

# The Conservative Party

## A true LGBT champion

1. The right plan for Britain. The Conservatives will build a stronger economy and fairer society. Like everyone else, LGBT people value the security of work, a good home, and strong public services.

2. The right team. The Conservative Party is modern and inclusive. The Conservatives have the largest number of out MPs in the House of Commons. 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. In 2012, Conservatives made it possible for gay men with historic criminal records for consensual gay sex to apply to have these records disregarded. In 2013 Alan Turing was pardoned and in 2017 a new amnesty law pardoned gay men who were cautioned or convicted under historical legislation which criminalised consensual gay sex.

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. 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.

8. Launched a pilot for 40,000 men who have sex with men to be vaccinated against Human Papilloma Virus (HPV).

9. In 2011 the Conservative-led Government allowed gay and bisexual men to donate blood for the first time. In 2017 the government reduced deferral period to three months.

10. To mark the 50th anniversary of the partial decriminalisation of homosexuality, the Conservative Government announced new action to promote LGBT equality including new proposals to streamline and demedicalise the process for changing gender and the launch of a nationwide LGBT survey.



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