

ABENI FOR WOMEN'S OFFICER



Hi! My name is Abeni Adeyemi a 2nd Year Neuroscience & Japanese Student.

If given the opportunity, My aim is to create a **SUSTAINABLE INFALLIBLE INTERSECTIONAL FEMINIST FORCE** by being a voice for the female and non-binary students at UCL. **From my experience as a Black Muslim Woman, I have had to fight THRICE the battle to progress in society.** It has been very obvious that due to **institutional patriarchy, sexual prejudice and sexual discrimination** both in and outside University, as self-identifying women, we have to **fight twice** or more for a seat at society's table. I want to create a United Force that claims our seat at the table like **Solange**. And Like **Shirley Chisholm**, if this seat at the table, isn't given to us we will be bringing our own folding chairs AND SHAKING those tables.

EXPERIENCE

- Global Majority and Women's right Activist for over 4 years.
 - Content Contributor at GalGang Mcr & Muslim sisterhood
 - UCL African Caribbean Society Secretary.
 - Founder of Sisterhood Collective Manchester- An intersectional feminist platform.
 - UCL Hip Hop and RnB Society Art & Design Officer
- All these asides, I have also been heavily involved with the UCLu BAME networks campaigns, the SPS "Heads up" campaigns and most recently the UCU strike actions.

SUPPORTERS

- Eloise Owen President UCLU Leading Women's Society
- AbdulKadir Elmi- UCLU SomSoc President
- Eeosa Idemudia- UCL ACS President
- Kate Bovey- UCL Womens Rugby Captain
- Joseph Simeon- Economic & Finance Society President
- Mahan Nikgohar - Economic & Finance Society V.P
- Umar Sabaat- Hip Hop & RnB soc. President. etc
- Joshua Obichiere- UCL VOCE Gospel society Social officer



Protest against UCL hosting eugenicists on campus- Trying to maintain my happiness and sanity even though UCL's stance threatens my space, safety and psychological wellbeing as a female black student all at a hefty sum of £9250 per year but it's all Gucci because we'll keep fighting till conditions and standards are improved!

I PLEDGE TO:

RECLAIM SPACES

- In Feminism- Making the WN a **space that considers our different intersectionalities when pushing for campaigns & liberation movements.**
- In the curriculum- Campaigning for an inclusive curriculum that reflects the groundbreaking works of female academics and so **Destabilising patriarchy in UCL's curriculum.**
- In sports- Making **sporting facilities accessible to all types of women** E.g. through wheelchair accessible gyms & women's only sessions etc.

CAMPAIGN FOR EDUCATION NOT EXTORTION

REMOVE BARRIERS TO EDUCATION

- Global campaigning with organisation such as the NCAFC against tuition fees- **FREE EDUCATION FOR ALL!**
- Reduce accommodation fees, increased grants and bursaries for disabled students, carers and marginalized students!
- Campaigning for **FREE CHILDCARE for student carers!**
- Pushing for the provision of **FREE sanitary products, pregnancy, STD and STI tests.**

BETTER STUDENT WELLBEING

- **Support groups** to aid marginalised, transgendered women, survivors of sexual, verbal and mental abuse and for non-binary people.
- Campaigning for **better funding of UCL's psychological wellbeing services.** Joining campaigns like **Fund Our Mental Health Services,** Hosting sessions such as a Women only "Mental health Matters" discussions & making a **"SISTERHOOD SUPPORT" Network.**
- **Combating misogyny, racism, transphobia, islamophobia & homophobia** experienced by students through importuning for **stricter recourse and execution of the zero tolerance policy against** sexism, sexual exploitation and oppression in our spaces.
- **END SEXUAL HARASSMENT & VIOLENCE-** Reviewing UCL Sexual Harassment Policy, increasing training into the complaints assessment procedure.

FEMEMPOWERMENT

- Feminist **Women reading groups** spearheaded by female academics of different disciplines ranging from creativity to STEM professionals.
- **FREE SELF DEFENCE CLASSES!!!**
- Campaigns **against the Gender Pay gap** (We are still getting paid 9.1% lesser than our male counterparts!)
- Panel discussions on topics such as **what hijab is** how it's a **source of empowerment, Disintegrating rape culture, lad culture, Misogyny, Masculinity** etc.
- Bridging gaps between women's network campaigns across London and different female liberating groups such as the London feminist network and the 1752 group etc.
- Creating **reliable simplified resources** for education about feminism- it's history, it's significance, through discussion spaces, collectives and comfy sit-ins (**comes with complementary home baked, protein, vegan and non-vegan brownies x**).