

## **Transgender participation in Sport 2014**

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### **Union Notes:**

1. Anglia Ruskin Students' Union supports recreational clubs across four campuses.
2. Active Anglia supports competitive clubs across four campuses.

### **Union Believes:**

1. Students' Union to allow and encourage the participation of transgender students in sports teams.
2. There is no current policy within Active Anglia in place which makes transgender students aware whether or not they are allowed to join their sports teams
3. Sport is an excellent way to improve fitness and get active and to make friends and boost confidence
4. LGBT people are a protected minority by the NUS and should not be discriminated against when it comes to participating in sport, or discriminated against at all for that matter
5. Despite much resistance, transpeople have competed successfully in professional sport; this is a crucial step towards trans-equality
6. Anglia Ruskin University is known for being a diverse and accepting university and by putting this policy in place it would be deserving of that reputation
7. Other universities, such as the University of Derby already have a similar model in place which encourages transgender students to join their sports teams and live an active lifestyle, the same as any other student.

### **Union Resolves:**

1. To provide readily accessible information on transgender participation in sport within the Students' Union.
2. To ensure Students' Union sports teams
3. To lobby Active Anglia to ensure their sports teams actively include transgender students in sport.
4. To work with Active Anglia to come up with a set of principles and sign a charter whereby all teams are aware of and implementing this policy.