

# VOTE FOR LAURIE

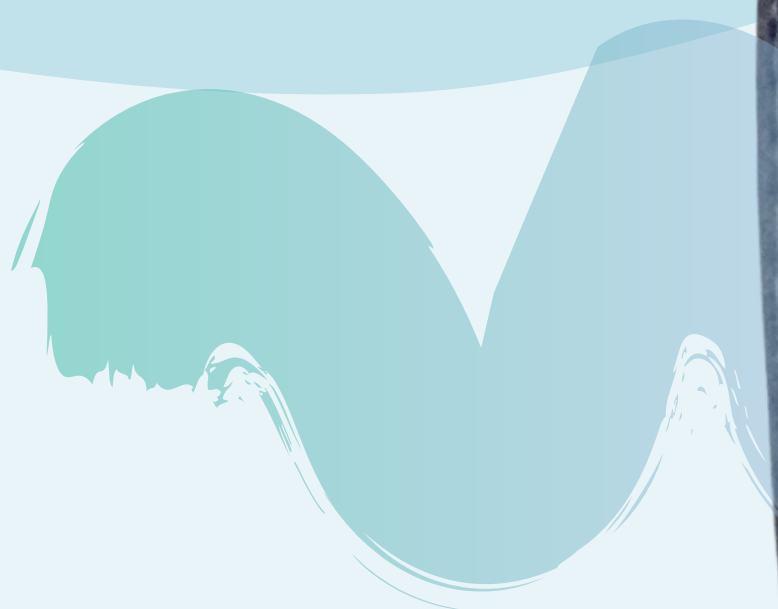
## V.P FOR EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

**01 STUDENT SAFETY ON CAMPUS AND IN RESIDENCES**

**02 REFUND 20/21 ACCOMMODATION FEES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

**03 CANCEL ALL STUDENT TUITION FEES AS A BARRIER TO EDUCATION**

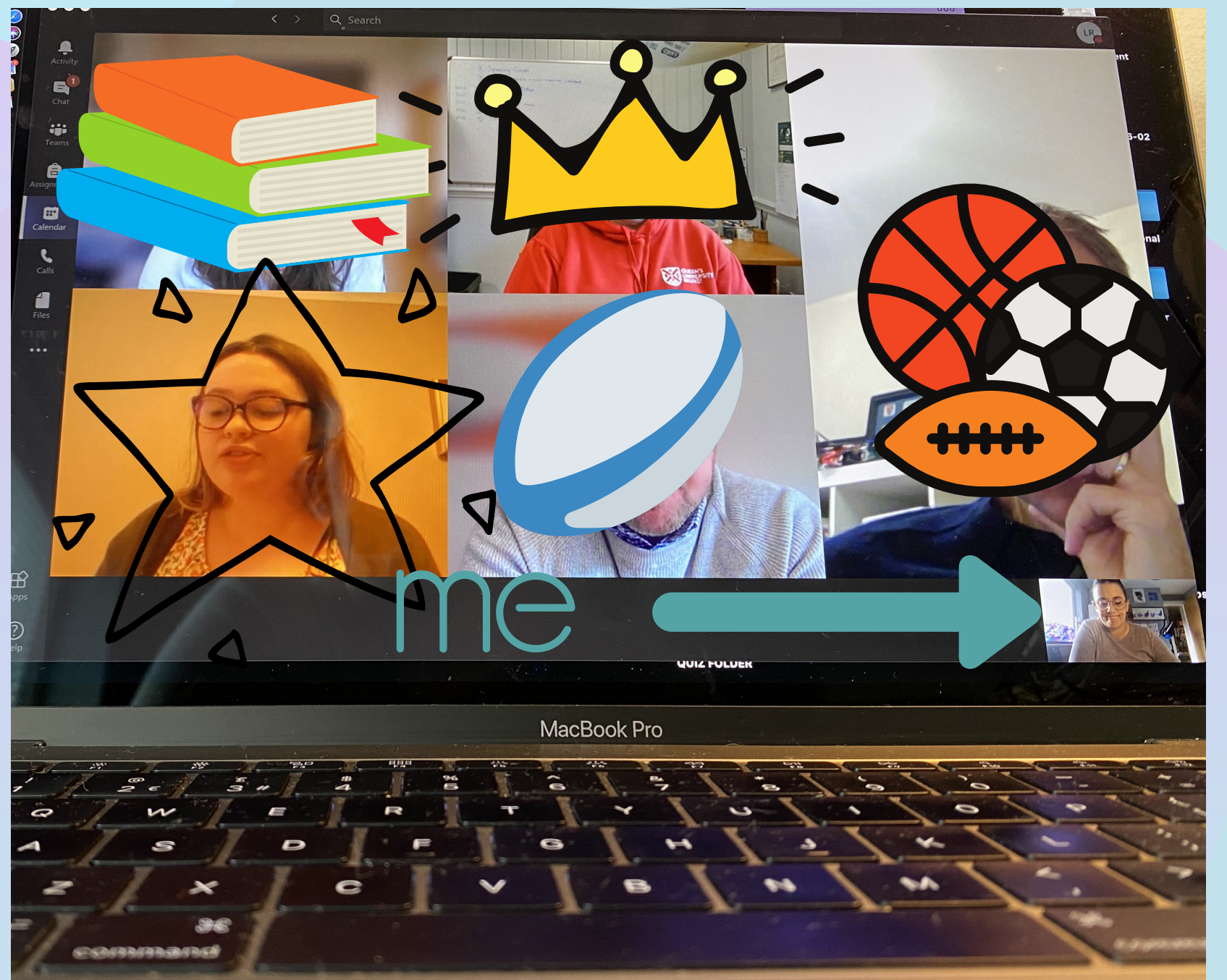
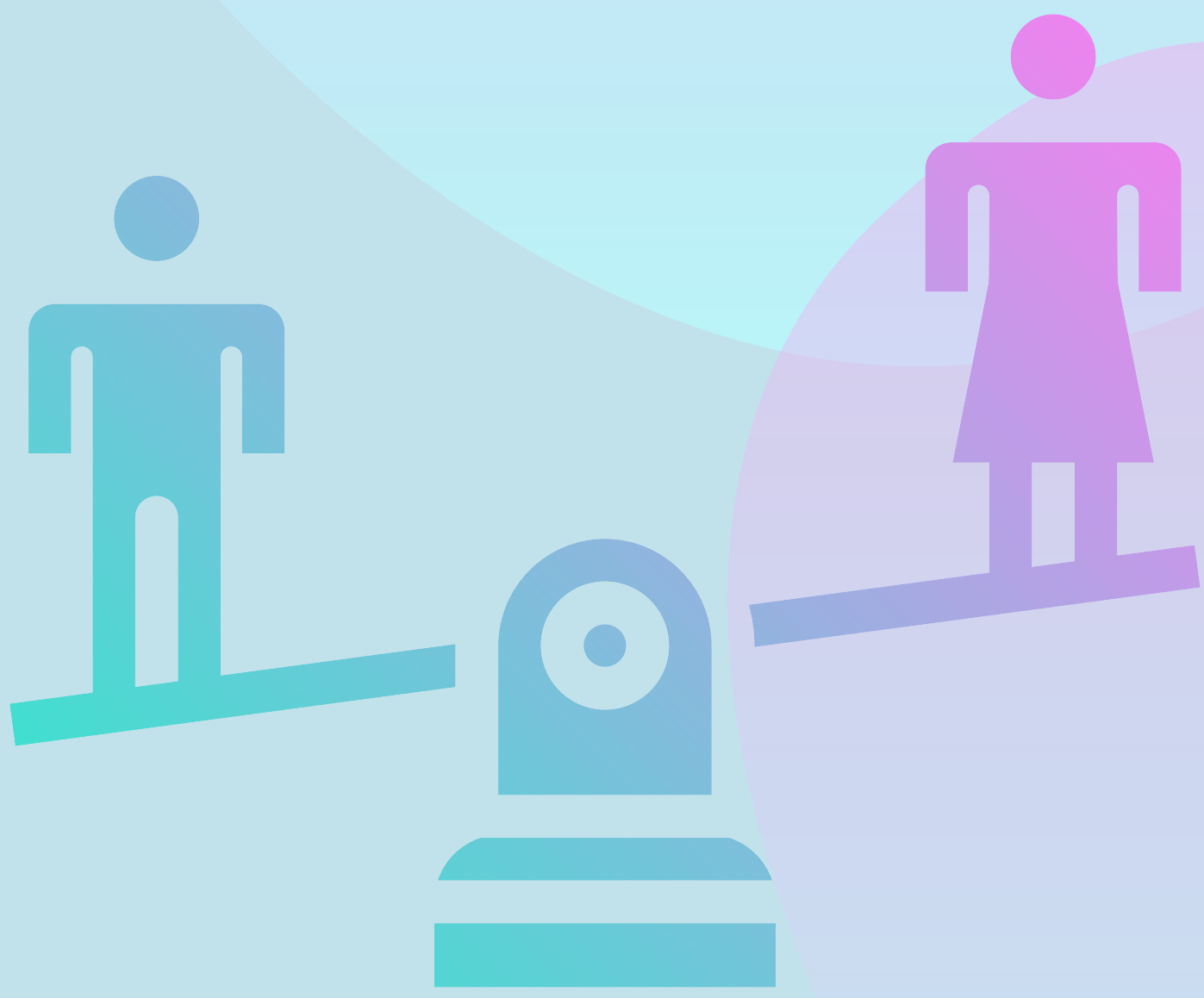
**04 BETTER MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT**



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## Who am I?

I am a final year English student. I am a parent, an activist for gender equality, a member of the LGBTQ+ community and a rugby player.

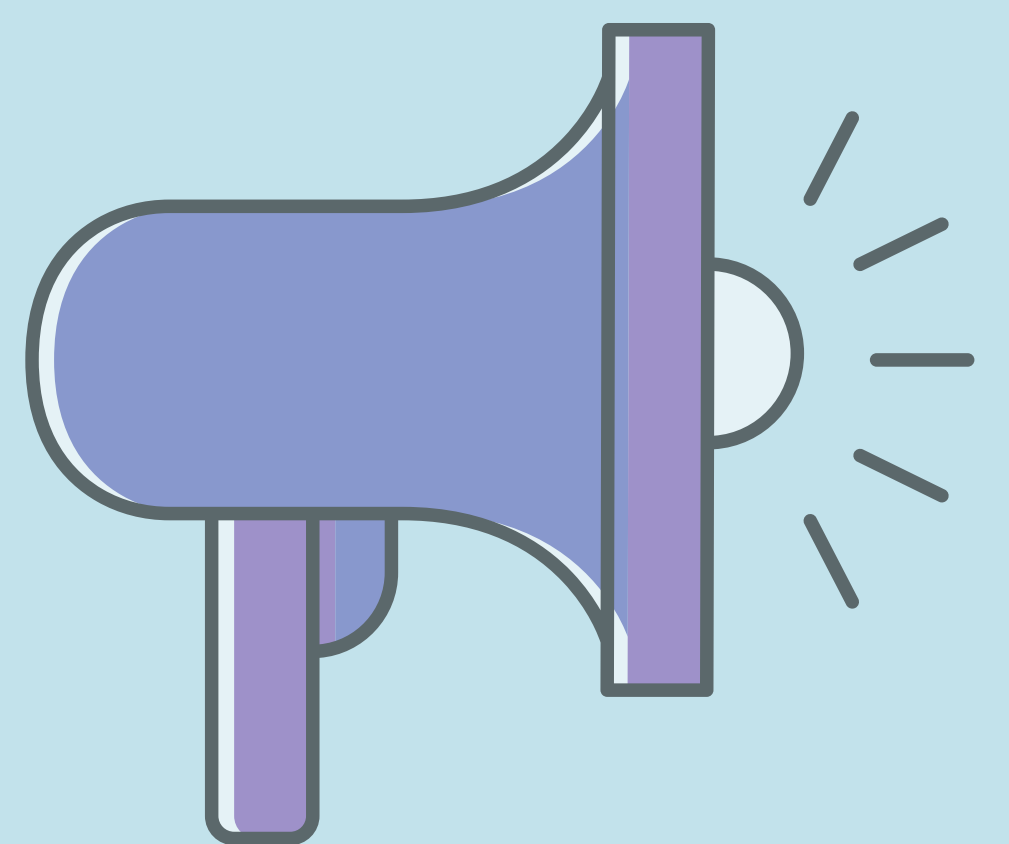


## What have I done?

Two years ago I joined the Ladies Rugby Club at Queen's and I was shocked to see how little funding they were allocated. I spearheaded an investigation into the funding process. Absolutely shocked by the discrepancy in funding in gendered sports I demanded a meeting with the panel. Working alongside Chloe Ferguson - VP Campaigns and Engagement - we secured and chaired a meeting with them. Resulting in the opening of a new review of the funding process and a commitment to change.

## Result?

A new development plan and changing the future of female led sports at QUB.



## My inspiration?



This is my Grandfather. He moved from India, over to Scotland, when he was 19 to study Microbiology. He met my Grandmother and they lived happily ever after, but he is my inspiration for another reason. Being from a mixed race couple, they endured racism and judgement through most of their lives but he went on to become the creator of the very first ever nursing degree taught at a university in the UK.

So he, a migrant, was revolutionary and that is my inspiration.

## What do I want to do?

1. Improve student safety and wellbeing on campus and in residences. Create safe spaces for international students. Review the racism and reporting structures. Implement drop in mental health clinics.
2. Demand a refund for all international students who have paid extortionate fees of up to £4000 for accommodation which they haven't lived in for the academic year 20/21.
3. Create a tailored action plan to assist international students for each school in the event of online learning.
4. Continue to push for the university to achieve the accreditation of 'University of Sanctuary' - making QUB more welcoming for refugees and asylum seekers.
5. Continue progressing the 'Decolonising the University' campaign at QUB
6. Cancel tuition fees for ALL students as a barrier to education. All education is currently delivered online as a result of the pandemic. The ability to learn effectively at home is hugely impacted by impediments, such as electronic access, internet issues, childcare, safe spaces, caring responsibilities and disabilities: both visible and hidden.