## Apology to the LGBTQIA+

On Wednesday, 28 July 2021, I hosted an Open Lecture presented by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and, earlier this week on 4 September 2021, an online interview with a leading urologist entitled "What does science say about LGBTQIA+".

I apologise without reserve for the hurt and distress these events caused, not only to the LGBTQIA+ community, but to everyone that are concerned about our shared quest for dignity and humanity for all.

To further that quest amidst the hurt and distress and anger, I have decided to have engagements with the LGBTQIA+ community over the next two months.

It is in that spirit of humility that I offer my apology above, and in that spirit that we embark on the way forward.

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