

## Maryam For Downing MCR Women's Officer

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Hi there! My name is Maryam Al-Ammari and I am studying for an MPhil in Multi-Disciplinary Gender Studies. I grew up in Saudi Arabia but have lived in the UK for the last four years. I moved down from St. Andrews, Scotland this September and have enjoyed settling into life in Cambridge since!

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### My Plans as Women's Officer:

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- Coordinate group trips to women's focused events that are of interest to Downing MCR members (ex. trip to visit The Rising Tide exhibition at the UL or to a public relevant public lecture)
  - Continue work currently being done to offer free (MCR funded) sanitary products for members of the MCR who menstruate
  - Raise awareness around sexual harassment reporting procedures at the college and the University more widely
  - Look into working with the college nurse to offer wider sexual health resources at the college
  - Organise themed movie nights (ex. female directed or written movies) and social events at the MCR
  - Organise a formal to mark International Women's Day
  - Work closely with the BME, LGBTQ+, Equal Opportunities and Welfare officers to promote inclusivity at the MCR
  - Coordinate events with the JCR's Women's Officers as well as Women's Officers at other colleges
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### Why vote for me?

Women's issues have been a subject of interest for me since I was 16 and my concern for the situation of women in the Arab world inspired me to set up a charitable project in Northern Jordan to teach Syrian women practical sewing skills. I gained many organizational skills in the process of setting up the project as well as learning how to think critically about concepts of female empowerment and representation. My MPhil in Gender studies now allows me to continue engaging with these subjects on an academic and theoretical level. I also have experience serving on the committee of a university organization, as I served a term as president of St Andrews University Hill Walking Club after terms as both secretary and publicity officer of the club.

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