU Latin American and Mexican Societies, and as the Ethnic Minority Officer for Downing MCR, were not just positions of leadership but opportunities to foster a culture of belonging. Through these experiences, I have aimed to create a community where every student feels valued and supported. This manifesto extends that commitment to every postgraduate student at Cambridge, promising initiatives that offer not just access, but a pathway to prosperity for all.

Mission Statement:

“To champion a culture of inclusivity, access, and success for past, present, and future Cambridge postgraduates.”

Initiatives During My Term:

For Future Students:

- **Access & Funding:** Develop a comprehensive directory of funding opportunities, detailing international fellowships, scholarships, and grants tailored for postgraduate study.
- **Housing Guide:** Compile a resource of accommodation options, focusing on affordability and accessibility.
- **Academic Preview:** Create a database of previous dissertations across departments and facilitate a mentorship network with PhD alumni for prospective students.

For Current Students:

- **Resource Sharing:** Advocate for cross-library access during off-peak times to ensure all students can benefit from the university's rich academic resources.
- **Financial Inclusion:** Seek funding solutions for essential university traditions, such as for formal gowns or May Balls, ensuring no student is excluded due to financial barriers.
- **Discount Directory & Job Opportunities:** Provide a curated list of student discounts city-wide and a comprehensive guide to on-campus job opportunities, emphasising roles that support academic and extracurricular engagement.
- **Academic Support:** Enhance the accessibility and visibility of writing tutors and readers, making academic support more centralised and readily available.

For Alumni:

Alumni Networks: Establish dedicated alumni groups for first-generation and/or low-income graduates and expand ethnic minority networks, starting with a Latin American Alumni Network, to foster a lifelong community of support and mentorship.





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26th Feb to 29th Feb !



NEELA MAADHUREE

for PG Access, Education and Participation Officer

ABOUT ME:

- MPhil Machine Learning and Machine Intelligence Student
- Passionate about **inclusivity** and **opportunity for all**
- Strong advocate for students, proven by shaping better academic schedules and securing extra funds for clubs as the **Vice President of my undergraduate College's Student Council**
- **4 years' experience in the tech industry** where I learnt the power of teamwork and diverse perspectives.
- My goal in the Student Union is to actively listen to your input and work towards improving our collective experiences.

MY TOP PRIORITIES AS OFFICER:

1. Empowerment through Finance:

- **Inflation-aligned Bursaries:** Proposing increased bursary support to meet the rising cost of living.
- **Enhanced PhD Stipends and Supervision Compensation:** Advocating for fair stipend increments and supervision compensation valuing the hard work of our doctoral candidates.

2. Engagement in Decision Making:

- **Deferred Admit Support:** Introducing policies to defer PG offers that are dropped due to funding, ensuring future scholars don't lose opportunities.
- **Improved Funding Visibility and Support:** Boosting the awareness and accessibility of financial schemes, and improved support for self-funded and international students.

**Empower, Engage, Enhance:
"Your Voice, Our Cambridge"**

3. Enhanced Cambridge Experience:

- **Unified Information Channel:** Streamlining communication to keep you well-informed of Cambridge happenings for easier decision-making, reducing the hustle of finding information.
- **Improved Participation:** Crafting initiatives to nurture inclusivity and connection among all students, ensuring no one feels isolated
- **Streamlined SU Access:** Creating dedicated channels for efficient and effective Student Union engagement.

4. Advancing Our Learning Environment:

- **Remote Access Options and enhanced supervision:** Guaranteeing flexible learning methods for all, ensuring education remains uninterrupted and accessible. Improving the office hours/supervision support.

Let's make it happen. Vote for Neela – Have your say and I will give my best!



MAROOF RAFIQUE

Cultures Combined, Cambridge Refined!

Hi! I'm Maroof Rafique (He/Him), your go-getter for the role of Black & Minority Ethnic (BME) Officer Candidate for 2024-25. From calling the shots at the National Youth Policymaking Committee to steering the ship at the Standing Committee on Electoral Reforms, my journey's been a whirlwind of action-packed roles. I'm all set to sprinkle some policy magic in our Cambridge community for another year!

My time at the Federal Ombudsman for Protection Against Harassment has armed me with the know-how to tackle tough stuff at the Office of Student Conduct, Complaints and Appeals (OSSCA), diving into issues like sexual, academic, and racial misconduct. Plus, get ready for the decolonization hub I plan to set up at the Cambridge SU, championing for a more diverse curriculum!

Vision Quest:

Diversity is not just a concept to be acknowledged; it is a rich tapestry of threads, each having equal value, no matter the colour. As your BAME Officer, I pledge to tirelessly work towards a Cambridge where the doors are always open—where every student, regardless of their background, is empowered to thrive, contribute, and shine. Together, let's make Cambridge a place where diversity is not just celebrated but is integral to our collective success and identity.

Agenda:

- 1. Promoting and Celebrating Diversity:** Advocate for the full integration of BAME voices in decision-making processes, promoting cultural events that celebrate our diverse backgrounds. This not only enriches our university life but fosters a sense of belonging and community among all students.
- 2. Addressing Systemic Inequalities:** Collaborate with the university administration to dismantle systemic barriers and biases that hinder the progress of BAME students. Through targeted actions, we aim to create an equitable academic and social environment for everyone.
- 3. Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing:** Push for the establishment of culturally sensitive mental health services, ensuring that BAME students have access to competent support tailored to their unique experiences.
- 4. Enhancing Academic Support:** Advocate for the creation of more scholarship opportunities and academic resources specifically designed for BAME students, ensuring they can excel in their academic pursuits.
- 5. Increasing Representation:** Strive for greater representation of BAME faculty and staff, providing students with mentors who reflect their backgrounds and experiences. This is crucial for fostering an environment of inclusion.
- 6. Addressing Student Safety:** Ensure the safety and wellbeing of BAME students on campus through initiatives such as awareness campaigns and bystander intervention training, creating a secure and supportive environment.
- 7. Promoting Community Engagement:** Foster partnerships with BAME community organizations, encouraging volunteerism and engagement that bridge the gap between the university and the wider community, enriching both.





CHALO WAYA

Action and engagement.

I am a mature postgraduate student caught at the intersection among ageism, racism and ableism.

Having studied in Cambridge for my MPhil previously as an able-bodied student, I am back to read for my PhD as a disabled student. I have been back for one year and, during this time, I have experienced what is called a 'sitpoint' - the opposite of a 'standpoint'. I have seen Cambridge from a wheelchair. It is very different from Cambridge as experienced from a bicycle or on foot. Among other difficulties, I have faced huge financial headwinds because of my disability, and still been told that I did not qualify for hardship funding. And yet some of my able-bodied friends got up to £3,500 for cost-of-living reasons. Because my College did not have anywhere to put me when I first arrived, I lost a lot of time shuttling among different forms of accommodation. I hardly made my first-year annual review time limit. I have only ever been to my college MCR once because it is inaccessible. I could barely make my college or the university understand my needs or to believe that they existed to begin with. As it stands, I have no idea where I am living next.

All this has given me a good idea of just how ill-prepared Cambridge and its colleges are for disabled students. In Cambridge, there is a dearth of information, understanding and sensitivity about the realities that face disabled students and their needs. I would like to transfer the skills that I have learnt and use the information that I have gained about the workings of the Colleges and the Collegiate University as a student leader thus far and join forces with my colleagues on the Disabled Students' Campaign and the Student Council to make things better for disabled students. I would like to see the Colleges and the Universities working better with other entities such as the City Council and local charities to expand the spaces that are open to disabled students and increase the resources available to them in the University and the city. I would like to explore ways in which disabled international students, who are not eligible to receive disability allowances in the UK, can find alternative support.

I am currently receiving invaluable experience as the postgraduate student representative for the School of Arts and Humanities (eight faculties and three institutes) on the Student Council. I am the postgraduate student representative, respectively, on the School Council and Postgraduate Education Committee of the School of Arts and Humanities. I am also President of the Cambridge Canadian Club. This useful leadership and lobbying experience - besides similar experience garnered in the workplace and other spheres of life in all five inhabited continents - will enable me to get the most with and for my fellow disabled students if elected.

I very much hope that you are happy to support my bid for election and my work thereafter if I am chosen to lead the campaign.





HAMMAD CHAUDHRY

Lets together make the difference you want to see!!!

Dear respected fellow students!

I'm Hammad Chaudhry and I'm running for the SU UG President. There is inadequate student representation in the SU that prevents effective policy making. This results in greater dissatisfaction among the students as these student-hating policies negatively impact our student experience at Cambridge. I and you, we both feel that we need an effective student voice to represent and advocate and enact student-loving policies that makes your student experience worth remembering. As we embark on this journey together, I offer you a manifesto rooted in the principles of empowerment, representation, and unity. Remember, turning your dreams into reality is a click away.

My Manifesto

Increased financial support: I will reform financial model by increasing the hardship funds and making it accessible to everyone so their education shouldn't suffer due to financial difficulties.

Equal opportunity: I will create equal opportunities for everyone, so no one suffers due to their personal circumstances and has equal opportunity to excel at their maximum potential.

Reform healthcare system: I will make NHS prescription free of charge.

Student welfare: I will provide adequate student counselling and effective remedies including adjustments to teaching and exams.

Tuition fee refund: I will advocate for tuition fee refunds due to strike disruption.





Sam Hutton

FOR A UNION THAT SUPPORTS US

Why me?

Hi, I'm Sam, a third year running to be your next SU president. I know the **SU has problems**, and I've already been working to fix them. In my role as Ethical Affairs Chair, I've **run events for marginalised students, criticised SU council inefficiency** as well as help **student campaigns navigate complex SU bureaucracy**.

I also know the University has problems, and ones that we can solve. In the campaign against fossil fuel funding, I have sat on University committees, and learnt how to **get stuff done**. There needs to be a change in the way we handle **workload**, and I believe I can deliver a **reading week**.

I can't solve all the problems with this University, but I want to **make the SU a real community** that can support us across our time here.



End Week Five Blues

01

- Deliver a **Reading Week**.
- Reform exam and workload adjustments and mitigations.
- Provide welfare support training, and strengthen the Student Advice Service for workload concerns.



Space for Student Life

02

- Open an **SU Bar/Cafe**
- **One procedure** for room bookings across the University
- More **easily bookable rooms** within the SU and colleges.



Tackle Financial Burdens

03

- **Lower rents** through collectivised rent bargaining.
- Improve the bursary which has not kept up with fees/inflation.
- Push for **free UBus travel for students**.



Support Marginalised Students

04

- Anonymous **accessibility reporting procedure**.
- Prioritise welfare events in the SU.
- Campaign against bigoted academics.



Reform SU Decision Making

05

- More student members' **open meetings**.
- **Shorten three week cycle for implementing policy**.



Urgent Climate and Ethical Action

06

- Aim to **cut all University ties with Fossil Fuels and Arms**.
- Pressure the Uni to expedite its ethical commitments.

Experience:

Academic Rep (2021-2022),
ESB Course Rep (2022-2023),
Ethical Affairs Chair (2023-2024),
and society committee positions inc.
CUQS, CAMS, CUSFS, CURTS.

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scan the QR code!





Vote

Sarah

#BringTheSUToYou

Hi, I'm **Sarah** (she/her) and I'm running to be your next **UG President**. I've been listening to and standing up for students throughout my time at Cambridge, from fighting for **workload reduction** during tripos reform, to restructuring rent at Fitz to **save students money**. I know how hard it can feel to fit in here, so if you share my vision for a **supportive, inclusive Cambridge**, vote for me and we can build it together.

Resits and Better Exam Adjustments

- Fight to introduce resits to make assessment fairer
- A more accessible exam adjustments and mitigations process

Mental Health support that goes further than posters and coasters

- Standardise training for tutors
- A wellbeing coordinator every college to signpost students
- Easier access to ongoing university support and counselling

Tackling the Workload Problem

- Push for structural reform to change the culture of overwork
- Work with academic reps to create tripos specific solutions
- Deliver lecture capture for all students

More Resources for Societies

- Increase society grants to support all student groups
- Make room booking easier (and free!) across all colleges

Make Cambridge more Affordable

- Standardise and increase bursary funding
- Empower JCR reps to negotiate below inflation rent rises

Real Climate Action

- Fight for a proper, funded plan to get the university to net zero
- Improve the sustainability and heat efficiency of uni buildings
- Demand an end to fossil fuel and arms funding

Experience

Fitz **JCR President**
(2022 – 23)

SU Class Act Campaign
Secretary (2021 – 22)

Classics **Faculty Rep**
(2021 – 22)

I've fought to **deliver real change** for students, and I'm ready to lead the SU to do the same.

Get in touch!

linktr.ee/VoteSarah



SUMOULI BHATTACHARJEE

VOTE SUMOULI BHATTACHARJEE for PRESIDENT(PG) Strong, inclusive community Climate action Mental and physical health

Hi, I am Sumouli. I am a postgraduate student in Sustainability Leadership and I am standing in this SU election to become President (PG). I am passionate about climate action, mental health and total wellbeing, and building a stronger community of students at Cambridge with inclusivity and support at its core. I am also a sustainability practitioner.

Cambridge is a thriving and diverse community forming a microcosm of world population. Yet, there is isolation. Many students find Cambridge experience overwhelming, difficult to navigate, and way of life at the University daunting. While it is true for all levels, it is particularly stark with postgraduate studies. The ongoing cost of living crisis is further exacerbating this situation. All of this is resulting in a mental health epidemic which climate anxiety is also contributing to. We need to build a stronger community where no one feels isolated. I pledge to work towards building that strong, inclusive community for everyone regardless of their background and situation. We need to foster a community that can truly say to vulnerable among us, 'we got your back'.

I ask for your support to focus SU to be the catalyst for student wellbeing, the wellbeing as a whole - physical, mental, academic and emotional. If elected, I will focus SU to drive tangible and affirmative and targeted actions to address these challenges. Working with other colleagues, University Council, JCRs and MCRs, we will leave no stone unturned. This will involve:

- looking at bursaries to provide support
- exploring options to limit inflationary impact on student rents
- providing more counselling for students in need
- more free meals at the butteries, wherever possible
- greater visibility and participation of students in setting schedules within term calendar
- harnessing technology to build enhanced, high-quality learning resources
- further acceleration of cross college socials and targeted events to build stronger purpose of community

We are at the precipice of severe breakdown of our climate and natural world which will fundamentally change the way we live. We have to do everything we can to reverse this. We have to do it for us, we have to do it for generational justice. Cambridge is one of the premier hubs of knowledge with unrivalled cross discipline thought capital. We have to take the initiative, practice what we preach, and take leadership in combatting climate change. This will require a fundamental shift in the way we live. We have to examine energy usage of our colleges and departments, the impact of food being served in our butteries, the travels we need to undertake, single-use plastics usage and many more. These are complex problems and will require University wide collaboration to find pragmatic and impactful solutions. But we can definitely solve this if we put our collective brain trust together. We can also equip our students to become leaders to go back to working environments and communities to make the changes we desperately need.



Re-elect Vareesh Pratap as President (PG)

About me:

MPhil in Energy Technologies student
President (PG), Cambridge SU (2023-24)

I'm most passionate about:

A sustainable and all-inclusive future.

Experience as Student Representative:

- President (PG), Cambridge SU (2023-24)
- Trustee, University of Cambridge (2023-24)
- Trustee, Cambridge SU (2023-24)
- Engineering PG (T) – Academic Rep (2022-23)
- Treasurer, Lucy Cavendish MCR (2022-23)

Deliverables till now:

Championing Equity, Diversity & Inclusion:

Supported faith-based societies to find prayer spaces to avoid microaggressions, making Cambridge more inclusive.

U Bus: App-based issuance of discounted student tickets, to improve experience and help students amidst cost-of-living crisis.

PG Catch-ups: Held four days a work week to ensure student voices are heard routinely, fortifying student-centric ethos of SU.

Things I am currently working on:

- **University Rent Guarantor Scheme** to safeguard all students from exorbitant upfront payments demanded by private landlords as security deposit.
- Promoting **paid volunteerism** through various means, including the SU's PG weekly bulletin.
- Identifying **Student Considerate Shops** in the town to help students make most of their funds.
- Improving **accessibility to hardship and financial assistance support** to ease financial strain on the students.

I am re-running because:

It has been an immense privilege and pleasure to serve the student community as President (PG). I have had the opportunity to champion student-centric policies, navigate the complexities of diverse stakeholder interests, and secure the university leadership's commitment to supporting impactful changes, such as the **University Rent Guarantor Scheme**. I am confident that, with your vote, my accumulated efforts over the years will yield compounded results. **A consecutive term can ensure that mandated poll-promises are initiated early, providing more time for their effective implementation.**

Initiatives once getting re-elected.

- Developing a university level comprehensive database on **affordable private housing**.
- Enhancing **affordability and accessibility of food** offered by catering teams both during and outside of term time.
- Advocating for the **relaxation of part-time work limit restrictions** and increasing visibility of opportunities for the students.
- Defining **colleges' obligatory duties towards part-time students** to insure equitable institutional support.
- No additional compulsive charges, like minimum kitchen bill, if not clearly communicated at the application submission stage, to **safeguard students from hidden costs**.

In case you wish to know more, please drop me an email at vp416@cam.ac.uk



MANJARI GUPTA

I have embarked on an exciting journey. I am pursuing my MSt in Entrepreneurship at Cambridge (2023-25 cohort). I am passionate about Climate Education and Sustainability. I am a fun-loving person who loves cars, oceans and animals, and exploring new places. I am a vegetarian and a hardcore believer of reducing and reusing. I love to read, and I write too, usually fiction. Through my venture, I am solving this critical environmental challenge, combining my business acumen with a commitment to making a positive impact on our planet. I recently published my book titled 'The Bumpy Hike.' This humorous account sheds light on the idiosyncrasies of Indian society and the challenges faced by women in rural settings. Through my writing, I aim to entertain, inspire, and foster meaningful conversations on important social issues about women. I think I can be a suitable candidate for the post of Women's Officer.

Priorities as Women's officer:

I would help female students to get access to reduced rent, accessible meals and other needs

I would make an online community of female students for better connectivity and safety

I will help to provide better childcare facilities and financial help to supporting mothers.

I would like to simplify the process for student societies to apply for access-related funding and encourage colleges and the university


I will host online access and outreach events to ameliorate issues such as travel costs

I want to create the ultimate experience for part-time students, where they can stay in colleges with reduced accommodation charges.

Find more about me here <http://www.linkedin.com/in/manjari-gupta-380500a9>



Ruth for Double Time Officer!



Hi, I'm Ruth, an MMLLer at Medwards. I know what it's like to submit multiple Double Time applications (and the complications which arise when the process can take up to 6 months) - but I also know firsthand the transformative difference Double Time can make. I'm passionately motivated to increase awareness and provide unwavering support for those on Double Time or considering navigating the application process.

I want to...

- **Increase awareness** of Double Time as an option for students, including continuing to promote and update the Double Time guide
- Provide **support and solidarity** for those navigating the Double Time application process
- **Highlight discrepancies** between different students' experiences of applying and petition to **speed up and simplify** the process
- **Host socials and drop-ins** for Double Time students and those considering applying
- Provide welfare packs for Double Time students and those applying

What I bring...

- Experience **advocating for disabled students** as Medwards JCR Disabilities Officer, including providing and raising awareness of Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Lanyards.
- Strong **communication skills**, with a focus on **ensuring accessibility**, particularly in my role as Mentoring Coordinator for Head Up!.
- Experience **organising events** (including baking the cakes for them!) such as socials, panel events and welfare pack distribution.
- Experience through **teaching and mentoring** in **creating a supportive community**. I want to facilitate a community **offering practical and positive support** to each other.

Do feel free to get in touch with me at res89@cam.ac.uk



ELECT ALEX MYALL AS UNIVERSITY COUNCILLOR

➤ WHY AM I STANDING?

I want effective representation for students at the highest level, I will scrutinise university leadership relentlessly, and aim to make this a more equal university for all.

➤ EXPERIENCE:

- **Robinson JCR (RCSA) President** - I have sat on College Council for the last two terms, helped to introduce long term rent contracts at Robinson and campaigned for free prescriptions.
- **JCR Sports and Societies Officer** - Fixed the pool table! Regular attendee of the university's Sports Committee.

➤ WHAT WILL I DO?

- **Open Access to All Colleges** - I will campaign to ensure all colleges are open to all Cambridge University students at reasonable hours on presentation of a CamCard. Students should not be made to feel like **trespassers** at their university!
- **Push for Climate Action** - The University has procrastinated at every stage for strong action on climate change, I will push for stronger action **now** at every level.
- **Workload Crisis** - I will campaign for meaningful action on student workload, whether that be via a **reading week**, an extended term, or reduced workloads.
- **Fair Pay** - Cambridge is one of the **richest** universities in Europe, all staff should be employed and paid fairly.

RE-OPEN NOMINATIONS

If you are not happy with any of the current candidates standing for election, you can vote to Re-Open Nominations (RON). RON appears on the ballot and votes for RON are counted in the same way as those for candidates. If RON is declared the winner after all votes have been counted, the election will be held again. The original candidates are allowed to run again in the new ballot, but it gives the opportunity for new candidates to run.

If nominations are re-opened for one of the sabbatical positions, or a University Council position, then a new cross-campus election for those positions will be held in Easter Term.

WHY VOTE RON?

Voters may choose to vote RON for one of the following reasons:

- They do not think any of the available candidates should be elected.
- They would rather have more choice and be able to select from a greater number of candidates (not a guaranteed outcome).
- They have already ranked some candidates, but feel that none of the remaining candidates should be elected.

You do not need to vote for RON in an election, so if you think all of the candidates are better than no candidate, don't put a number next to RON on your ballot!

TIMELINE

Mon 26th Februaury
Voting Opens 9am

Thurs 29th Februaury
Voting Closes 5pm



Tues 27th Februaury
Hustings 6pm

Thurs 29th Februaury
Results 7pm



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