

ESEOSA 4 WOMEN'S



Hi I'm Eseosa (she/her)! I'm a Postgrad doing an Mphil in Gender Studies. I've been organising in student spaces for the past three years and I'm excited to represent women at Cambridge!

Experience:

Postgraduate Officer BME Campaign CUSU • Women and Non-Binary Officer Queens' MCR • Warwick Anti-Racism Society Exec • Warwick Anti-Sexism Society Exec • Environment and Ethics WSU Officer • Decolonise the Curriculum Advocate WSU

We Deserve to be Paid, Valued and Supported

Our pay matters, our grades matter, our support matters.

PostGrad Pay: Postgraduate college supervisors are being criminally underpaid on precarious contracts. I will work closely with postgraduate students and the UCU on their Justice 4 College Supervisors Campaign pressuring colleges and the central University.

Attainment Gap: There is a gendered, classed and racialised attainment gap in Cambridge. I will work with both Access Officers and the BME Officer to address this. In large part this mean decolonising the curriculum and organising for a liberated education. I will continue existing work on this, encouraging an unsettling of gender as a colonial/colonised construct.

Support for Student Sex Workers: It's time to stop shaming sex work and start practically supporting student sex workers ensuring their safety and welfare. Being attentive to the fact that some students choose sex work for the fun of it, I will establish judgement-free guidance and practical help for all student sex workers.

We Deserve Love

"Love is a combination of care, commitment, knowledge, responsibility, respect and trust." bell hooks. Sometimes love looks like a protest, a picket line and/or a book club - organising and learning together.

Fortnightly book club: As the PG Officer on the BME Campaign I started a fortnightly book club reading anti-racist, feminist, abolitionist texts; and we volunteer in a Community Garden for praxis too. If elected I will expand this because feminist theory should be accessible, practical learning in community.

Support Groups: We flourish when we can gather as a community. With Covid rules loosening and the SU changing buildings, I will petition for a dedicated, open access and well-resourced liberation space for us to meet, organise, support each other, chill, and re-energise.

Local Community Organising: 'If your feminism isn't intersectional it ain't shit'. There are so many local organising groups that we can and should be working with on a range of issues. As Women's Officer I'd continue developing links with national and local groups like Sister's Uncut or Cambridge Women's Aid, ensuring our feminism is anti-racist, anti-capitalist and abolitionist.

We Deserve to feel Safe

Drink spiking: I will work with College porters, JCR's and MCR's to make sure every College is stocked with drink covers, stoppers for bottles and test strips. I will also consult with our local bars and clubs to stock these items there too. We should all feel safe on a night out.

TERFs aren't welcome here: This year saw an uptick of transphobic White Rose stickers appearing around the City and Jordan Peterson speaking at the Union. I will work with local groups, Encompass Network and Cambridge Diamonds against this trend. Promoting CUSU LGBTQ+ Campaigns' Trans Inclusion guide and checklist to colleges and the University.

Better Street Lighting in the City: Many of us adjust our routes home at night based on which paths have good lighting. I will work with the University and City Council to increase street lighting on Jesus Lane, Christ Pieces, Girton Ridgeway, Parker Piece etc. No one should feel unsafe in Cambridge.