

## Women+ Students' Officer

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### Empower HER: Millie for Women+ Officer – Educate, Empower, Elevate!

Hey!

I'm Millie (they/she), a second-year History & Philosophy student in Furness who's running to be your next Women+ Officer. From being a producer in LUTG to LULC's communications officer, I've become aware of the urgent need to **Empower HER**.

What do I mean by **Empower HER**?

From secondary school to now, I've witnessed the harsh realities of sexual violence and harassment in education. **I'm not content with standing by**, hence, I met with the mayor of my hometown, determined to turn frustration into action. I spearheaded mandatory consent lessons in local schools, founded my college's feminist society, led spiking awareness workshops and much more. **I firmly believe in addressing uncomfortable truths**, and one such truth is the presence and perpetuation of rape culture at Lancaster University.

If elected, I will:

- **Educate our community on dismantling rape culture.** I'll empower society leaders with workshops that decode rape culture, promote consent, and cultivate inclusive spaces. The consent talks led by Lancaster Sexpression are an excellent example of collaboration, which I would love to promote and help expand upon.
- **Empower women+ to reclaim their narratives** by breaking the stigma around reporting sexual harassment. Increasing signposting for reporting and support available to students who experience harassment.
- **Elevate voices by reinvigorating the Women+ Forum.** This can be done with weekly safe space events, connecting passionate advocates, inviting guest speakers, and fostering discussions.

**Empower HER isn't just a slogan—it's a pledge to drive real change.**