

Hello, I'm Iván (Philosophy, First Year, Sidney) and I'm running for Access Officer in the CUHS. I find Access the most interesting and rewarding, but also the most challenging in the CUHS Exec Committee, as my duty would be to recruit young Hungarians to the University.

I take part in HSSA's media project, where we will publish interviews with current students studying in the UK to encourage people to apply to British universities as well as to show the diverse student body studying here. We would also publish short pieces on financial issues. The past Access Officers were successful in many regards: they organised Access events, made application guides available online, helped out applicants in the Cambridge-be Jelentkezők Facebook groups every year or showed them around the city during their interview. I also find the Mentoring and Shadowing programmes a good opportunity to attract students to Cambridge, and I hope they will gain momentum. However, I would further their job in the following ways:



*Matriculation is fun – I want more people to experience it*

- I would further our cooperation with Access Officers of other universities' Hungarian Societies within the Hungarian Students' Societies' Alliance. For example, we can organise joint access events to schools we wouldn't visit otherwise. (I don't think that it would make sense to organise such events alone.)
- I would further our effort to attract humanities and social sciences students to Cambridge and help them during their application. As most arts students come from 'talent management companies' such as Milestone (all but one in my year), I will focus on attracting arts students not educated in these institutions and preparing them to their interviews. (With a little help from my friends, obviously.)
- I would make more effort to reach students outside Budapest, with the help of the members of CUHS living there.

Furthermore, I would like to take the advertisement of our current access programmes more seriously, as I have met Cambridge applicants both in this year and last year who didn't know of the Cambridge-be Jelentkezők group during their application. This is a serious problem, as the group is an excellent opportunity for the applicants to seek help during their application process. I would also aim to be honest about Cambridge: as much as I want as many people to apply, it is true that Cambridge isn't for everyone. I will also try to do statistics about the applicants and offer holders to make access more affective in the next years. In order to do so, I will prepare a short anonymous survey asking the educational background of applicants.

Access will undoubtedly face a new challenge in recruiting new students, as the benefits we get as EU nationals are threatened by Brexit. However, I would continue the great work of recruiting Hungarian students to Cambridge, and I hope the Members of the Hungarian Society will support me in this.