

Charles McGlone - Manifesto for VP of Welfare TLSU

Student welfare is at the heart of any learning environment. To ensure that students can develop in a positive way they must feel safe, supported and included.

Trinity Laban has a proud reputation of being that supportive and inclusive place and I would be delighted to champion those values as VP of Welfare.

This role means that you are helping people when they feel most vulnerable. This could be worrying about their work, lack of money, loneliness, mental health, dealing with their sexuality, identity or just wanting someone to talk to. This needs someone who is approachable, non-judgemental and who is willing to go that extra mile to help someone in need.

As VP of Welfare I would highlight the resources that are already available at Trinity Laban. There could be funding available that people don't know about or a mentorship scheme that could help someone who is struggling. Students often aren't made aware of this.

It is fantastic that students have access to apps like Headspace and support groups but we need to hear from students themselves to see how they can be further supported and nurtured during their time here.

I would like to set up talks on how to apply to trusts and foundations to help with tuition fees and living costs.

I would like to set up round tables where students can offer their feelings (and sometimes frustrations) about what would improve their experience.

I would like students to feel safe walking back to McMillan Student Village at night.

I would like to highlight awareness weeks surrounding LGBTQ+, disability, and diversity.

I would like to make condoms and STI kits available to students.

Most of all, I would like to be someone who students feel they could approach, and rely on.

Being a student at conservatoire can be the most amazing experience but it can also be daunting, exhausting and difficult. Trinity Laban students need someone who understands that and will find every which way to help them during their time.