



Are women equal today? I am a Journalism student and I believe there is always grounds to question equality. There are continual suggestions of injustice in the world. It is what makes news!

Closer to home, at De Montfort University (DMU) I would like to see female students opinions echoed, so that action can be made to help them directly.

I intend to campaign for the introduction of a *confidential service* for female students to visit in the SU. If they think they have been the victim of abuse or sexism, whatever the scale, they can speak to a male or female of their choosing.

Furthermore, I intend to introduce a comment box in the SU, so female students can use their voice, without giving their details.

Out there in the world, there are still signs of sexism. Yet things have improved for women. Like, the introduction of women bishops and more female MPs since the election.

However, the ratio of male MPs to females is still uneven and some traditionalists argue against female bishops. So, are the sexes truly equal?

Here at DMU, I intend to maintain and protect the opportunities that female students have.

This quote: "I am no bird; and no net ensnares me" from the novel *Jane Eyre* by Charlotte Bronte is significant. It offers empowerment to women at a time when they had little.

It highlights how trapped they were because of their 'inferiority'. For me this quote provides a sense of gratitude that, as a woman, I was born in the 20th Century.

Did you know, women were given the vote at the age of 30 in 1918? It was not until 1928 that women over 21 could vote. What did they fight for? Our future. We have a duty to continue this battle.

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