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There is going to be a **General Election** on Thursday, 12 December.

A **General Election** is when we vote for someone to be our **Member of Parliament (MP)**.

**Members of Parliament (MPs)** are people who:
- Make laws
- Speak up for their local area
- Check that the Government is working properly

MPs are in different political parties, like the Conservative Party, the Labour Party, the Liberal Democrats, the Scottish National Party and others.

The party with largest number of MPs will form the next Government.
Stonewall

Stonewall is a charity which supports and campaigns for the rights of LGBT people.

LGBT stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bi, Trans.

Lesbians are women who are attracted to women.

Gay men are attracted to men. Gay can also be used to describe lesbians.

Bi people are attracted to more than one gender.

Trans means that you feel the gender you were given as a baby doesn’t match the gender you feel yourself to be.

This document explains what Stonewall thinks all parties and MPs should do. It is called a manifesto.
Discrimination against LGBT people

Discrimination is when you are treated unfairly because of who you are.

Many LGBT people face discrimination.

- One in five LGBT people have suffered a hate crime in the last 12 months

Hate crime is when someone suffers a crime because of who they are, for example because they are LGBT

- Nearly half of LGBT children and young people are bullied at school
• Most trans people find it hard to get their correct gender recognised in law

• Many LGBT people have heard bad things being said by healthcare staff

• A relationship with someone of the same sex is still against the law in 69 countries

• Half of LGBT people who are not white have suffered discrimination from other LGBT people because of their skin colour
What we are calling for

Stonewall is calling for all parties and candidates to agree to do these things:

A candidate is someone who wants to be a Member of Parliament (MP).

1. Create communities where all LGBT people are safe and accepted

We want the next UK Government to do this by:

- Stopping hate crime in our communities
- Getting all parts of the Government to work together to protect the rights of LGBT people
• Improving the law about hate crimes against LGBT people

• Making sure that LGBT groups have the money they need

• Making sure the courts support LGBT people who have suffered hate crimes

• Giving people more information about hate crimes

• Working to stop abuse against LGBT people online

• Getting the Government to collect more good information about LGBT people
2. **Protect and improve rights for LGBT people**

We want the next UK Government to do this by:

- Making sure that people still have the same human rights after Brexit

*Brexit* means Britain leaving the **European Union**.

The **European Union (EU)** is a group of 28 countries in Europe that work together.

- Making it easier for trans people to have their correct gender recognised in law
- Looking at whether the Government needs to say what someone’s gender is on official documents

- Making sure that same-sex couples get the same rights over pensions after Brexit

A pension is the money older people get from the Government every month.

- Making same-sex marriage legal in Northern Ireland as quickly as possible
3. Make sure every LGBT child and young person can do well

We want the next UK Government to do this by:

- Making sure every school has enough money for teaching about relationships and sex-education that includes learning about LGBT issues

- Stopping bullying of LGBT people in schools

- Having proper youth services for young LGBT people

- Making sure LGBT people are included in all types of education
4. Improve health and social care services for LGBT people

We want the next UK Government to do this by:

• Creating a new plan to help all health and social care services be fair to LGBT people

• Making it easier for trans people to get help from special services that help trans people to be who they are

• Allowing men who have sex with men to give blood like everyone else
• Helping all children to have a jab to protect them from getting certain types of cancer

• Stopping people get HIV by making the medication called PrEP available through the NHS

**HIV** is a virus that anyone can get. One way this can happen is by having sex without using a condom.

If someone with HIV **is not** on good treatment they can give HIV to someone else.

The virus can stop your body being able to fight against other infections and diseases.
5. Make sure that the UK helps LGBT get their rights around the world

We want the next UK Government to do this by:

- Speaking up when LGBT people face violence in other countries

- Speaking up about the rights of LGBT people when the Government does business with other countries

- Giving help to organisations in other countries that help LGBT people

- Treating LGBT people with respect when they have come to this country after escaping violence in their own country

- Helping people who are standing up for the rights of LGBT people in other countries
More information

Register to vote
Make sure that you can vote in the next election.

You have to be on the register of people who can vote.

You can register to vote by going to:
www.gov.uk/register-to-vote

You need to be registered by Tuesday 26th November.

Sign our petition
Our petition calls on all candidates to agree with the points in this manifesto.

A petition is where lots of people sign to say they agree with certain things.

You can sign it by going to:
www.stonewall.org.uk/manifesto
Ask your local candidates

You can find the names of your local candidates by going to your local council website.

You can find the name of your local council by going to:
www.gov.uk/find-local-council

Speak to your local candidates:
● On social media
● At public meetings
● When they come to your home
Ask them...

- What they will do to protect LGBT rights

- To show public support for LGBT rights

- To support this manifesto

Let us know what they say by emailing:

campaigns@stonewall.org.uk

For more information

If you need more information please go to our website:

www.stonewall.org.uk

Or email:

campaigns@stonewall.org.uk

Or telephone: 020 7593 1850

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