**LGBTQ Students’ Officer’s Report**

**Student Council, January 2019**

This month I have been mostly focusing on the upcoming NUS conferences. On the 30th of January I will be taking 4 members of delegation with me to the NUS trans conference in Manchester where we will vote on policy and path the way for newer more inclusive by laws under all NUS universities. I have also been beggining to prepare for the upcoming refurendum on the NUS. I am preparing a slate to campaign and educate the students on what the NUS does for us, how it benefits their everyday life as a student, and how they can yet involved.

I have also been planning the LGBTQ+ winter gala a which is a chance for LGBT students to perform and have a night simular to their prom however within a safe space that allows them to be out and who they are.

I am starting to look at re-writing a policy on what  is homophobia and transphobia. This will make it a lot more clear when instances like these happen and how to deal with it. I will also be enforcing zero tolerance to both of these things as I think a slap on the wrist is often the written solution. I am asking my connections at NUS to help me further with this and I'm hoping this will also help bring our policy a bit more up to date like other universities.