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Serene Shibli - #DontBeMeanStickWithSerene!

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Hi there! I'm your **current Campaigns & Democracy Officer** and I am re-running because the job is not done! If re-elected I will continue to fight to **empower student voices, and work to improve your student experience.**

While C&D Officer:

I've worked to follow through on my promise to **advocate for students, enact changes to make student life easier, and support student goals and campaigns.**

I've worked to ensure:

- SU student staff can get **Trade Union representation,**
- SU commitment to returning to **paying student-staff a living wage,**
- That **warm spaces** are available on campus,
- Our code of conduct works for you, **changing our processes making them simpler and more efficient,**
- **Student groups are easier to run,** introducing new ways to run committee elections,

I've also been busy:

- **Supporting student activism,** helping organise protests and events,
- Campaigning with local renting charities **pushing for local and national renter's rights,**
- Advocating internationally for **more paid/funded international opportunities,**
- Pushing to **reform the University's Drug Policy,**
- Participating on UEA's Anti-Racism Taskforce, lobbying for more action on **UEA's Decolonising the Curriculum and Anti-Racism work,**
- **Campaigning on the Cost of Living** for more welfare and financial support from the government and UEA,
- Developing our Democracy to be more understandable and accessible, to **make your representative body** a space for **Students by Students** where **you are supported and empowered** to make the changes you want to see!

Experience

I've been campaigning since my first year, calling for **more power to students** to ensure your Union represents you, gaining real-life experience advocating for student needs and managing SU democracy.

Standing as:

- **Part-Time Student Officer:** responsible for representing students,
- **Trustee of the Student Union:** Overseeing Union management and strategy,
- **Democratic Procedures Committee Chair:** Responsible for upholding and interpreting SU policy,

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- **Union Council Deputy-Chair:** Responsible for running democratic forums,
- **UEA Decolonise Campaign Lead and Part of History/PPL Schools' Decolonising Working-Groups:** Supporting student anti-racism efforts, and school based decolonisation,
- **Part of the Reasonable Adjustments Working-Group:** Fighting for academic support, pushing for our new 7-day extensions!

Goals and Aims:

There's still more to do! I will continue to improve your university experience, prioritising issues that affect you day-to-day:

Student Support: Ensuring important things: extensions, appeals, welfare appointment waiting times, are protected and improved,

Improving Campus: Fighting for better facilities: gender-inclusive bathrooms, lifts that work reliably, paths that aren't blocked by building work. Students should have a campus that meets their needs!

Drugs and Alcohol: Advocating for a harm reduction approach! UEA should look after students,

Building Student Communities: Working with student groups to develop networks that work with and across societies and peer-support groups to build communities that empower student voices,

Open and Accessible SU: Making your Union easy to understand and even easier to access by continuing my work reforming Union structures and processes,

Remember, this is YOUR Student Union; I WILL to continue to support your campaigns, and make sure student voices are heard, and needs are met, prioritising the issues that matter to you!