

Mission Statement

Schools OUT aims to make schools safe places for all LGBT staff and students, governors and parents to be out and proud. To do this we must raise the visibility of LGBT people. We shall continue to do this through campaigning, training staff and providing LGBT-related resources for the classroom.



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Campaigning

Schools OUT members and supporters are determined that every school should carry out its responsibilities under the 2010 Equality Act. This means eliminating discrimination, harassment and victimisation on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity regardless of age, ethnicity, gender, religion or whether people are disabled or non-disabled. It also means advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations between LGBT people and non-LGBT people. We will challenge any attempt by schools to opt out of these obligations.



Schools OUT launched LGBT History Month; an initiative that has seen institutions around the country celebrate LGBT people throughout the month of February. Each year the number of schools and colleges involved has grown and we aim to make all schools aware of the exciting work being done and encourage even more to join in.

www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk

Training

Our Schools Representative Elly Barnes runs a very successful and highly praised workshop called *Educate and Celebrate – How to make your school LGBT friendly*. In 2011 Elly was voted Number One on the Independent on Sunday's Pink List of influential LGBT people.

www.ellybarnes.com

Our Co-Chairs Sue Sanders and Tony Fenwick have many years of experience in staff training aimed at challenging homophobia and transphobia and promoting equality and inclusivity in schools, colleges and universities and can also be booked to come to your institution.

Resources

In 2011 Schools OUT launched The Classroom; a site packed with LGBT-related curriculum resources. The many lesson plans cover all Key Stages and curriculum areas and are linked to the national curriculum. Each has a PowerPoint presentation and secondary lessons include worksheets too. These materials were created by teachers for teachers and have been tried and tested in the classroom. The Schools OUT Classroom is an invaluable resource for both you and your class in challenging homophobia and transphobia, raising attainment, learning about diverse LGBT communities and meeting the Public Duty of the Equality Act 2010. Its new teaching method; 'Usualising and Actualising' enables inclusion of all the diversity groups in every lesson. The TES and Guardian Education have put the Classroom on their websites and the site has already proved enormously popular.



www.the-classroom.org.uk

Join Schools OUT Today

Please support our work by joining Schools OUT today. Your £20 annual membership fee makes a huge difference to the services that we can offer and the publicity that we can put into schools. Becoming a member also means you'll receive an e-newsletter updating you on our activities, keeping you informed of our Conferences as well as giving you a role in helping to shape the future of the organisation.

To join, please visit our website www.schools-out.org.uk and use the paypal button, or complete and return the form below.

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Role in School (if applicable)
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RAINBOW

Schools OUT is part of the Rights Against Intolerance: Building an Open-minded World (RAINBOW) project. The project connects EU gay, lesbian and trans associations, schools and film/media professionals, who aim to promote the rights of children and young people to be out and proud through education. It will achieve this through studying stereotypes and challenging them. Its outcomes will include films and a toolkit for schools in Italy, The Basque Country, Belgium, The Netherlands, Germany, Bulgaria and the UK. It is funded by the European Fundamental Rights Association.

www.rainbow.ecfa.info

The Prevalence of Homophobia Survey

The NUT Prevalence of Homophobia surveys - carried out since 2007 and ongoing - have found that 74% of teachers had overheard or observed homophobic abuse in their school on a daily or weekly basis. A survey for Transgenderzone in 2008 found that 64% of young trans men and 44% of young trans women experience harassment and bullying at school from both pupils and school staff. Experience shows us that when schools actively seek to challenge discrimination it can be overcome; so LGBT staff and students can feel safe and valued at school. Yet the latest survey in Lancashire shows how little has changed in three years. These surveys may be accessed on the Schools OUT website.

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