



# DISABLED STUDENTS' REPRESENTATIVE

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### **Promoting ability over disability.**

My name is Louise and I am currently a year 2 Psychology student. Since October 2015, I have had the privilege of being your Disabled Students' Representative and would love to continue to represent you during my final year at DMU. Disabilities are a part of my daily life and I have lived with them for over 20 years. I believe that my life experiences partnered with the skills I have developed this last year and the links I have established make me your number 1 choice for the next academic year.

This role has afforded me to build relationships with some amazing people with disabilities here at DMU, both students AND staff, and this has improved my insight of the struggles faced daily. This knowledge has been invaluable in developing the following aims for 2016/17 which need addressing.

- I aim to work with DMU and the Disabilities Team to create an additional section to the e-induction for all Freshers. This will highlight any potential learning difficulties such as dyslexia, and enable students to begin the lengthy assessment process immediately after enrolment, which will benefit students as they will gain support sooner rather than later.

- I aim to look at improving the pastoral care the university offers to all students, with or without disabilities. Having helped a number of students on an individual basis providing the best support I can, I feel this is an important area that needs huge improvement and will research ways in which this area of university life can change to be more beneficial for all.

Finally, if elected, I pledge to continue to provide support and encouragement, empathy and empowerment to ensure your voice heard.

**Thank you for reading And make your vote count!!**

## NUS DELEGATE

I would love to represent DMU at the NUS Conference this year. With the skills I have gained being your Disabled Students' Representative and also being on the scrutiny panel for our Deputy President Education, I believe I am the right person to represent DMU and hold our National Union to account at the conference.