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| Manifesto: *(demonstrate who you are, why you are looking for a seat on the group and what you can offer)* |
| My name is Aqsa Rabbani and I am a third year student midwife, studying at Middlesex University. The sole reason as to why I wish have a seat in the student midwife forum is because as a BAME student, I yearn to make a mark in society through contributing my ideas and experiences witnessed in clinical practice to greatly improve maternity care and challenge racial discrimination in the workplace. More importantly, I am always keen to network, take on new challenges, work as part of a team and be open to new ideas! Joining this forum, I feel will greatly be of benefit to me as I will have the ability to voice my concerns/opinions and ideas to others and make a stand in my own unique way as both a student midwife and a young BAME woman.  Midwifery is an ever-evolving career and as someone who will hopefully be joining this amazing workforce, I wish to convey courage and leadership which I know will allow me to progress in my future career. This forum will hence provide me with the space to flourish and act as a leader for my region which is London! I am extremely passionate about my career in that I aim to always be an advocate for the woman I care for as well as my midwifery colleagues, by voicing their concerns accordingly and simply offering emotional support when needed. For the past two years I have worked as a student voice leader, which was a voluntary position that involved me voicing and escalating concerns that my cohort had and relaying them to the entire midwifery team during frequent meetings. It was an honour to have acted as a support system for fellow midwifery students and I felt my interpersonal skills grow! Moreover, I also offer support to first- and second-year students by providing them with advice on assignments and placements.  To conclude, there are various things that I can offer to the student midwife forum. Communication and teamworking skills are the two main skills that I can bring to the forum. I am very good in keeping contact with people and being prompt in my communication. Working as a team is enjoyable and very important to me as I have faced situations in which seeking help from others was vital and reflecting on situations together was paramount. Homing in these skills now will allow me to work seamlessly with the wider multi-disciplinary team when caring for a woman and seeking help and immediate advice from a senior midwife. Overall, I know that joining this forum will allow me to flourish further since I will learn from others and teach, by transferring the knowledge and skills gained on the forum to the maternity workplace. |
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