



LGBT+ Conservatives

LGBT+ Conservatives is the national organization for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans Conservatives. We provide an LGBT voice within the party, and a Conservative voice in the LGBT+ community.

“When I stood in Downing Street as Prime Minister for the first time, I said that I believe in a country that works for everyone, whoever we are and wherever we’re from. We rightly take pride in making Britain one of the most LGBT-friendly places in the world.”



HERESA MAY, PRIME MINISTER

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LGBT people are still under-represented across all of our assemblies and parliaments, and the Conservative Party as a party of inclusion, is committed to helping them overcome any barriers to standing. Indeed, with 41 LGBT candidates at the last General Election and 9 candidates at the elections in Scotland and London in 2016, the Conservative Party is leading the way. We are working hard to encourage and support candidates from our community to stand as elected representatives, both through campaign days and financial support.

CANDIDATES' FUND

<http://www.lgbtconservatives.org.uk/candidates-fund>

The Conservative Party

A true LGBT champion

1. The right plan for Britain. Like everyone else, LGBT people value the security of work, a good home, and strong public services. We have the right plan that is creating more jobs and helping people get on the housing ladder, whilst increasing spending on the NHS: We have pledged an additional £8bn, which is only possible because we have created a strong economy.
2. The right team: Under Theresa May, the Conservative Party is modern and inclusive. The Conservatives have more LGBT MPs than any other party. We will always value diversity and continue to support LGBT candidates.
3. Marriage Equality. We have introduced civil marriage equality by giving same-sex couples the same opportunity to get married. As Conservatives we believe in freedom and supporting people who make a commitment to each other.
4. Correcting past wrongs. We have already made it possible for gay men with historic criminal records for consensual gay sex to apply to have these records deleted. The Government is committed to a new law to lift the blight of all such outdated past convictions based on the pardon given to Alan Turing.
5. Harsher penalties for hate crimes. We've ensured people who murder transgender people in hate crime attacks now face life sentences. We will now look at extending hate crime laws to cover crimes committed against people on the basis of disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity.
6. Tackling homophobia in schools and sport. We have invested £2 million in schools to help them tackle homophobic bullying and launched a Sports Charter to stamp out homophobia and transphobia in sport.
7. The UK is regarded as one of the top countries in Europe for LGBT rights. Under the Conservatives the 'Rainbow Europe' survey conducted by ILGA Europe ranked the UK number one for LGBT rights.
8. Promoting LGBT rights overseas. We will continue to challenge anti-LGBT laws overseas, and we have a track-record of leading from the very top on this: UK Embassies abroad now support human rights organisations campaigning to change laws and social attitudes. We have also stopped the deportation of asylum seekers facing homophobic persecution.
9. We value LGBT people for who they are. We are committed to equality, but no-one should be defined purely by their sexuality or gender identity. Our plan is for a stronger economy and security for all – and a country where everyone is free to be who they are and to be given the respect they deserve.
10. Launched a pilot for 40,000 men who have sex with men to be vaccinated against Human Papilloma Virus (HPV).