

## **Study abroad guide for LGBT students.**

This guide aims to promote the safety and wellbeing of LGBT students by providing guidance and information on issues that may be relevant when considering studying overseas.

The rights and protections afforded to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in the UK will not be the same around the world therefore it is important to be fully aware of what rights, protections and attitudes a country may have before deciding on a destination for studying abroad.

### **Things to consider**

- What are the laws regarding same-sex relationships in the country?
- What are the cultural norms and attitudes?
- What attitudes might I encounter when presenting a gender different to my passport?
- Is it safe for me to be "out" when I'm abroad?
- What kind of LGBTQ organisations are there in the country?
- What support and organisations/committees exist at the University I am considering exchanging to?

### **Useful guides and resources**

- [Stonewall country briefings](#)
- [LGBT rights by country or territory](#)
- [Foreign and Commonwealth Office Travel advice for LGBT tourists](#)
- [IGLHRC - Human Rights organisation](#)
- [IGLTA - Gay and lesbian travel association](#)
- [LGTB friendly study abroad destinations blog](#)