

TARA FOR BME OFFICER



TO BE HONEST I'VE NEVER REALLY SEEN MYSELF AS A CANDIDATE FOR THE STUDENT UNION, BUT WHEN THIS POSITION OPENED UP, I KNEW I HAD TO RUN FOR IT. MY **PASSION, EXPERIENCE AND COMMITMENT** WILL ENABLE ME TO USE THIS ROLE TO FIGHT FOR A VISION THAT SEES CAMBRIDGE COMING OUT OF THIS PANDEMIC A **HAPPIER, HEALTHIER AND SAFER ENVIRONMENT FOR PEOPLE OF COLOUR TO THRIVE AND SUCCEED IN**. COMING HERE HAS BEEN A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE FOR ME, BUT I WANT TO LEAVE IT KNOWING THAT I'VE DONE EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO IMPLEMENT THE REFORMS NEEDED FOR THIS INSTITUTION TO LIVE UP TO THE COMMITMENTS IT HAS MADE TO ACTIVELY CONFRONT AND ELIMINATE EXISTING INEQUALITIES.

IN MY TIME HERE I'VE GAINED A REPUTATION FOR ASKING THE HARD QUESTIONS. THROUGH HOLDING THOSE IN CHARGE TO ACCOUNT, AND DOING MY BEST TO ENSURE I MYSELF HAVE BEEN ACCOUNTABLE IN THE ROLES I'VE TAKEN UP, I'VE DEDICATED MY TIME HERE TO ADVOCATING FOR **PROGRESS ON OUR TERMS**, NOT THE UNIVERSITY'S. AS MY COLLEGE'S BME OFFICER, I MADE IT MY PHILOSOPHY THAT ANY MEASURES I IMPLEMENTED WOULD OUTLIVE MY TENURE AND CONTRIBUTE TO LONG-TERM CHANGE WITHIN THE CULTURE AND PRACTICES HERE. **IT'S THIS ENERGY THAT I WILL BRING TO THE ROLE IF YOU ELECT ME AS BME OFFICER.**

DEMOCRATISE

I WOULD BUILD ON THE WORK OF THE PREVIOUS BME OFFICER BY CONTINUING TO RUN REGULAR FORUMS WITH BME STUDENTS AND ENCOURAGE AN OPEN DIALOGUE THAT WOULD ENABLE ME TO REPRESENT AND COMMUNICATE THE DIVERSE VIEWS OF OUR COMMUNITY

DELIVER!

- **CREATING A CROSS-SUBJECT COMMITTEE OF BME STUDENTS THAT WORKS ALONGSIDE SUBJECT REPS TO IMPROVE DIVERSITY AND ACADEMIC REPRESENTATION. WE NEED INFRASTRUCTURE THAT CENTRES BME VOICES TO ENSURE 'DECOLONISING' IS NOT MERELY EMPLOYED AS A BUZZWORD BY FACULTIES**
- **IMPLEMENTING STANDARDISED, TRANSPARENT AND COMPREHENSIVE ANTI-RACIST TRAINING TO BE DELIVERED TO ALL STUDENT-FACING STAFF ACROSS THE UNIVERSITY**
- **I WILL CONTINUE THE CURRENT EFFORTS BEING MADE TO REFORM THE UNFIT-FOR-PURPOSE SYSTEM(S) IN PLACE FOR REPORTING RACIAL HARASSMENT**
- **TANGIBLE, MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

DEVELOP

I WANT TO DEVELOP A CULTURE AT CAMBRIDGE THAT NOT ONLY SUPPORTS BME STUDENTS, BUT CELEBRATES US AND OUR CONTRIBUTIONS

I WOULD WORK WITH AND SUPPORT THE MULTITUDE OF INSPIRING GRASSROOTS BPA/BLACK ACCESS INITIATIVES RUN BY STUDENTS HERE

