

Hi, my name is Michelle Larson. I am an MPhil student in International Relations and I am standing for the position of Women's Officer on the Trinity Hall MCR Committee. I am from California and did my undergraduate degree at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles. Throughout my undergrad I was a member of a Feminist service organization. Our aim was to bring a friendly face to Feminism, raise awareness about women's health issues and the international plight of women, and to serve the local community and surrounding Los Angeles area. I would like to serve as your MCR Women's Officer and take a greater role in the Women's Campaign here at Cambridge. I would like to work closely with the other welfare officers to ensure that we provide a safe environment for helping students through the process of reporting of sexual harassment claims. Also, I would like to raise awareness of women's issues within Trinity Hall and create a fun environment for celebrating women.

While the term Feminist often carries with it negative connotations, Feminism can also be seen as essentially Humanism. It is important to realize that Feminism is not about creating a grand battle of the sexes, but it is about empowering women to think freely and to freely determine their own identity and course in life. In fact, it was not uncommon at my university in Los Angeles for men to likewise state that they were Feminists; men can also support the Feminist ideas of equal rights for all, freedom from oppressive social norms and freedom to determine one's own identity, to choose one's own path in life. As your MCR Women's Officer, I plan to celebrate women and I invite all men of Trinity Hall to celebrate with us.

