

This is a women's world ... !

Did you know 61% of the university are female?

We dominate in numbers but is our voice heard?

My name is Julia Mabruk and I wish to be your new women's officer. I am involved with GCU Students' Association as a Welfare Volunteer, responsible for carrying out awareness campaigns. This experience allowed me to have a better insight into the work of Students' Association and many different aspects of student life and I feel that I am now ready to contribute in the University Life even more as your Women's Officer, representing all female students at Glasgow Caledonian University.

As a law student, I am aware of the fact that gender inequality is still present in almost all areas of our lives. As women's officer I will ensure that equality is observed at university level. I wish to promote and raise awareness of women's rights and female related issues such as female health, personal safety and self-defence.

My main policies as a women's officer will be:

- To raise awareness of the women's officer role in order to ensure that all female students know that they have their representative at the University
- Although there are many local and national campaigns concerned with women related issues, these hardly ever reach University students. I therefore wish to bring women aimed awareness campaigns to the University. One of the campaigns which has drawn my attention in particular is this year's NUS women campaign which focuses on the impact of violence and objectification towards female students. I would like to introduce this campaign to our university in order to fight against all forms of violence against women.
- One way I aim to tackle the issue of female objectification is by approaching the ARC with regard to holding female only gym sessions. I am aware that many females are body conscious and are eager to participate in exercise but feel uncomfortable in the gym environment. This initiative will not only tackle the issue of body image but will also help more women to become active and engage in physical exercise.
- I also wish to expand the role of women's officer and create a Women's Department made of volunteers in order to carry out the women orientated campaigns more effectively and get the largest number of students to participate in our student experience from the women's perspective.
- I am aware of the fact that many female students are not familiar with the position and role of the women's officer and often, when faced with difficult circumstances, do not know who they can turn to. I therefore wish to ensure that the position of the women's officer is as approachable as possible. I plan to organize a number of events within the Saltire Centre, including games, quizzes and drop in sessions in order to ensure the highest level of publicity regarding the office and promotion of women related issues, such as our health and safety.

Most importantly however, I am here for you, and I am open to any other suggestions and ideas you may have!!

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