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## LGB BIOGRAPHY

LGB Member Name: Dr T R Hands

***Place of residence: Winchester***

***Further/Higher education (including main area(s) of study):***

*Dr Hands was educated in the state sector, studying the violin at the Guildhall before reading English as an undergraduate at King's College, London, and as a graduate at St Catherine's and Oriel Colleges Oxford. From 1984 to 1986 he held the position of Stipendiary Lecturer at Oriel College, Oxford, responsible for the English Language and Literature undergraduates there.*

***Employment:***

*In 1986 he began teaching at King's School, Canterbury, where he subsequently became a Housemaster, moving in 1994 to Whitgift School as Second Master, and in 1997 to The Portsmouth Grammar School as Head. Dr Hands was for seven years Co-Chair of the HMC GSA Universities Committee, and Chairman of HMC in the academic year 2013-4.*

***Skills:***

*Dr Hands has written a number of books and articles, chiefly concerned with 19th- and 20th-century literature, especially Thomas Hardy. He teaches English to all Sixth Form pupils studying the subject at Pre-U Level.*

***Networks:***

*He has been a Trustee, and Member of the Council, of Portsmouth Cathedral, a Trustee of several local museums, and of a number of charitable and sporting organisations. In 1999 he founded the Portsmouth Festivities, becoming Chairman of the Board of Directors in 2004.*

***Interests:***

*In his spare time, Dr Hands is a keen listener to music and spectator of sport, especially rugby and cricket.*