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Valentine's Day = Equal Love

The rainbow flag will be hoisted on the Weighbridge roundabout this Valentine's day by equality charity Liberate as part of its campaign for love to be treated equally across the islands.

"Our Valentine's wish is for Equal Love" Liberate CI Chair Martin Gavet said. "Love is love regardless of who you are. We seek love equality. All couples who love each other should be treated equally and without discrimination. This means being able to marry the person you love no matter what your sexuality or gender identity. We very much welcome the fact that both the States of Guernsey and Jersey are seriously looking into introducing Equal Marriage or Union Civile and afford the same rights to same-sex or transgender couples that are currently enjoyed by our heterosexual friends. Flying the rainbow flag symbolises hope for the future in terms of the Channel Islands being truly free and equal societies".

The rainbow flag is the symbol of the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender community.

Liberate which celebrates its first birthday on 15 February now represents the LGBTQ community across the Channel Islands with branches in Guernsey and Jersey.

“We have come a long way in 12 months building bridges and friendships across the community from government to faith leaders. Liberate has truly become a catalyst for change across the Channel Islands.” Mr Gavet added.

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Note to Editors

LIBERATE has been established to provide support to the local Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender and Questioning (LGBTQ) Community, their families, friends and carers on a wide range of issues facing LGBT people. It is an inclusive group which does not discriminate on grounds of gender, race, belief, disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity.

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