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# Delga

*the newsletter of DELGA, Liberal Democrats for  
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Equality*



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# Our Exec

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# Brighton Rocked...

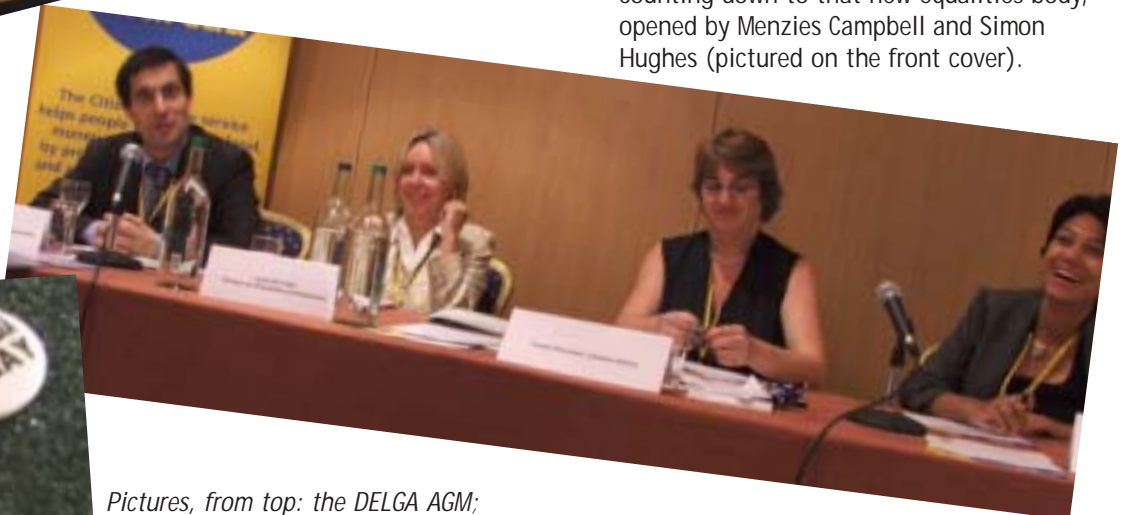


**DELGA had a fantastic Federal Party Conference at Brighton.** The week kicked off with our AGM on the Sunday. This voted to reduce the number of Vice Presidents we have from nine to three (see nomination paper in this mailing). The AGM also resolved to retain the name DELGA following the all-member ballot. A new Executive to take office from January 1st was elected - and there is room for a few extra members to be co-opted, see the article opposite.

A constructive discussion session about DELGA's strategy from now through beyond the next General Election followed - the one question no-one could answer there and then was the gender balance of our membership; on checking, it turns out that (in round numbers) of our 330 members, 50 are female. Of course, that involves a little bit of guesswork on some names!

**Conference highlights included**

- a packed Stonewall / DELGA reception with Baroness Julia Neuberger, Stephen Williams MP, Ben Summerskill from Stonewall and Rodney Berman, leader of Cardiff council;
- Lib Dem Youth & Students' lunchtime fringe meeting about the campaign to stop homophobic bullying (with oodles of free pin badges);
- a CAB sponsored fringe to examine the implications of the new combined equalities body which replaces existing organisations like the EOC and will include LGB in its remit;
- and the Absolutely Equal reception, counting down to that new equalities body, opened by Menzies Campbell and Simon Hughes (pictured on the front cover).



*Pictures, from top: the DELGA AGM; homophobic bullying campaign fringe meeting; equalities fringe meeting; LDYS' campaign pin badges - coming to a uni near you soon!*

# Pride

There have been Lib Dem presences at many lesbian, gay, bisexual & transgender pride events this summer including Manchester, London, Oxford and Cardiff. Pictures: *below* (and cover) marchers on the EuroPride parade in London in July; *right* our stall at Manchester Pride collected over 1,000 signatures on the "stop homophobic bullying" petition.



## 2007?

If there'll be a pride event in your area next year then get planning now - find local helpers and get in touch with DELGA nationally for leaflets, artwork etc to use on stalls. Remember to have general local Lib Dem info on your stall too - though you'll be surprised how far people come to Pride!

## After the AGM...

*There are a few things we'd like to draw to your attention following the DELGA AGM in Brighton.*

For a start, DELGA will have a new executive in the new year. Their basic contact details are given on the right, though they'll get a proper introduction in the next newsletter.

There is room to co-opt several more ordinary members of the executive, so the incoming team would welcome nominations from people interested in joining them as executive members in the coming year.

Expressions of interest welcome either by email to [secretary@delga.org.uk](mailto:secretary@delga.org.uk) or write to DELGA c/o Lib Dems, 87a Castle Street, Stockport SK3 9AR. In particular let the new executive know if you are interested in particular areas of work, for example the 2006 executive co-opted someone specifically to run the DELGA website.

The AGM also resolved to reduce the number of Vice Presidents we have from nine to three. All three shall be elected at the start of 2007, with nominations now open. This mailing should include a nomination form. If you need to know more about the role of the VPs then contact Steve Sollitt on [secretary@delga.org.uk](mailto:secretary@delga.org.uk)

In future there will be one VP up for re-election each year.

*The 2007 executive will be:*

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YES! I'd / We'd like to join DELGA.

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Party Membership Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Local Party: \_\_\_\_\_

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Waged £15

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Joint membership for 2 people at the same address £25

Amount paid £\_\_\_\_

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