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CONSEQUENCES OF SAME-SEX MARRIAGE HIT OXFORD UNIVERSITY

An extraordinary move by a college at Oxford University to exclude its Christian group from its open day showed that even the world's most prestigious universities are not immune from politically correct restrictions on free speech, the Coalition for Marriage said today.

Balliol College at Oxford University banned the college's Christian Union from having a stand at the annual "freshers' fair" over concerns that a Christian presence at activities for new university students risked "potential for harm to freshers".

Alarming, the Balliol Christian Union had not been accused of engaging in any discriminatory behaviour. Instead, the student body that banned the Christian group cited the "damaging" historic influence of Christianity on marginalised communities and the use of Christianity "in many places as an excuse for homophobia and certain forms of neo-colonialism" as a reason to prevent it from holding a stall.

"The fact that a Christian group cannot have a presence at a fair showcasing all the clubs and associations on offer to students shows just how far-reaching the consequences of same-sex marriage are," Coalition for Marriage spokeswoman, Sophie York said.

"Who would have thought that one of the world's most prestigious and well-respected universities would succumb to this type of political correctness?"

"The Christian Union hasn't even been accused of doing anything wrong. The ban goes beyond restrictions on speech or religion; it is identity politics at its worst.

"Australians should be left wondering what spaces will not be open to Christians and other faith groups if same-sex marriage is legalised in this country?" Ms York concluded.

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