

The Council

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Title	Report: LGBT Members Officer
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Purpose	For consideration and approval. Reubs will present their report and questions may be taken if time permits. The report is formally accepted by a simple majority vote.
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This term I have established a new and rejuvenated lgbt society with regular socials and helped to organise events (BHM and academic) in collaboration with the college administrators and BIGS respectively. At the moment the society is a rather loose collection of individuals with an entirely informal committee composed of people with expertise to offer to help in the running of the society. However because cohesion and group size is something of a limiting factor for the students in many London universities I have established links with colleagues from across London and we have now formed a semi-formal "coalition" with backing from Student Central.

I have provided individual support to lgbt members, initiated development of a zero tolerance policy for Birkbeck, pushed GNTs up the college agenda and lobbied for more and better representation of liberation group authors and perspectives in our library.

In combination with my other lgbt representational roles, I have consulted with the DfE to help eradicate lgbt-phobic bullying, presented a workshop to a conference of lgbt activists on the future of lgbt campaigns, and begun work developing anti-bullying literature for schools. I have also been helping Stonewall with their move to greater trans inclusion both by helping them to reach students and by advising them on how to integrate trans needs into their schools and gay by degree materials through collaboration with myself and GIREs.