

Our Support for

LGBT

1967

Sex between men
decriminalised in
England and Wales

1975

Liberal Party becomes
the first party to commit
to a Gay Rights policy

1979

Law in Scotland brought
into line with England
and Wales

1988

Liberal Democrats
oppose Section 28,
which banned teachers
from presenting
homosexuality as
acceptable

1998

Allowing trans people
to change the gender
on their birth certificate
becomes Liberal
Democrat policy

2001

Age of consent lowered
to 16 and finally made
equal between gay and
straight people

2008

Liberal Democrats
adopt official policy
that asylum seekers
should not be deported
if they face imprisonment,
torture or murder as a
result of their sexuality

2004

Civil partnerships
introduced

2010

Liberal Democrats
become the first major
party to create policy on
Equal Marriage

2013

Equal Marriage becomes
law on 17th July 2013

2014

The first couple married
on March 29th at the
stroke of midnight