

Thank you for agreeing to speak to our members at an upcoming event.

The Students' Guild is led by students, who both directly and indirectly set the direction of our organisation. Our purpose is to shape an excellent student experience for all students at Exeter by empowering them to take their place in the world and make a positive difference. As part of this, we work towards widening debate, discussion, and challenge, rather than narrowing it. Our societies and groups are key facilitators of freedom of expression on campus, and so we actively support our student leaders to run events that aim to widen the discussion and enable our members to participate, feel able to question and challenge, in addition to expressing new ideas and controversial or unpopular opinions within the law, without the fear of intolerance or discrimination.

As part of this, it is our responsibility to ensure that we act within the law regarding Freedom of Speech. To ensure we can maintain our duty within this, we will not tolerate:

- Unlawful direct and/or indirect discrimination, harassment, or victimisation
- Language which is threatening, abusive or insulting, or intended to harass, alarm or distress
- Language that targets a person or group based on their skin colour, race, nationality, ethnicity, religion, gender, age, disability, or marriage and civil partnership
- Incitement or encouragement of others to commit a crime

A copy of our [External Speaker Framework can be found here](#). Which outlines our commitment to freedom of expression and to supporting our societies and groups in being key facilitators of freedom of expression on campus.

Everyone has the right to freedom of expression within the law, and respectful debate and conversation allows us to challenge discrimination, eliminate intolerance and harmful attitudes as well as build strong and positive communities. We ask that all speakers and event attendees are tolerant of the differing opinions of others and to be tolerant of the diverse identities of others, in line with the core values of freedom from discrimination.

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