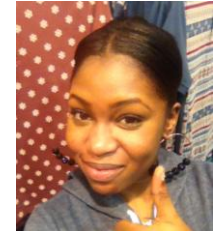


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BLACK AND MINORITY ETHNIC STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE



I am currently a second year Law student and, as an active Course Representative, it has really started to dawn on me the struggles that Black, Asian and other ethnic minorities face upon leaving Higher Education; the most disturbing part is how many BME students don't actually realise this and when they do it's too late.

I want to **help to educate BME students of the harsh realities that they face after graduation**

As a BME student I am aware that we are underrepresented not only at University level but also in the workforce. At De Montfort it may seem that there is a strong presence of Ethnic Minority Groups however the realities of this differ greatly after leaving Higher Education. I **aim to not only promote diversity within the University but also educate students of the difficulties they may face upon graduation, simply because of their ethnic background.** As a Law student after graduating, the next step is to obtain a training contract. You may have the same degree as your counterpart, however the amount of BME graduates who actually obtain training contracts is extremely slim, this alone shows how disadvantaged we actually are. My aim is to educate all BME students, **by inviting speakers from BME backgrounds who have persevered through all the obstacles in order to inspire and encourage us students.**

There are some students who come to University with the misconception that obtaining a degree is the 'be all and end all' of their lives, when in actuality it's about **growth, new experiences and making the most of your time.** As your BME Students' Representative I would like to **set a precedent new first year ethnic minority students to make use of every opportunity that is available to them,** in particular those targeted at BME students.

So VOTE FOR MEEEE!