The LGBT+ Students' Network exists to represent all students studying at the University of Nottingham who do not conform to the heteronormative or cisnormative expectations of society (and therefore anyone who self-identifies as LGBT+).

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What does the LGBT+ Network do?

Our main objective in the LGBT+ Network is to ensure all members feel part of a community. We host a variety of inclusive socials which are a fantastic opportunity to meet like-minded people and make new friends. Joining our Network also allows you to get involved with our city break tours and our annual PRIDE Prom!

We are here for you. As a Network, we organise campaigns (such as our upcoming campaign on the importance of pronouns) which defend and extend the rights of LGBT+ students. In addition to this, we are a support Network with the capacity to signpost you to welfare and outreach programmes available at the University and in the wider community.

How do I join the LGBT+ Network?

Membership is completely free and your position as a member will always be entirely confidential. You can obtain membership by logging in on our page on the SU website and adding it to your basket. Joining our Network allows you to attend our socials, keep updated through our private mailing list and most importantly, be a part of the community here at Nottingham.
Facebook

Page: facebook.com/uonlgbt
Main public group: facebook.com/groups/UoNLGBT
SB LGBT+ group: facebook.com/groups/sutbonlgbt

Privacy

Our members' safety is important to us - which is why, in addition to our public groups, we have two 'secret' Facebook groups: our private group (which contains all the information our public group has), and Trans Voices. To access these groups, please email Han (they/he), General Secretary.

Instagram

@uonlgbt

Committee emails

LGBT+ Officer: sulgbt@nottingham.ac.uk
General Secretary: lgbtsecretary@nottingham.ac.uk
Campaigns Managers: lgbtcampaigns@nottingham.ac.uk
Welfare Coordinators: lgbt+welfare@nottingham.ac.uk
Social Secretaries: lgbetaevents@nottingham.ac.uk
Useful terms

**Ally**
A (typically) straight and/or cis person who supports members of the LGBT community

**Ace**
Used to describe a variation in levels of romantic and/or sexual attraction (and lack of), including asexual, aromatic, demis and grey-A

**Bisexual**
Used to describe a romantic and/or sexual orientation towards more than one gender

**Cis(gender)**
When one’s assigned gender aligns with their gender identity; someone who is not trans. From Latin, ‘cis’ = same

**Cisnormative**
To assume that everyone is cis, that cis is the default or ‘better’ than trans

**Gay**
Refers to men who are sexually and/or romantically attracted to men

**Gender**
Often expressed in terms of masculinity and femininity, gender is largely culturally determined and is how people choose to identify. Different from sex.

**Heteronormative**
To assume that everyone is straight, that heterosexuality is the default or ‘better’

**Intersex**
Describes a person with sex characteristics which are not typically male or female

**Lesbian**
Refers to women who are sexually and/or romantically attracted to women

**Mx**
Gender neutral honorific

**Non-binary**
Used to describe people whose gender identity doesn’t sit comfortably with ‘man’ or ‘woman’. This can involve being fluid or outside the gender binary

**Pansexual**
Refers to a person whose romantic and/or sexual attraction towards others is not limited by sex or gender.

**Queer**
Umbrella term for LGBT+ identities; due to its historical use, this word may be seen as a slur

**Sex**
Assigned to a person on the basis of primary sex characteristics (genitalia) at birth.

**Sexuality**
A person’s sexual attraction to other people

**Trans(gender)**
Used to describe people whose gender is not the same as, or does not sit comfortably with, the sex they were assigned at birth

For more information and terms, please visit stonewall.org.uk/help-advice/glossary-terms. For an insight into the experience of an LGBT+ Student at the University of Nottingham, have a look at our “Stronger Together’ video: youtube.com/watch?v=Dw8LZ40bm_I
Useful services

The LGBT+ Network has a team of three elected Welfare & Outreach Coordinators who are responsible for ensuring that the Network is adequately catering for the welfare of its members. They are always available to contact if you have any problems at University, or if you just need a pair of listening ears. As well as this, there is always at least one Coordinator at each of our events should you require their help.

All interactions with our Welfare and Outreach Coordinators are kept completely confidential. They can be reached through the email LGBT+Welfare@nottingham.ac.uk and are also available to meet you in person, should you prefer.

Our Welfare and Outreach Coordinators are also able to signpost you to relevant services, both in the University and out in the wider community in Nottingham. You can have a look at some of the services which the Network recommends under the "Welfare" tab on our SU web page:

su.nottingham.ac.uk/societies/society/lgbt