

## ELLIE POWER (THEY/SHE) PUBLICATIONS CONVENOR

Hello, my name is Ellie and I'm hoping to be the next publications convenor of QMU! Qmunicate is really important to me; having been a features editor this past year, I've learnt so much in the way of engaging with contributors, meeting deadlines and working together to make sure the magazine turns out as amazing as possible. Qmunicate has worked really smoothly this past year; I'd like to carry on the amazing work of this year's editor-in chief and keep the zine going as the creative and inclusive force that it currently is.

## **Manifesto**

If given the opportunity to be editor in chief of qmunicate, my main focus would be to really spread the word cross-campus and garner more contributors, reaching outside of just the QMU. Getting more people reading and writing for the magazine is a surefire way to bolster its standing as one of the various student publications across campus; more contributors on board means more attendees at launch parties. If lots of print copies are churned out at the launch then more money can be generated to cover costs of the magazine. One way this can easily be mobilised would be to place copies of the magazine from the archive in various spots across campus and the west end on a fairly regular basis, in coffee shops, bars and venues. Another thing I'd like to do is to foster collaborations between societies for socials, an example being an open mic night with poetry society.



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This would hopefully allow us to poach some poets to write for the magazine! I would equally love to host some craft socials and workshops to hopefully draw in some creative souls to send in some art for the issue. From what I've seen, sometimes writers for politics pitches are hard to come by, so perhaps even trying to reach out and build a rapport with societies such as Women In Politics would help us out. Along with these methods hopefully placing qmunicate on more people's radar, having more social events would be fundamental to engaging with our contributors and will hopefully help people make friends! For this reason I'd like to be particularly active during freshers week, and preserve the printing of a fresher's zine along with hosting introductory fresher's events. I think a way in which gmunicate could be more active in the way of socials is if we held them after meetings, hanging around in the board room for a while to chat or do something creative. Meetings are usually where we have most face-to-face engagement between editors and with contributors, and holding socials after a meeting rather than at a separate time might take the pressure off when students are on budgets of time. Whilst going for a pint after the meeting is a tradition that I'll of course respect, I'd like to focus on organising more chilled out and sober events to be more inclusive.