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| Manifesto: *(demonstrate who you are, why you are looking for a seat on the group and what you can offer)* |
| By promoting women-centred care and normality, studying a Midwifery degree has enabled me to learn how midwives can balance empathy, compassion and education to provide the best care possible. My name is Amal Mohamed and I am a current second-year student at City University London. Being from an area which is classified as a ‘polar 4 quantile 1-region’ did not deter me from applying for a degree course in the healthcare field. In other ways, this classification of living in an area with an educational disadvantage has made me motivated to study at the university level.  Being from a Somali background, I am a youth advocate for an FGM organisation within my local area. I attend events for people affected by female genital mutilation. By debating different ethical scenarios and focusing on ground-breaking research at the event, I have shown my dedication to run a charity dinner on 6th February 2020. This day marked the international day of zero tolerance for female genital mutilation. Emphasising on the idea that there are no health benefits to this procedure, and it is a human rights violation allowed the wider community to identify the signs of this abuse. Working as a lead role and as a youth advocate for Somali women illustrates my strong character and my capability to work well with individuals which is something I can offer within the student Midwife forum.  Throughout these last few years, I have been allowed to volunteer once a week at a breastfeeding support café. This volunteering gave me an understanding of the importance of positioning and the attachment of the baby during breastfeeding. Working alongside a lactation consultant, I provide a warm and professional welcome to the women that come through our doors. Being part of a team who supports mothers and young babies to reach their breastfeeding goals, demonstrates my reliability and commitment, both qualities which I can offer to this application.  Working within a team on multiple volunteering opportunities has had a positive experience for the women I have cared for, shows my transferable skills by working in a multi-disciplinary team. Midwives and students alike support women to have the best possible outcomes during their antepartum, intrapartum and postpartum period.  I would like to be part of the student Midwife forum to implement great inter-professional relationships between midwives, women and students. I will learn from other student Midwives within the forum and add additional comments that I would find it necessary to represent the large student midwife community in London. Furthermore, representing student midwives as well as being a person of colour will inspire others to come forward and apply for a prestigious role. The skills that I have gained from volunteering and my capability to understand different cultures will be an excellent asset to offer within the team.  The world is your oyster regardless of your race religion, sex, national origin, sexual orientation, age, marital status, pregnancy, disability or gender identity. |
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