

### **Who am I?**

My name is Nathan Stubbings and I am a second year BMus Vocal Studies student. My first year at Trinity was virtual so I haven't had much time to meet new people, but I've already been changing that this year!

I've been gay for about as long as I can remember, and have openly identified as such for about 3 years now. I understand the difficulties that can come with balancing your identity with the reactions of those around you and I'm very keen to make sure that Trinity is as welcoming as possible to all LGBTQ+ students.

Having struggled with coming out of the closet, I want to personally provide students with someone they can talk to if they begin questioning their identities, or if people close to them are not accepting them for who they are. These things have defined my upbringing and I want to help others, wherever I can, to feel they have a safe space.

### **What do I want to do?**

My main aim with being part of the TLSU is to celebrate and acknowledge the role of allies to the Queer community. It can be really difficult to understand the LGBTQ+ community if you don't identify with any of its various facets, and I want to ensure that Trinity Laban is a place that openly appreciates the unconditional love of LGBTQ+ allies.

Of course, LGBTQ+ students have to be my main focus, and I wish to continue the good work that Trinity Laban is already doing for Queer students and staff. I have a few smaller goals that I believe would go a long way to increasing representation of Queer students at Trinity. One idea I would like to see is students given the option of either the standard blue lanyard, or a pride flag lanyard when they are assigned their student ID cards.

As LGBTQ+ officer, I would focus on celebration; making sure there are plenty of Queer events happening to celebrate the LGBTQ+ community, it's allies, and how far we have come, as well as remind people of the areas in which we still need to improve.