

# SU MANIFESTO FORM 2020/21

Position: Women's Officer

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## Aims for the year:

- 1) To set up a support network for women who have disproportionately been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic – for example in terms of unemployment and domestic violence. This would be in order to direct those who need it to appropriate resources and support, as well as creating support from peers.
- 2) Set up online workshops for better education on inclusive language when discussing issues which affect women, in order to reduce the number of microaggressions and incidents of sexism from both students and staff.
- 3) Continue to set up and run scratch nights for women to share their work and have this celebrated in a safe space – whilst also ensuring that said spaces are inclusive
- 4) Raise awareness and champion work made by women outside of central within the industry, with a view to allowing the women of central to be able to see people in the industry who represent them, and are like them. Network with women in the industry and hopefully invite some to give talks about their experiences for Central students (either virtually or in person)
- 5) Continue and further the work of the Central Says Enough campaign, by asking new students to sign at freshers (as is currently done) and ensuring that education surrounding sexual assault, harassment and misconduct is continued throughout the year – in a way that is safe for survivors and doesn't include triggering material. All reporting should continue to be a survivor-led process.

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If elected, I will be continuing the work already done by current officers Beth and Kyanne and those before them; including the Central Says Enough campaign, free access to sanitary products, survivor-led reporting process and events which allow women to share their work and experiences. However, I believe there is still more to do. I want to work to ensure that every woman at central has a voice, and that they are uplifted. I will not let the institution brush women's complaints or struggles under the rug or let them be silenced. Central needs to be a safer, more inclusive space for all women. I will enact better education about identifying, correcting and apologising for the use of sexist, misogynistic and transmisogynistic languages and behaviours for students and staff. This will ensure that these do not continue to be ongoing problems at Central, as all too often they currently are. Any such language and behaviours should be met with a reliable zero-tolerance policy and be immediately followed up on a dealt with, and those who report them will listened to and supported. Everyone – student and staff – can learn to be more inclusive when talking about women and women's issues – this includes myself. I will continue to educate myself and listen to my peers and other liberation officers to ensure I am doing the best job I can for all women as well as championing any causes the other officers bring forward and standing side by side with them to tackle all issues of injustice toward all minority groups at Central. I want to raise awareness by all those affected by subjects often seen as 'taboo', – including endometriosis, miscarriage, abuse, abortion and infertility – to ensure that all those affected have access to support if and when it is needed. I would work with the campaigns officer to achieve this, as well as drawing Centrals attention and support to campaigns for women outside of the school and across the world. I also want to celebrate the amazing work being done by the women of central and give them the opportunity to share it, by running scratch nights and other events, as well as raising awareness of work done by women in the industry to increase support for female creators from all backgrounds, and ensure every woman at Central has someone in the industry to look up to. All spaces, discussions, and campaigns for the women of Central – including those I have mentioned above, as well as any others should be entirely inclusive and safe for all and I will ensure this happens.