

## **Transgender participation in Sport 2012**

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### **Union Notes:**

1. Anglia Ruskin Students' Union has supports 41 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 in place which makes transgender students aware whether or not they are allowed to join our 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 develop policy to expressively include transgender students in sport with the Students' Union sport teams.
2. To provide readily accessible information on transgender participation in sport within the Students' Union.
3. To ensure our sports teams actively include transgender students in sport.
4. To actively review policy to ensure transgender rights within sport is continuously upheld.