With the rapid growth of the Mansfield MCR community this academic year, the MCR Bench has expanded accordingly on the Welfare and Equalities side. In addition to having one Welfare Officer and one Equalities Officer as in the previous academic year, the Bench has now two more Equalities Officers, who are all dedicated to improving the well-being of all MCR students at Mansfield College.

To this end, the MCR Welfare and Equalities team has continued the tradition of weekly Wednesday Afternoon Lunch and Tea events, twice-termly Welfare Breakfasts, occasional Movie/TV nights and – weather permitting – picnics in the Main Quad or in University Parks. Furthermore, the Bench – in cooperation with other engaged MCR members – has organised a number of new Welfare and Equalities events this year, including a walk to Farmoor and Wytham, a trip to Bath and a Mooncup event.

To further improve our understanding of Equality and Diversity issues and to develop practical understandings of how to implement positive change, the Mansfield MCR Welfare and Equalities team has attended the 2017 ApplyED Conference in Oxford.