

# Tayla Hardy for President !!



Hi, I'm **Tayla** (she/they)! I'm a second year PBS student here and also **current LGBT+ officer** on the TCSU. I would love to be this year's President as my time at Trinity so far has drawn my attention to key areas where the college could improve in order to make the student experience more **accessible, fulfilling** and **enjoyable** :)

## Providing a better platform for student opinions

**M** I know that many of us feel that sometimes the experience of  
**Y** students is something that's forgotten in the larger running of the  
**A** college, however, in order to change this we need to know what  
**I** the **views of the student body** are! Hence, I will push for the  
**M** promotion of platforms, both at TCSU and higher college levels,  
**S** that all students can use to **voice their opinions** and feel more  
**T** **included** in the decisions made

- oversee the update of the **website** to include **anonymous submission forms** for any comments or criticisms
- run events where students have the ability to come and **talk** about their views **with the TCSU and members of staff**
- ensure that these opinions **are taken into account** when discussing issues with college leadership

## Breaking down the student-staff divide

**T** Many of us see the college as a separate body. Fellows have also  
**H** said that they don't get to **interact** with many of the students as  
**I** much as they may like (especially in the past few years). Thus, I  
**S** believe breaking down this **divide within members** of the college  
**T** will help **alleviate** the above issues and encourage a closer, more  
**H** tight-knit **community**

- organise dinners for both students and fellows to sit together and engage in **informal conversation**, where each can **learn** about others experiences
- ensure that students have the opportunity to **meet** more of the people that keep the college running eg. **porters, catering, housekeeping**

## Ensuring efforts to improve are not performative but have a real positive impact on student experience

**Y** Whilst there has been a real push for more events celebrating the  
**E** **diversity of our community**, whether this carries through to  
**A** **policies** and the behaviour of the college as an institution itself, is  
**R** less obvious and an area where there needs to be real **attention**.

- working with officers within the committee to push for **substantive change** to be made where required
- discussing with members of leadership to be more **critical** of where the college may be failing students and working with the members of the wider community to fully **understand and navigate** these issues

I'm currently on the TCSU so have **experience**, both with how the committee runs and in meetings with staff as I have sat on the **Equality and Diversity Committee**, discussing **key issues** and **practical** ways to help alleviate these.

I am also quite a **people oriented** person, so having spoken to many of you, I know how the institution of **college can feel alienating** to many of us and want to be able to **work to change** that.

Alongside my studies I am also on the **university blues dance teams**, have **mentored** multiple students from disadvantaged backgrounds through the application process, am currently the **Publicity Officer** for the new Trinity Psychology Society and manage a relatively healthy social life, so would like to think I've picked up a variety of skills needed for the job.

Please feel free to message me with any questions at all!

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