

S2081_2: Nominations Form

Full Name* Natalie Ellen Baker

Preferred Name* Natalie Baker

MANIFESTO* For over 50 years the OU has helped to support those into higher education who may not have been able to access this in any other way, as a disabled student I am one of those people. The OU gave me the opportunity to return to education and I have just begun level 3 and in the time, I have been studying I have gained so much confidence in myself and feel like I have a purpose to keep going for. There are many obstacles that OU students must overcome in their studies which is why Equality, diversity and Inclusion is so important to me, everyone has the right to study and being able to support students in their journey and making sure that everyone has a voice within the university would be something I would passionately champion.

Whilst EDI is already embedded within the OU and the Students association as with everything there is always room for improvement and awareness of the services and support on offer for any students who need it. I would also work on generating and developing new initiatives, ideas in collaboration with the student's association and student groups on how we can further support and promote the inclusivity of all students regardless of age, race, disability, gender, sexual orientation, and background.

PLEDGES* I pledge to be open, honest, and accessible; I will be a voice for those who may feel they do not have one as well as working to empower students to communicate and engage with any suggestions that they may have to promote equality, diversity, and Inclusion.

