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GEORGINA BULL

I am passionate about improving University support for students with physical and mental health difficulties, as well as ensuring that University accommodation is at a high standard.

If I am elected as Welfare Officer I will:

* Work to raise awareness with staff and students about the issues that students with physical and mental health difficulties might face, to reduce stigma, to encourage students with difficulties to feel more confident about seeking support, and to help other students and staff understand and empathise with those who are experiencing difficulties. This will be done through private meetings with staff, workshops, and in-lecture 'talks'.
* Set up a university 'Nightline' for students, and organise the training of volunteers so that they can adequately advise students.
* Set up a counselling/advice website exclusively for UoW students. The website will be for less urgent issues and will offer advice via email and a moderated forum. There will also be a live chat section for those who need advice quickly but feel uncomfortable talking on the phone.
* Improve University academic support for students whose difficulties are affecting their studies.
* Work with the University to invest more in halls and to improve facilities in halls. Make students' rights concerning their deposits and tenancy more accessible and ensure those rights are upheld by the University.
* In addition, I will always make time to give advice and act as advocate on a student's behalf to resolve issues relating to physical or mental wellbeing with staff.