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EQUALITY & DIVERSITY



**REDUCE INTERNATIONAL
STUDENTS FINANCIAL
BARRIERS**

**SAFE SPACES FOR
LGBTQIA+**

**HEAR MATURE/PART-TIME
STUDENTS VOICE**

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EQUALITY&DIVERISTY OFFICER #1

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WHO AM I?



Hi! My name is **Suyi**. I'm currently studying in **BSc Psychology with Professional Placement**. As an international student, I'm running for Equality & Diversity Officer to amplify diverse voices. I'm committed to ensuring every student's voice is heard and valued. I understand the challenges firsthand and I'll work tirelessly to build a campus that embraces and respects every unique perspective.

1. INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



As an international student, I fully understand the **financial challenges** that international students are facing due to the High tuition fees, limited access to Financial Aid, and Work Restrictions. I will work towards providing guidance for seeking **part-time jobs** on campus or outside the campus. I will also work on promoting **scholarship programs** specifically for international students. I will also develop need-based **financial aid programs** to support international students with demonstrated financial need.

2. LGBTQIA+



I will work on providing information about **mental health** resources specifically tailored to LGBTQIA+ individuals, including **counseling services, helplines, and support groups**. I will also work on making **professional resources** available for those who are knowledgeable and affirming of LGBTQIA+ identities. I will also work on reducing the impact of **discrimination, prejudice, and social stigma** on mental health within the LGBTQIA+ community. I will also work on advocating for **policies** that protect LGBTQIA+ individuals from discrimination.

3. MATURE/PART-TIME STUDENTS



I understand mature/part-time students may have multiple responsibilities, including family, work, and other commitments. To foster diversity and inclusion at Queen's, I want to make everyone's voice important. I will work on developing **orientation programs** specifically designed for mature students. These programs can provide information on **campus resources, academic expectations**, and strategies for balancing responsibilities. I will also work on providing **Childcare Services**: Offer on-campus childcare services or partner with local childcare providers to assist mature students with parenting responsibilities while attending classes.

4. DISABLED STUDENTS



I will work to ensure disabled students' requirements are met. I will work on raising awareness of the **mental health** of disabled students and make sure **resources** are accessible for disabled students. I will also work on a **peer support program** where disabled students can connect with each other, share experiences, and provide emotional support.