



## **Katie Mato for Equal Opportunities Officer**

### About Me:

Hi MCR Members! My name is Katie and I would like to be your Equal Opportunities Officer. I am doing a PhD in Latin American Studies and was born in Miami. Although I am from a city very different to Cambridge, I was so glad to feel right at home when I got to Downing. The MCR community is diverse, friendly, and welcoming, and it is a place where people from all backgrounds can have a home away from home. As Equal Opportunities Officer, I will ensure that the MCR remains inclusive and accepting by hosting exciting events and discussions that broaden our understanding of one another and allow all members to feel that they have the support and security they need while at Downing.

### Plans for Equal Opportunities:

- ✚ Most importantly, I will continue to promote an MCR community that is inclusive and respectful of all people, regardless of gender, sexuality, race, religion, ability, or background.
- ✚ Continue hosting film screenings in the MCR, focusing on feminist, LGBTQ, and foreign language films, followed by casual discussions related to the film's themes.
- ✚ Continue hosting the consent workshop for Freshers in order to promote a safe environment within the college and beyond
- ✚ Plan outings to museums, nearby villages, and events outside of Downing to encourage a balanced social and personal life for all members
- ✚ Hold private slots where MCR members can meet with me and safely discuss any concerns related to inclusion within the community
- ✚ Work with the Welfare Officer to host a self-esteem workshop
- ✚ Place importance on listening to and implementing ideas from members of college and working with other MCR members to continue having the greatest MCR in Cambridge!

### Why Me:

I care about the MCR and would love to help everyone see it as their new home. Inclusion, diversity, security, and equality are points I believe very strongly in, and will do my best to ensure that they are respected within our wonderful community. I am currently the Outreach Officer for a Graduate Research Group in Cambridge, which has given me experience in promoting events to minority groups throughout the city. I hope to use this experience when planning Equal Opportunities events for all of you. Let's keep the MCR equal!

Proposer: Christine Hirschberger ★ Seconder: Andreas Bedorf