

Termly Report

Male Welfare Officer

Lent term 2016

It was a great privilege to be elected Male Welfare Officer this term. I've had a great time so far, but the job has not been without difficulty.

The biggest tragedy for the welfare team this year was the failure to elect an LGBT+ officer. This was no one's fault, simply that no nominations came forward after RON won the election. We will be continuously requesting nominations for the role into Easter Term. The role of LGBT+ officer is not an easy one, representing the views of a group of people that for many, to this day, suffer huge social injustices at every stage of their life. This also makes it a vital position on the TCSU Welfare Committee, that needs to be done well.

Thankfully, this year's elected Welfare Committee is a fantastic collection of human beings. I have full confidence that, together, we can strive to ensure the views of the LGBT+ community in Trinity are fairly represented on all issues.

In consolation, the slightly smaller Welfare Committee has essentially become incorporated seamlessly into the TCSU Executive Committee this term. This has been great, as James, Raniyah and Richelle's insights into the issues facing the rest of the committee have been invaluable in efficiently discussing points on the agenda, and their own independent projects sound fantastic so far. For the amount of work they put in I find it shocking that their efforts are not recognised in the same way by the college as those of the Executive Committee are. A constitutional change will be investigated to ensure that this is fixed in the future.

On a lighter note, the welfare events this term have been a massive success. Our 2 fudgey evenings were extremely well received, as was the week 5 chocolate delivery. I am extremely excited for the things we have in store next term...

Very recently, inspired by the need of a friend, I went and bought some bike repair and maintenance stuff, free to use by any member of the college. Any member of the TCSU Committee can lend stuff out, and college members can simply leave it back in the TCSU pigeonholes when they're done.

And finally, yes, we got through a lot of condoms and lube. We are currently investigating getting a good condom dispenser to reduce the college's reliance on me and Olivia for safe sex, but until the dispenser arrives it's always a pleasure to be the St Nick of Safe Sex.

Huge huge huge Trinity Love,

Toby