

POST-PRIMARY LINKS

LGBTQ+

Note: You should review these resources and links before use to check if they are appropriate for your pupils and in line with your school's ethos and RSE policy.

GUIDANCE

[Being LGBT in School - A Resource for Post-Primary Schools to Prevent Homophobic and Transphobic Bullying and Support LGBT Students](#)

Developed by the Gay and Lesbian Equality Network, the Irish Department of Education and Skills, and education partners, this resource aims to help schools address homophobic bullying and support LGBT pupils.



[Comparitech - LGBTQ cyberbullying: A guide for parents and educators](#)

This article looks at LGBTQ cyberbullying statistics, laws covering cyberbullying in different countries, and how parents and educators can help LGBTQ cyberbullying victims.

[Education Authority - Supporting Transgender Young People](#)

Schools and other educational settings can use this guidance to develop and sustain effective pastoral care systems that can accommodate and develop the social, emotional, educational, physical and spiritual needs of all pupils.

[The Equality Commission for Northern Ireland - Sexual Orientation Discrimination Law in Northern Ireland: A Short Guide](#)

This guide summarises the legislation on sexual orientation discrimination, outlines the four types and explains how anyone who has been discriminated against can make a complaint.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

[Allsorts Youth Project - Media Statement and Pack](#)

This charity's media pack includes facts and statistics, frequently asked questions and a case study from a mother of a transgender child.

[BeLong to Youth Services - Stand Up Videos](#)

Covering topics like coming out, allies and what is transgender, the videos on this page can help pupils learn about lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and intersex identity.

[Brook - Gender: a few definitions](#)

This page defines words and phrases that are often used when discussing gender, such as cisgender and gender binary.

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[Department of Education – Post-Primary School Experiences of 16-21 Year Old People who are Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and/or Transgender \(LGBT\)](#)

This 2016 research report details the views of LGBT young people and the issues affecting them in post-primary schools.

[Department of Education – School Omnibus Survey 2016](#)

DE's survey included questions for schools that covered topics like altering curriculum delivery to reflect transgender pupils' needs.

[LGBT Consortium – Anti-HBT bullying project resources](#)

Aimed at reducing homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying, this project offers factsheets on topics like LGBT parents and trans mental health.

[Teachingsexualhealth.ca – Sexual & Gender Diversity](#)

This page defines terms connected to sexual and gender diversity and suggests how teachers can support LGBTQ+ pupils, families and colleagues.

[Transgender FAQ: What does transgender mean?](#)

This page covers topics like gender identity, using pronouns and transgender equality.

KEY STAGE 3 TEACHING RESOURCES

[Barnardo's – Positive Identities Service: Secondary Schools Resource Pack](#)

Including the Genderbread Person and assembly and lesson plans, this resource covers topics like coming out and discrimination.

[METRO Charity – Anti-HBT Bullying Programme](#)

This charity's Key Stage 3 resource pack, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity: Smashing Stereotypes and Feeling Proud, includes a workshop plan and age-appropriate glossaries.

KEY STAGES 3 AND 4 TEACHING RESOURCES

[Allsorts Youth Project – Toolkits, Booklets and Guides](#)

The free resources on this page, such as the Trans Inclusion Schools Toolkit and A Journey Without a Map: Being a Parent of a Trans Child, can help to educate and empower young people.

[BeLonG To – Stand Up Resources](#)

The resources on this page address homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying in post-primary schools and can encourage positive understanding of LGBTQ+ young people.

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[Educate & Celebrate – PRIDE in Education Classroom Resources](#)

The resources on this page, such as library books, lesson plans and guidance, can help make schools LGBT+ friendly.

[Educational Action Challenging Homophobia – Inspiring Equality in Education Resource](#)

Featuring nine post-primary lesson plans on prejudice-based language or bullying, this resource (which costs £44.99) also includes policy and practice guidance.

[Educational Action Challenging Homophobia – Posters and Stickers](#)

The posters and stickers on this page can help to challenge homophobia in schools and other young people's settings.

[Educational Action Challenging Homophobia – Reach Teaching Resource: Toolkit for teachers and youth workers](#)

Aimed at challenging homophobic, sexist and cyberbullying, this resource (which costs £44.99) includes short films, practical strategies, activity ideas and guidance.

[Growing Up Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender – A Resource for SPHE and RSE](#)

Developed by the Irish Department of Education and Skills and partners, this resource aims to increase awareness and understanding about sexual orientation and gender identity to reduce prejudice and discrimination against LGBT people.

[LGBT+ History Month – Curriculum Posters](#)

These cross-curricular posters for schools feature famous LGBT people from various subject areas, such as Dusty Springfield in Music and Frida Kahlo in Art.

[LGBT Youth Scotland – Challenging Homophobia Together](#)

Made by and for young people, this booklet features information on what victims of homophobic bullying can do, how to challenge homophobia and sources of support.

[RainbowYOUTH – Inside Out](#)

Including videos and resource packs, this website can help to increase understanding and support of sex, gender and sexuality diversity.

[Stonewall – Best practice, toolkits and resources](#)

This project aims to tackle homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying and language. Their resources include Celebrating Bi Inclusion in Secondary Schools and Student Voice: Setting up a student LGBT group in secondary schools and colleges.

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[The Classroom](#)

This website offers resources, which are searchable by subject and Key Stage, that can help make lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people visible in education.

[The Crown Prosecution Service - Hate Crime Schools Project: Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans+ Hate Crime](#)

This resource pack includes scenarios and exercises that can help pupils understand the impact of homophobia and transphobia, and how to report hate crime and identity-based bullying.

[The Proud Trust - LGBTQ+ History Month 2020: Poetry, Prose and Plays](#)

Featuring classroom activities and materials, this resource pack can help pupils discover and explore a variety of LGBTQ+ people and experiences. (LGBTQ+ History Month 2020 was dedicated to Lyra McKee.)

TRAINING

[Cara-Friend - Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth: Training & Workshops](#)

This Northern Ireland charity offers training packages for schools, such as LGBTQ+ Awareness Training for school staff and Shoutout LGBTQ+ Anti-Bullying Workshops for pupils.

SUPPORT ORGANISATIONS

[Belfast Butterfly Club](#)

This Belfast charity is a support network for transgender people and their families that provides education and information to increase awareness, overcome discrimination and achieve equality.

[Belfast Trans Resource Centre](#)

Volunteers run this community space and hub for transgender people in Northern Ireland that offers resources such as a library of books by transgender authors.

[Cara-Friend](#)

This Northern Ireland charity provides services such as LGBTQ+ youth groups, support for individuals, LGBTQ+ awareness training, a helpline and the LGBTQ+ Inclusive Schools Programme.

[Focus: The Identity Trust](#)

Aiming to increase social inclusion and reduce social isolation, this Belfast charity provides support to transgender and intersex people and their families.

[GenderJam NI](#)

This charity supports young transgender, non-binary, questioning and intersex people in Northern Ireland and creates resources to help the community.

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[LGBT Foundation](#)

This national charity gives advice, support and information to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities.

[Non-Binary Northern Ireland](#)

This community group provides a safe space for transgender and non-binary people in Northern Ireland who do not fit into conventional male/female gender categories

[SAIL](#)

SAIL (which stands for support, acceptance, information and learning) provides support to the families of transgender and gender variant people in Northern Ireland and organises meetings across the region.

[The Rainbow Project](#)

This health organisation works to improve the physical, mental and emotional health and well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and/or transgender people in Northern Ireland.

[Transgender NI](#)

This organisation supports and campaigns for the human and civil rights of transgender people in Northern Ireland and offers a support directory of community resources.

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