

Jasmine for Racial and Ethnic Diversity Representative ☺



Who am I?

I'm Jasmine Kieran-Ejimadu (she/her), a first year MMLer. I am a proud Nigerian but have also lived in Scotland all my life, which gives me a unique experience in regards to growing up as a black girl in the UK. Being black is fundamental to who I am, and makes me part of a wider community of BME people who are alike and different in many ways. I may be a plantain enthusiast but I am also a sucker for a good ceilidh dance :D The colour pink is my symbol, and I am (allegedly) Hatsune Miku's biggest fan <3

Who am I not? (gasps)

- A spokesperson for the black community or the BME community as a whole - I can only comment on my own experience and in such a diverse community, people will have different opinions on and approaches to different issues. What is important in this role is to be active member of our college community and to bring different voices to the stage!
- An unrealistic person. While I have many dreams for what the Trinity space could become for us BME people, I have a clear goal I would like to work towards over the course of the year and would love to pass the torch onto someone with similar passions in the future. It is important to create tangible goals that create short-term improvement as we work towards longer-term improvement in the College.

My Plans

To Change the narrative:

- Trinity is becoming increasingly diverse and the most important way to continue increasing our BME student body is bringing BME experiences to the forefront of our college and raising awareness of the realities here.
- I would love to organise a BME freshers photoshoot next year as a way to celebrate a fundamental and beautiful part of our student body.
- I would love to use either existing socials of the SU or create new ones in order to give BME students a means of discussing their background, their life here, and their hopes and dreams for the future. Highlighting a student each week would give voice to the BME individuals in our college, and to help BME applicants make an informed decision when applying to Trinity. This would be something I would love to collaborate with the Access Officer on.

To Create and Direct people towards resources:

- I believe that the college needs to work on making spaces outside the college for BME students and their friends known. I would love to compile a master document with lots of societies and events to help anyone at all, from freshers to final-year students.

Why me?

- Starting at Trinity this term and seeing that there is a larger BME community than I expected really warmed my heart. I believe that efforts over the years to make Trinity a more welcoming and accessible place to BME students have began to bear their fruits. I would like to carry this forward so that future students will have an even better experience than I will, and hopefully more BME students will want to apply to our ever diversifying college :)
- I am an advocate for intersectionality as a black queer woman from a low income background. It's important to recognise that being a person of colour intersects with other marginalised identities and backgrounds, as this really influences the approach that one takes in representing our BME community in college, and in the wider university sphere.
- I believe in the importance of being a friendly face around the college. I am notorious for always having a yap (as proved by always being in the nick of time for classes from chatting too long with the porters!) and would love for anyone to feel comfortable approaching me about anything at all.

My Experience

- Prefect Leader
- Lead organiser of a Black History Month talk at my secondary school
- Long-time member of the Young Scot Health Panel

My Proposers

- Proposer - Keziah Prescod (Current W&NB Representative)
- Seconder - Catherine Wray

Contact me with any questions!

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