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Hey, I'm Shuwanna and I'm re-running to be your NUS Scotland Women's Officer! Last year, I ran on a platform of building a radical and intersectional Women's Campaign - one that elevates the voices of the most marginalised women and non-binary students. Over the last year, my committee and I have worked tirelessly to deliver on these promises - from engaging more than 100 students in our Feminism 101 and Leadership workshops, to facilitating a Consent Train the Trainer Course, Organising 'Fight for the Night' demonstrations and lobbying Universities, Colleges and the Government to take action against Gender Based Violence on campus. Re-elect me, and I will ensure that the Women's Campaign maintains its commitment to fighting for true liberation and building an unapologetic campaign that wins for women and non-binary students.

Over the last year:

- ★ Hosted Feminism 101 workshops across Scotland
- ★ Organised a 16 Days of Action Campaign including:
 - A Toolkit and campaigning resources
 - Support for the #Emilytest petition, collecting over 12,000 signatures
 - Lobbying for ring-fenced funding to tackle GBV
 - Fight for the night Demonstrations and Panel discussions
- ★ Created a Student's Association toolkit for tackling GBV
- ★ Worked with Students, university and college reps and Sparqs developing best practice for student engagement in the gender action plan, and ensuring an intersectional approach to ending gender imbalances on courses.
- ★ Hosted the Women of Colour Brunch in collaboration with the Black Student's Campaign
- ★ Worked with the LGBT+ Campaign to organise a Tackling Transmisogyny event
- ★ Supported the development of campaigns and student groups, with leadership, consent and bystander workshops, and free period campaigning
- ★ Campaigned for and worked with the Scot. government to introduce free sanitary products in Universities and Colleges, and to develop a Fresher's Campaign tackling Gender Based Violence
- ★ Created a briefing for Students Associations to respond to the Free Period Consultation.
- ★ Sat on the Equate Steering Board supporting their work with women in STEM.
- ★ Called on Student Associations, Universities Scotland and Colleges Scotland to collate a best practice hub for Parent-friendly Campuses.

Experience

- ✓ NUS Scotland Women's Office 17/18
- ✓ NUS Scotland Black Student's Officer 16/17
- ✓ Edinburgh University BME Convener 15/16
- ✓ NUS Scotland Black Women's Sub Committee, 15/6
- ✓ African Caribbean Society President 13/14 and 14/15



"I'm delighted to be supporting Shuwanna in her re-election! Over the past year, it's been refreshing to work with an officer who champions a radical and unapologetic feminism that caters to the needs of the most marginalised women. Shuwanna enshrines the core principles of intersectionality and grassroots organising in all her campaigns. I cannot stress how far the Women's Campaign has come under her leadership and I'm excited to see what she has in store for the next year." Hareem Ghani, NUS UK Women's Officer.

Tackling Gender Based Violence

This year we've made headway lobbying the government, universities and colleges, and working with SA to combat GBV but there is still a long way to go! Re-elect me and I'll:

- ★ Organise a student steering group to:
 - Implement the learning of the Tackling GBV toolkit.
 - Call a Day of Action, lobbying for universities and colleges to address student- staff misconduct, work in partnership to combat GBV and provide ring fenced funding into prevention and support for survivors
 - Disseminate the 16 Days of Action Toolkit and support Campaigning across campuses
- ★ Re-vitalize the campaign to deliver I <3 consent campaign and bystander workshops
- ★ Lobby for the introduction of a consent induction course for incoming students
- ★ Work with the Trans Student's Officer on combating Transmisogyny and providing resources for Students tackle Transmisogyny locally
- ★ Work with the Black Women's Sub- Committee to report and create recommendations for challenging racialised gendered hate-crime, and with the UK Women's Campaign and the Federation of Student Islamic Societies to combat Gendered Islamophobia.



"Shuwanna is truly the most inspiring woman I have ever met. She transforms her personal experiences into drive and determination so that change is implemented and to create a better environment across campuses in Scotland" Jen Anderson, Welfare and Equalities President, Fife College Student's Association.

Representation and Visibility

Representation and visibility is important for breaking down barriers and creating equity for women and non-binary people. If re-elected I will:

- ★ Deliver leadership workshops focused on dismantling oppressive structures, campaigning and elections skills
- ★ Work with Sparqs and the Equality Challenge Unit to bring together students and staff to address and support the implementation of a decolonised curriculum
- ★ Continue to develop the Student Parent hub and support Student's Associations lobbying for parent friendly campuses
- ★ Work with Sex Worker Advocacy groups to investigate student engagement in sex for rent, raise awareness of the gendered impact of cuts and insufficient student funding and work with the VP communities and Student's Association campaigning for rent cuts



"Shuwanna has been a fantastic officer this year. From day one she has shown her commitment to the role and has gone above and beyond to fulfill it. She has always lent a listening ear and offered advice whenever I have asked. She is not only dedicated to her role as women's officer but has shown that there is an intersectional way of approaching it and including all women and non-binary students. It has been an absolute pleasure working with her this year and I truly believe she should be re-elected as she has a lot more to offer." Astrid Smallenbroek, President, Stirling University Student's Association.

Engaging Student Activists

Our movement is strongest with inclusion and empowerment to raise our voices and stand up for change we want to see. If elected I will:

- ★ Run Activist Training days and provide resources for organizing on campus.
- ★ Continue to run "Feminism 101" to strengthen understanding and practice of intersectional feminist activism.
- ★ Build and support collaborative campaigns across campuses, particularly between HE and FE.
- ★ Continue to work with the Black Women's Sub-committee and the Trans Student's Campaign to facilitate:
 - Networking
 - Training
 - Inclusion and empowerment