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| Manifesto: *(demonstrate who you are, why you are looking for a seat on the group and what you can offer)* |
| Hello, my name is Renée Bull and I am a first-year student midwife at Swansea University. I am applying to gain a seat on the Student Midwife Forum. I believe I would make a great addition to the team as I have a wide range of skills and am driven and passionate about the future of midwifery.  Throughout history, the job of a midwife has changed and developed, however the core to midwifery has remained constant; providing woman centered care. I believe this ethos starts as soon as you start pursuing a career in midwifery. Student midwives are the future of the midwifery profession and are crucial in implementing positive change, therefore it would be an honour to be a voice of the Welsh student midwife body.  Currently I am the subject representative and have also held this role last year whilst studying a Certificate of Higher Education in Maternity Care at Swansea University. In this role I have loved providing support and encouragement to my cohort by relaying feedback and ensuring the students’ voices are heard. During 2020 I believe this is even more significant than any other time due to the disruption and difficulties faced by student midwives across the country.  Being born and raised in Swansea, Wales, I believe I would bring a vast local knowledge to the role and could relate current issues and information to be of relevance within Wales. However, before pursuing my career as a midwife, I lived near London for almost five years. Due to this experience I am aware and understand the diversity and different challenges that families, midwives and student midwives face across the UK.  Having worked in many different fields including, performing, teaching and customer service, I have learnt to be intuitive, caring and open to new ideas and challenges.  If I were to be elected, I would be professional, democratic and adaptable in my approach and demeanor. I am committed to attending all Student Midwife Forum meetings and conferences and to complete any work that is required of me in this prestigious role.  Priority 1: Ensuring informed choice  I have a keen interest in informed decision making and human rights. It is vital that both students, professionals and service users have informed choice through these actions:   * Providing all students with sufficient communication training * Advocating for students to vote and feedback on current issues   Priority 2: Equality in midwifery education  Through my ability to be unbiased and balanced in my approach I would strive for equality by:   * Having all lectures and practical sessions in accessible rooms and suites * Being involved in interview processes to ensure a fair and equal procedure   Thank you for reading my manifesto and please do not hesitate to get in touch with me if you have any questions at [1915444@swansea.ac.uk](mailto:1915444@swansea.ac.uk).  Don’t forget to vote and make your voice heard! |
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