

VICE PRESIDENT WELFARE AND COMMUNITY CHRISTINA WALKER

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As a current third year student studying Psychology at De Montfort University I understand the importance of Welfare and Community. The role of the Vice President Welfare and Community is one that holds great potential in the growth and success of the university's student body. My experience at university has moulded me in to the vibrant, confident, driven and compassionate person that I am today and I ensure you that I am more than capable to pursue and excel in this role. I believe that my experience at the university has given me a well formed insight of the triumphs and also the issues that can be built and improved upon.

Advocacy is what I aim to accomplish through engaging with Course Representatives, ensuring success through assisting ideas and problems they present. Like the current Vice President Welfare and Community I recognise the importance of mental health and would like further emphasise, maintain and build upon the foundations she has left for example through the introduction of a 24 hour call in centre or an email account in which students can communicate anonymously with.

I would also propose a larger emphasis on supporting those at university through big brother big sister partnerships in which more experienced students interact and work alongside others, especially for those who are susceptible to vulnerability and isolation eg. Freshers and compulsory monthly meetings with tutors.

I also think it is essential for students to understand and recognise the importance of sexual health and would oversee the promotion of the walk in clinic that is available within the Students' Union, emphasizing the importance of sexual health especially in the university culture of casual sex.

It is important that the student voice is heard and will encourage all suggestions and new ideas.

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