

# SU MANIFESTO FORM 2020/21

Position: LGBTQ+ Officers

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## Please state up to 5 of your aims for the year

- Approaching the post of LGBTQ+ officer from an intersectional perspective. Making sure that we retain close ties with the BAME, Trans\* and Women's officers. Seeking to combat discrimination within the queer community.
- Expanding on the excellent Queer events like the Cabaret with more frequent queer nights at the SU, including guest speakers and performers.
- Promoting queer art by implementing a 'Queerspace' scratch night for theatrical performance and writing.
- Fundraising for queer charities all throughout the year including during Pride celebrations, other commemorative occasions and in response to world events.
- Being politically active with discussions and education on queer politics and how it intersects with other issues of discrimination as well as providing a banner under which students at Central can get out, march and have their voices heard.

## Manifesto

As LGBTQ+ officers we wish to champion the less visible. Learning, growing and teaching are fundamental – with this at the forefront of our ideals, we hope to give a spotlight to less prominent identities and orientations, offering insight into the beautiful wider spectrum of queer self expression. Due to the lack of resources the UK education curriculum offers, we believe it to be an essential and an inclusive step to implement professionally-led LGBTQ+ sex education workshops, in addition to LGBTQ+ historical and political education (within the UK and the world beyond).

Coming from a devising background we are well versed with creativity, big ideas and putting on a show – and we will inject this into our events planning. Beyond the successful current events we would love to run sessions such as Vogue Basics (in conjunction with Dance Society), a Lip Sync Masterclass, Drag workshops with local queens, and celebrations of queer art such as theatre trips, literary discussions and SU viewing parties of popular LGBTQ+ media – as well as collaborating with BAME Officers by arranging exclusively BAME Queer socials. We intend to make our events ally inclusive, and with fresh inspiration from the ethos of current movements a "How To Be a Better Ally" workshop would not go amiss, allowing those not in our community to lift us up and be more effective supporters.

In the aftermath of COVID-19 we understand the need for unity and community, and making our incoming queer first years feel accepted and inducted into Central life. Bearing this in mind, we would love to collaborate with Activities Officers in creating more spaces for LGBTQ+ freshers, and (if necessary) co-ordinating appropriate fun spaces which can take place through creative virtual means or that will accommodate social distancing. We wish to be friendly and supportive faces within the student body, prepared to listen, help where we can and fight for voices to be heard.

We stand for the creation and nurturing of queer art, challenging preconceptions and stereotypes and educating those within our community, as well as those outside, to create a more open minded and well informed RCSSD community.