

Hi, my name is Remus, I use he/him pronouns and I'm a second year classical guitarist. Some of you may already know me as President of the LGBTQ+ society. I feel that by also taking up the role of LGBTQ+ officer, I will be more able to ensure events are run for our LGBTQ+ students and that I will also be able to provide better support for students who may have issues not as easily addressed within the society context. Instead of sending you to someone you may not know very well, I can organise a time to discuss in private any issues you may have.

As LGBTQ+ officer I hope to run events for LGBTQ+ history month, trans day of visibility, trans day of remembrance and pride month, many of which will be in conjunction with the LGBTQ+ society. As I mentioned when running for LGBTQ+ Society President, I also hope to create more opportunities for LGBTQ+ students across all disciplines to perform and to showcase the works of LGBTQ+ composers. I feel as LGBTQ+ officer, it will be much easier for me to provide these opportunities. I hope for there to be opportunities to provide more education on great LGBTQ+ composers, likely in LGBTQ+ history months.

One thing I've heard from speaking to a variety of students is that there are a number of students who are LGBTQ+, but because they don't necessarily 'look the part' they feel unwelcome at LGBTQ+ events and spaces, such as the society. I want to make sure that these people feel welcome to participate in any events run, and are welcomed in the society. These places and events will also be safe for people who aren't out yet or are questioning. I've come out several times in my life in a variety of different ways to different people, so I am well versed in methods and how to approach it, and am able to advise and help people come out if needed. I can also help with advising with issues of homophobia and transphobia, as someone who has experienced both.

I believe it's useful for all students to have someone to come to who will have experienced being gay/non-straight and trans. I hope it means that I am able to understand and empathise with students coming to me from whatever LGBTQ+ background. I also hope to work in conjunction with Fen, the disability officer, Ellie, the welfare officer to make LGBTQ+ events as accessible as possible to everyone. This will include things such as coffee mornings (without the loud music and drinking, which may be overwhelming for some, and is also important for aiding in combating alcohol misuse within LGBTQ+ communities), and making sure that everyone can access the SU bar for events that are run in the bar downstairs, as well as possibly having some events outside during the warmer months, meaning the lift doesn't need to be used, which particularly important in the event of a fault.

The SU has done a lot for me since I started at Trinity Laban, supporting me whenever I needed it. I hope to forward that same support to students through my work with the SU, and work to make LGBTQ+ students feel safe and included at Trinity Laban.