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Running for the position of Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Trans Student Officer

The UCLU LGBT Network is one of the most important organizations in UCL. Its major role is to support LGBT students in UCL by protecting their rights and making sure they feel accepted and respected in the university.

In my opinion, the reason for the Network's limited activity during the past couple of years is due to a limited success in creating a community feeling in UCL. I want this to change, and having done community work in the LGBT community center in Tel Aviv, I believe I have the experience and ability to do so. In order to achieve this, we must maintain regular events that would appeal to as many people as possible. This year's major success of Daniel Fredriksson's monthly book club is evidence of this.

I plan to keep the book club, start bi-weekly discussion groups, get in contact with other LGBT organization, arrange workshops and open a movie night club. Also, restoring Aspire's reputation as one of the best student nights in London would be of great benefit to the network. Extending out collaboration with other LGBT student groups ones would provide our students with a vibrant social life and a reason to keep coming back to our events.

Having been an active member of the society during this academic year, I realize that running this network requires a lot of time, effort and dedication. I believe I have the dedication and organization skills required to be a great LGBT officer. With the support of several present committee members, I am confident that I am the right person for this position. I want to make our students proud of being a part of the LGBT Student network and of UCL.