

Tess Garrud

For

Access and Equal Opportunities Officer

Why vote for me?

- I'm genuinely enthusiastic about initiatives to widen access to Cambridge.
- I have lots of experience working in access events and with young people.
- I have innovative ideas about how to further improve access in Peterhouse, and I'm willing to put in personal time and effort to get things done.



About Me:

I'm a second year Bio NatSci. I grew up in the Midlands (**in one of our link areas**) and went to a school without much experience of Oxbridge applications. As a student I was on the **receiving end of several access initiatives** and it is mostly these experiences that have **motivated me** to get involved in access work whilst at Cambridge.

What relevant experience do I have?

Over the past academic year I have been involved with **several open days**, in which I've spoken to students and parents, and given **tours of college**. Last year I went on the **Peterhouse Access Bus** trip, visiting several schools to give access talks. This year I am taking part in the **CUSU shadowing scheme**, in which year 12 students stay with you for a weekend. I used to work at a theme park so have a lot of **experience in talking with young people**; I even received special commendations for positive customer feedback.

Ideas for Improving access at Peterhouse:

I would like to **encourage more people to go back to their old schools** to give access talks. To facilitate this I would like to create a **set of resources** that can be given out and run a **small workshop** on how to give access talks (for people who perhaps haven't been to one of Carrie or Kathy's talks), so that everyone feels confident enough to do this.

I'd like to produce some **subject specific leaflets** to go alongside our online prospectus (with help from willing volunteers), which can also be given out at open days to highlight the benefits of being a Petrean.

I want to **encourage as many people as possible**, from any background, to get involved in Peterhouse access; one of the most beneficial things for a potential applicant is to get to meet current students!