

Vote

EDWARD TURNHAM

for Vice-Chairman

A record of achievement

During my 7 years of medical study in Cambridge I have helped run many societies. I have previously served as CUCA Secretary, pioneering last term's constitutional reforms, and ran our successful No campaign in the CUSU referendum in March. In May's City Council elections I was the Conservative candidate in our top target ward, winning more votes than any Tory in Cambridge.



A plan for the future

I have been attending CUCA events for years and cherish our traditions. But I know we can be a much bigger and better organization.

I care too much about CUCA to sit by while much of its potential goes unfulfilled. We need to greatly increase our membership and challenge prejudices about CUCA and Conservatives.

Increase membership

There are thousands of Cambridge students who vote Conservative but don't think CUCA is for them. For instance, many would feel awkward turning up alone to a purely social event, so I would use more events that combine socializing with short political talks or debates. I would start my Chairmanship with a thorough publicity campaign to challenge stale stereotypes of CUCA, and would target the hundreds of non-members on our email list with personalized letters.

Oppose left-wing student politics

Many of us get annoyed when professional left-wingers in the NUS and CUSU claim to speak for 'students' in fighting cuts and tuition fees. Under my leadership CUCA would lead the way in opposing CUSU's decisions to campaign against Conservative policies. I would build up college branches and give them the help they need to pressure their JCR representatives to vote against these decisions at CUSU council.

Cut event prices

My experience in CUCA and other societies has taught me how to get good deals on events such as dinners. In the best Conservative tradition, I will demand value for money and keep prices down at all events in order to allow as many as possible to attend. This will be helped by a thorough fundraising drive, targetting alumni and other wealthy Conservatives.

Make campaigning fun

Being on the Executive Council of the local Conservative Association means I have been helping organize the campaigning side of CUCA for a long time. We still need to do more to make campaigns sessions attractive to members - such as by combining them with social events - so that we pull our weight for the Party. Some think that doing more campaigning would threaten the social side of CUCA, but I know CUCA has been healthiest in the past when both sides thrive and stimulate each other.

If you want Edward to win, you have to vote for him!

Thursday 11am - 2pm in The Anchor