P26-27/007

Motion for LGBTQ+ Officer

Notes:

1. Cardiff UCU currently has a role of LGBT+ officer.
2. This is reflective of the acronym used by national UCU.

Believes:

1. Many people today identify as queer, rather than (or as well as) lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. The word can encompass a greater fluidity and diversity of sexual and gendered experiences.
2. While the word ‘queer’ has sometimes been associated with academic or theoretical contexts, today it is widely used by LGBTQ+ communities beyond academia, including by organisations in Cardiff such as the Queer Emporium.
3. LGBTQ+ explicitly includes queer while retaining the relative brevity of the acronym for ordinary use.

Resolves:

To change the name of the LGBT+ officer to LGBTQ+ officer.

Note. Suggested amendment from member, agreed by the writer of the motion, "I’d suggest an amendment to P26-27-007 to append “in 8.1 and 8.17 of the branch rules” to resolves (i.e. to read "To change the name of the LGBT+ officer to LGBTQ+ officer in 8.1 and 8.17 of the branch rules”)