

Gender Expression Fund – Guidance Document draft

Introduction

The Liverpool Guild of Students Gender Expression Fund is a fund for any student at the University of Liverpool who identifies as transgender, non-binary, intersex or gender diverse that would like financial support to access items to enable them to express their gender identity. The Guild want all students to feel comfortable expressing their gender in a safe space without any financial barriers preventing this.

The fund was created by our 24/25 Vice President Holly Thompson and £500 has been pledged for it for this academic year. Applicants can request up to £50 to help support or pay for the costs of gender affirming clothing/items.

The Fund is currently – OPEN/CLOSED

How to apply

Complete this application form - [Gender Expression Fund - Application Form](#)

Once you have submitted, keep an eye on your emails for a reply! *Applications will be considered in batches as they are submitted.*

Retailers of note

The retailers listed below are places where you can order gender affirming items that are safe and affordable when applying for the Gender Expression Fund.

Spectrum Outfitters – This site mainly has binders, but also have a selection of boxers, pads and packers, swimwear and queer accessories - [Spectrum Outfitters | The UK Binder Company](#)

G2b UK – Primarily provide binders as well as other gender affirming items - [OUR BINDERS – gc2b](#)

UNTAG – From the Netherlands, this site provides binders, bras and bra tops, packing underwear, tucking underwear, swimwear, breast prosthetics, packers and silicone torsos, accessories such as padding pouches, stand-to-pee - [UNTAG | For Every Body](#)

Zoah – This site provides binders, packing underwear and tucking accessories. The site splits their gender affirming items into femme+, masc+ and don'tcare+ - [ZOA- Trans+ Underwear & Swimwear](#)

Gaff and Go – Provides tucking accessories, swimwear, sportswear, beauty and binders - [Transgender Lingerie, Swimwear and Accessories – GAFF AND GO](#)

Sex shops with gender affirming products

LoveHoney - [Packers and Packing Underwear | Packing Dildo | Lovehoney UK](#)

Wigs

Wig Store UK – have a section on transgender wigs - [transgender wigs fashionable wigs discreet service - Wig Store UK](#)

Clothing

Liverpool Guild's Swap Shop – launching during Sustainability Week, the swap shop will be a permanent feature in your student's union! The swap shop will be the perfect place to find your very own unisex fashion statements, passed down by your own peers. You can also sign up to be a volunteer for the swap shop and help to promote it as a safe place for the LGBTQ+ community at the university.

Safety Guides

The most important thing about purchasing gender affirming items is that you know how to use them safely. These guides below show you how to support your physical and mental health whilst being your most authentic self.

[Binding Basics – Spectrum Outfitters](#), [Binding Safely – Spectrum Outfitters](#), [Binder Care – Spectrum Outfitters](#) - Click here for binder safety

[Queering Medicine - Chest Binding](#) - click here for more generalised chest binding safety

[FTM Packer Guide](#) – Click here for packer safety

[Safety Information – UNTAG](#) – click here for general information about gender affirming items and how to be safe whilst using them

Other resources and reports of note

[Zoah Report - Trans Masc Safety Survey - Interactive d7a958b1-1f2e-4c85-8a41-2497703ef697.pdf](#) – Zoah's report on the needs and wellbeing of trans men, trans masculine and non-binary people is a brilliant piece of research and may inform you on what gender affirming items will help you feel your most authentic self.

[Gender Construction Kit](#) - This website helps you explore everything you need to know about living life the way you want to live, down to your makeup, your clothing or if you wish to explore medical transitioning

[LGBTQIA+ Non-Fiction Reading List | All \(Gallery\)](#) - here is a list of LGBTQIA+ books about history, politics, culture and society. Let us know what you think!

Guild campaigns and wider work

- **Student communities** - link
- **Guild societies** – update every year
- **Previous campaigns** – support on pronouns and name changing, Trans in the Ban
- **Current campaigns** – permanent swap shop, access to free, unisex clothing in a variety of styles and sizes. Could have advice and support for trans/non-binary/gender non-conforming people at the swap shop and tie it into our wider liberation work.

Outreach services

- Guild advice and Uni advice
- Wider groups – Sahir House, Butterfly Clinic, LGBT Foundation