

SHIV and Kieran FOR WELFARE



Hi! I'm Shivanii (she/her), a first-year studying Law with Law Studies in Europe. I'm running with Kieran DeWalt to be your Welfare reps for 2022-2023!

(Check out Kieran's manifesto for even more!)

OUR IDEAS

Better peer support network ✓

There are so many peer supporters on hand to help, but they're just not visible enough to the JCR. We propose **assigning peer supporters to fresher households** - a chance for us to manage and check in on small groups, and for freshers to get to know us better.

Sex-ed talks for Freshers ✓

Sex-ed varies with school, background, and country. We want to source help for incoming freshers to learn more about how to have safe sex. We're keen to work with Imogen in their role as LGBTQIA+ rep to work on improving understanding of **LGBTQIA+ sex education**.

More (intersectional) college family events ✓

College families can be a great source of both academic and welfare support. While subject families have plenty of opportunities to get to know one another at subject dinners and events (which we want to continue and increase!), this isn't the case for **international and rainbow families**. This is something we'd like to work on as part of our agenda for a better peer support network.

Welfare week care packages ✓

Everyone loves welfare week! But even with so many events on, we understand that it can be difficult to actually make it to things. So, we'd like to **bring welfare to you** with **customisable care packages** available to pidge for anyone who you feel could benefit from a little W5 welfare (including yourself).



WHY ME?

Since 2019, I've been a lead volunteer and welfare contact at a community youth summer camp in Birmingham, welcoming up to 200 children aged 8-18 each year. I also have experience running a mental health awareness Instagram page (@sincerely.talk) and organising a broader Time to Change mental health campaign for Mind charity in secondary school.

Filling George and Jana's shoes is a daunting task. Aside from continuing their amazing work, I'm very passionate about increasing the intersectionality of welfare at Merton. Whatever the source of your worries, it's important to me to navigate them with you through the best channels possible. Nobody should feel like welfare doesn't cater to their needs.



HERE FOR YOU

At the end of the day, as welfare reps, the most important job of all is to be there for all of you; whether that's for you to vent, seek advice, be distracted, or just have somebody to keep you company for a little while.

I love our college community, and I want to keep it a safe place where people feel comfortable and able to share their emotions whenever they need. Kieran and I promise to *always* fight in your corner.