

Introduction of the role of a part time Trans and Non-Binary Students Officer

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This Union Notes:

1. Trans students have specific needs and experiences which are often distinct from those who identify as LGBQ+.
2. Trans students therefore require specific representation within the union.
3. The current role of LGBTQ+ Officer does not guarantee this representation.
4. In the past year (and likely in previous years) trans students at Goldsmiths have experienced misgendering in classes, inadequate knowledge of correct pronoun use, and a lack of training/understanding of trans identity from staff members.

This Union Believes

1. A student voice flagging trans issues, and being an elected figure within the students union, would be pivotal in helping students who are facing said issues know that the Union takes them seriously.
2. This role would ensure representation for trans students who have faced transphobia from within the LGBQ+ community.
3. This role would work towards fixing the issue of cisgender LGBTQ+ officers overlooking trans-specific issues on campus.

This Union Resolves

1. To formally introduce the elected role of part time Trans and Non-Binary Students Officer for the academic year 2017/18.