Community

Community student engagement with the SU is of the utmost importance. As women’s officer I will focus on continuing to rebuild the women’s campaign and work directly with colleges to establish effective gender strategies and productive conversations. Working directly with JCR is so essential to creating effective solutions with individuals closer to these issues and help restore trust in the SU. I aim to create a feminist and intersectional community centre, creating a safe work and leisure space for collaboration and relaxation with continued book clubs and events with all of the inspiring gender and intersectional societies within Cambridge. We’re most effective when we work together and restoring trust and engagement with the SU can only be possible through outreach and collaboration with other important and vocal groups within college. Similarly important is continued volunteer activism and outreach work with communities and charities around Cambridge. Reclaim the Night was so strong because it joined so many groups together in a beautiful moment of solidarity. I intend to support the women’s campaign in expanding the accessibility of the online website and online resource signposting to also include a submission box for blog posts and anonymous submissions. Information must be clearly written and accessible, especially ready for freshers’ week.

Support and Safety

Continuing the work of the current women’s officer, street lighting and drinks spiking remain important issues and campaigning for greater safety measures from the council/ university will be continued. I would work with college JCRs and clubs/ bars to create a list of where these resources can be easily reached while using these contacts to ensure this is properly enforced. We must ensure that the menstrual and sexual health product scheme is properly carried out around the University with greater variety in products. Everyone should be accommodated regardless of budget/ need; being able to afford your period should never be a problem. We will continue to support postgraduate students in the face of casualised and insecure contracts, childcare services and especially understand how economic vulnerabilities aid sexual exploitation. It is my intention to work alongside Colleges to produce detailed outlines of the current disciplinary procedure within each college and how to work and access any help desired as well as surveys to ascertain how this works in practice within each college.

Data

Survey collection and research is necessary to analyse how gender inequality is experienced within Cambridge, allowing specific issues to be efficiently tackled and pressure to be easily applied. I will investigate donor funding, funding differences between faculties and accessibility. Sport facilities and support within sport societies remains important. As well as being amazing centres for development and support, I would investigate attitudes within colleges and Universities particularly through surveys and research in order to pressure the University and colleges into providing support and education programmes where necessary. Further I will encourage debate through the SU and about it, accountability is essential.

Love and Solidarity, Rosie (2022/23s WomCam Chair)