

RVC SU Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transexual (LGBT) Society

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No of Teams and leagues: N/a

Success: This is the first year that the LGBT Society has been active in supporting students. At the freshers fair we had many more students than we anticipated signing up which was encouraging. Our first social was an introduction to Soho aimed at the freshers, which was well received. Since then I've produced a leaflet containing important advice about STDs, GUM clinics, Help-lines etc. We've had a couple more informal socials this term in order to fulfil the much needed role of providing a support network to students who need gay/lesbian friends to confide in, and these involved several straight students which was a positive step. Coming up is a day organised to highlight support amongst RVC students/staff for LGBT rights. And I'd really like us to be represented in the London Pride procession this summer.

Fund raising events: N/a

Any Sponsorship: N/a

Current funds: ~£500

Requirements/Wishlist: I'd really like it if all our members could go out for a meal once a term because I think this provides a nice relaxed and informal setting over which to make new friends.

As previously mentioned I'd like to represent 'Gay Vet Students & Vets' in London Pride which would involve inviting the LGBT groups at other vet schools along.

I'd also like to host a couple of gay-interest movie nights.

This group has a lot of potential to enrich university life for all students and staff, to help students/staff who are experiencing difficulties surrounding sexuality issues, to encourage a straight-gay alliance to banish ignorance, and just to unwind from the pressures of vet school. It is an important student welfare organisation, but current funding doesn't enable many of these possibilities to be reached.

Mission statement: Feeling confused about your feelings towards members of the same sex and need someone who has felt those feelings to chat to confidentially?

Been 'out' for ages and just want to meet new gay, lesbian and bisexual people to go out drinking on 'the scene' with?

Would like some support through the process of 'coming out'?

Have embarrassing questions about gay/lesbian sex and health issues that your straight friends just won't understand?

Well the RVCs LGBT society aims to help gay, lesbian and bisexual students with all of those issues and anything else. The chances are that our members have been through, or are currently going through, similar feelings; have needed a gay/lesbian friend to confide in; and want to increase their circle of friends