SU MANIFESTO Form 2021/22

Position: Campaigns Officers

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Please state up to 5 of your aims for the year

- Transparency and accountability for Central's expenditures
- To boost the voices of, and not speak for, the student body
- To work on continual reparations and material change for BIPOC students, past and present
- Create safe spaces both in person and online, to air concerns and queries in confidence
- Get more support for international students, as well as UK based students, through scholarships and grants

Manifesto

We feel very excited with the potential of this role. Individually, with Maki being a foreign exchange student, and Anna growing up 20 minutes from London, we both bring different experiences but a shared passion for change. This involves climate justice, which triggered our motivation for this role: upon discovering Central has invested £65,298 to fossil fuel companies (discovering this whilst creating a performance for Central about Climate Change...). Alongside this, we are passionate about validating and uplifting the voices of d/Deaf, disabled, BIPOC and LGBTQ+ students – and all intersections of those identities - especially Black students, who have historically not received institutional support.

Maki has worked as a peer sex educator in New Mexico, as well as creating a Student Advocacy Union in their hometown – even helping to pass a law to support victims of domestic abuse – and interning for an Immigration lawyer that supported the cases for undocumented children. Anna was Head Girl at her secondary school: fronting charity campaigns; liaising with mental health charities to provide specialist Mental Health First Aid training for staff; and introducing gender neutral bathrooms. We feel our different experiences heighten our potential for the role, as we look forward to the challenge of working with our new shared community.

While our experiences and beliefs are important, we strongly feel that our responsibility as Campaigns Officers will be to decentre ourselves as individuals and instead focus on using our