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James Makono

Black and Minority Ethnic
Representative

My name is James Makono, and I am a final year Health studies student. As a student of ethnic origin who was born and raised in Africa and now living in the UK I have developed a deep understanding of the challenges and hardships of being an ethnic minority within the educational system. I can empathize with people from diverse backgrounds. I am certain that many BME students are eager to be represented within the university although their challenges may vary, and I confidently believe I can be their voice and express their opinions and portray their views in a manner that will benefit all ethnicities at DMU. I am assertive, reliable and open-minded. Also, I enjoy learning about different cultures and backgrounds, people and their cultures, and my objective is to promote variety and diversity in this modern day as much as possible.

De Montfort University has a very large population of ethnic students, all from different corners of the earth. Therefore, I believe there is a need to embrace the diversity in order to learn and better ourselves and to enlarge the standards of DMU and UK at large.

It is of great importance that there is equality for all as some BME students feel that they are not being represented equally as their fellow white students. If I am appointed to be the BME rep, my main aim would be to make sure that this issue is challenged and tackled so as to provide a comfortable, equal environment within DMU.

With my enthusiasm, I believe I can excel in this role as a BME rep although it is not an easy role. Also, I will work with other elected reps so as to gain and share knowledge about relevant policy development at DMU, in the local community and nationally and will also consult students about relevant issues.

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