

Name: Rebecca Elise Clarke Blundell

Candidate Statement:

Hey, I'm Rebecca and I'd love the opportunity to serve as a Queer Officer at UNSW. This position means a lot to me and the queer community at our university. I believe I could fill role this by advocating for and supporting my peers.

As a first-year undergraduate pursuing a Bachelor of Media and a Bachelor of Social Sciences, I've had the privilege of being part of the queer community at UNSW. Through my experiences and those of queer family, and friends I have seen first-hand the discrimination and challenges individuals have faced at the hands of institutions they should be able to rely on. I would like to ensure that UNSW is not one of those institutions which I intend to do as a Queer Officer by facilitating a fair and accepting environment for LGBTQ+ individuals on our campus.

I have experience working with community organisations, fundraising, and advocating. When volunteering at Results Australia, I even had the chance to sit down and chat with MP Kylee Tink to push for vital policy changes in the TB epidemic crisis in the Indo-Pacific. I've also led a fantastic team in raising over \$2000 for mental health in just one month and worked with the Pennant Hills High School P&C, local aboriginal artists and designers to create a mural to reflect the values of the community.

I believe that with my experience I will be able to serve the UNSW student body as a Queer officer and provide students with the respect they deserve. Thank you for your consideration!