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I have been involved in equality and diversity for several years - for example, I run the women@CS society in the HW Computer Science department, am on the MACS Athena SWAN board and the university Athena Swan Strategy Committee, am on an expert panel for an EU project on empowering women in STEM and am on the panel for the RSE/YAS Tapping all our Talents review. I have also been extensively involved in outreach, particularly focussing on students from disadvantaged backgrounds and on encouraging girls in STEM.

I believe strongly in embedding principles of equality and diversity throughout all parts of the university, something the university Athena SWAN team is working hard to promote. I believe that having a seat on the senate will give me additional opportunities to promote issues around equality and to better understand how well-integrated with university management they currently are. It will also enable me to understand the structure and governance of the university better, giving me a deeper understanding of the structural and logistical barriers around equality.