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Historically the society has held a low profile in the guild, with low membership and has been somewhat out on a limb from the guild. In recent months much of this has changed with the emergence of a society prepared to stand up and be counted: which organises, plans and holds events for LGB students within the guild on a regular basis. LGB issues even led to a quorate AGM of the guild and there has been a growing understanding by most students of the needs of LGB people.

The motion prepared and supported by Stuart Feathers and Richard Gordon, will enshrine LGB students with the constitution of the guild council. It is the start of a process where 10% of our students are given further representation and the horizons of the guild are expanded further. It is a commitment to the rights of our students which is why the move was so widely backed on guild council.

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