

Connor Dwyer, Secretary and Communications Exec

Experience

- From 2016-17, I was the elected secretary of a North West regional youth charity 'YouthFocus NW'. The role involved disseminating information, minutes and opportunities to over 200 young people aged 12-19 and professional youth workers across the North West region, including Liverpool and Manchester authorities. This was done through meeting minutes, email newsletters, social media and updating the charity website, much in the same way the JCR aims to communicate with students and college staff alike.
- I am currently the Vice-Chair of Strong Young Minds, a registered charity in Lancashire which I founded. Extensive work with the Charity Commission means I am fully up to date and aware of GDPR legislation, data handling, confidential information handling, and dealing with enquiries from a range of clients. In the JCR, this will be a crucial attribute to managing JCR news and activity sharing across the student population and dealing with correspondence professionally and with strict confidence.
- I have vast experience of working with bodies with similar structures as the JCR. As I've mentioned, I sit on the trustee board of a charity, I have run the steering group of the charity YouthFocus NW, and I am currently Co-Chair of an advisory panel to DEFRA. I have proven, and shall continue to prove, my abilities in organisation and time management to ensure effective organisation of the JCR's communications and records.
- Here at Cambridge, I have served on the Cambridge Union's Speaker's Committee, and CULC's executive committee.

Aims/Policies

- **Transparent JCR.** The Secretary is best placed to help ensure our JCR is transparent to the students it serves. JCR agendas must be made public to students before meetings are held so that students are aware of motions to be debated, and even more crucially, the results of motions discussed **must** be clearly shared to students in detailed, but accessible, minutes.
- **Website Update.** I want to see a revamped and up to date JCR website, where news and opportunities can be accessed by students, as well as help and support on college life. Working closely with the website officer, I will regularly update the website with relevant information.
- **Newsletter.** A weekly briefing on college activities, news, opportunities and successes will be delivered to all students to ensure everyone is kept up to date with everything our vibrant college community is up to in brief. People can submit items to me or the JCR directly to be shared, making this an inclusive and diverse platform to share experiences and opportunities with others.