Invitation to join the
LGBT+ Network of Networks (LGBT+ NoN)
For staff in Higher Education

First Meeting:

**May 30th 2017, from 10.30 Graham Wallas Room, 5th floor, Old Building, LSE
(agenda TBC)**

University staff LGBT+ networks are warmly invited to send up to **two representatives** to join the first meeting of the LGBT+ staff Network of Networks. The LGBT+ NoN aims to provide a dedicated community and support for LGBT+ staff networks in Higher Education in the UK including:

=   **Support and resources** for network officers to improve their knowledge of LGBT+ equality issues and work together on sector challenges

= **Training sessions** and guidance to empower LGBT+ networks and individual officers to engage with their communities, diversify their representation, and share best practice on engagement with senior leadership

= Enabling networks to become more **stable and resilient** to ensure 'business continuity' of their mission

=   Act as a **first point of contact** for guidance for institutions which do not currently have a network, or are seeking to refresh/renew their existing provision

=   **Sharing updates and information from Allies** and relevant sector and/or LGBT + organisations, including ECU and Stonewall.

Who is the NoN for?

The network is open to membership from **officers (or representatives) of LGBT+ staff networks**. However other organisations or individuals (such as Equality and Diversity unit staff from universities) who are interested in the work of the NoN are welcome to contact us for information, and we will be actively engaging with colleagues from across the sector to provide information, training and to join us in debate and discussion.

Why do we need a Network of Networks?

This LGBT History Month the University of Wolverhampton made their case for why it was time for an LGBT+ NoN in the HE sector. Read the blog: www.ecu.ac.uk/blogs/time-lgbt-network-networks/ .

How do I find out more?

If you wish to be added to our mailing list for updates, please email the Equality Challenge Unit (who are providing interim secretarial support) with your name, institution, network role, and email.