



# OUR PEER SUPPORTERS & WELFARE REPS

**Sometimes students prefer to speak with a fellow student rather than a staff member. Meet our friendly Peer Support Team!**

Our Peer Supporters are student volunteers that are trained by the University in active listening to provide an informal and supportive space to talk about any problems (big or small). We offer confidential and non-judgemental support to any student. We can also suggest resources and referrals for additional support.

Our Welfare Reps are elected welfare representatives of the Graduate Common Room and can support students with any welfare concerns during term time. Our Welfare Reps also usually complete the Peer Support Training so that they are equipped to support you.

## WHO ARE THE PEER SUPPORTERS & WELFARE REPS?



**Aleks Petrov (he/him) –AIMS DPhil  
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When not pondering whether machine learning actually works, I enjoy reading, roaming, rowing, running, and overall Reuben-ing. I know how challenging academia can be at times but also that it doesn't have to be this way. And I hope I can contribute to building a healthy, inclusive and respectful environment. I would love to chat and learn more about what is going on in your life, so if you want to grab a cup of tea, coffee or a sugary snack, or just go for a walk, drop me a message ^..^



**Nat Duffus (she/her) – DPhil in Environmental  
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GCR Welfare Rep  
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Nat is a DPhil student in the Department of Biology and Geography, studying Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) and plays an active role in the GCR, including as VP of Social Affairs (2021-22), VP of Community Affairs (2022-23), Ball President (2021-22) and currently serves as both Welfare and LGBTQ+ officer. Please don't hesitate to drop her a message if you would like to meet for a chat and a cuppa ☺



**Zoe Wong (she/her) – D-Phil Biomedical Sciences**

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Hi Reubenites! My name is Zoë and I'm excited to get to know you better. Outside of the lab, I enjoy experimenting in the kitchen and exploring new places. I know Oxford can be drastically different week-to-week, with each week bringing fresh challenges and changes to adapt to. It's easy to feel overwhelmed or stressed, but you never have to struggle alone. Please feel welcome to reach out if you are working through something, need someone to listen, or just want to connect! I enjoy getting to know new people and would love to hear about what's on your mind over tea/coffee/whatever suits you.

**Puyu Wang (he/him) – D-Phil Engineering Science**

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Hi there, I'm Puyu Wang! In my spare time, I enjoy playing the piano and bass because I was a musicology student before coming to Oxford, and I feel a strong connection to music. I understand that life and studying in Oxford can be challenging, and everyone can use some support at times. I'm always here to listen and provide support, whether you want to chat about something, such as music, movies, life in general, or anything else on your mind. So don't hesitate to reach out to me for tea, coffee, a snack, a walk, or anything that suits you best. I can also provide some music to help you relax ;-)