Y LGBTQ Newsletter

Project update

Y Services is excited to announce it's extended delivery of LGBTQ projects which started this April 2015 in Fareham and a brand new project in the Havant area.

Y Services LGBT projects provide a safe, comfortable space where young people who identify as Lesbian, gay, bi, transgender and who are questioning their sexuality or gender identity can get to know other young people like themselves.

Most importantly we offer a space in which young people who are LGBTQ can have fun, laugh, be themselves and embrace their uniqueness.

The **Fareham** group meets on a Monday between 6.30pm - 9pm. The **Havant** group meets on a Wednesday between 6.30pm - 9pm. The **Gosport** group meets on a Thursday evening, 6.30pm - 9pm.

Why are LGBT youth projects important?

LGBT Young people being able to access LGBT youth projects impacts on young peoples lives in a real and concrete way. For some young people it might be the only time in their week that they can truly and freely be themselves, and be accepted without being judged.

Everyone deserves to be respected for who they are, unfortunately LGBT young people are victims of Homophobic and Transphobic bullying. According to Stonewalls No By-Standers campaign, this year 75,000 young people will be bullied because they are gay and 21,000 young people will attempt suicide.

When young people can be themselves they are safer, happier, more confident, productive and make a positive contribution to the local community.

Here in young peoples own words, why LGBT Youth Projects are important to them: "WITHOUT IT | WOULDN'T BE AS COMFORTABLE NOW AS | AM AND WOULD STILL BE HIDING."

"They do not judge others, we all accept others and everyone has been in the same road as others."

"Because it makes people feel like they belong and have a place to go to feel safe."

"It is a place that allows you to be who you are without being judged."

"I can be myself."

"It helped me come out and make new friends."

"They can give much needed support to all."

They make young people feel included and not excluded."

"It makes you feel safe secure confident in yourself and part of a huge family."

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"It give young people a place to a place to make friends and feel safe."

"ITS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT GNES YOUNG PEOPLE THE CHANCE TO MEET OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE GOING THROUGH THE SAME PROB-LEMS."

"They give underrepresented young people a place to feel like they are not alone."

"This youth club is important to me because I have become more confident."

"THEY HELP YOUNG PEOPLE ACCEPT THEMSELVES."

"It helped me learn about myself and I feel proud."

(Gosport LGBT Youth Group)



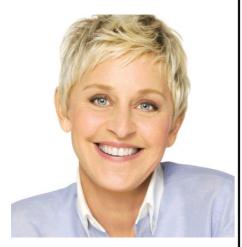
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Y Services For Young people

Celebrity Focus:

Why are LGBT celebrities important to us?

Being LGBT and out helps us feel like we are not alone and if they can do it so can we. As young people we look for role models to show us the way and have someone to look up to.



Ellen DeGeneres is an

American comedian, television host, actress, writer, and television producer. She was the star in the popular sitcom Ellen from 1994 to 1998, and has hosted her talk show The Ellen DeGeneres Show since 2003. During the fourth season of Ellen in 1997, she came out publicly as lesbian in an appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show.

Shortly afterwards, her character, Ellen Morgan, also came out to a therapist played by Winfrey, and the series went on to explore various LGBT issues including the coming-out process. This made her the first openly lesbian actress to play an openly lesbian character on television. In 2008, she married her long-time girlfriend Portia de Rossi.

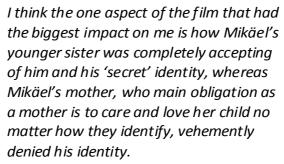


Portsmouth Film Society LGBT Film festival -Tomboy review

We would like to say a big thank you to Portsmouth Film Society for inviting us to be their guests at a showing of the film Tomboy, which was shown as part of their celebration of LGBT History Month.

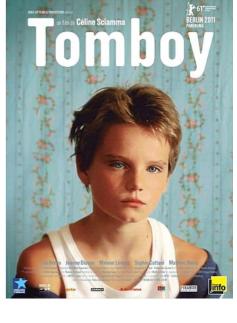
The story follows 10-year-old Laure who, after moving with their family to a new neighbourhood introduces themselves to a new groups of friends as Mikäel.

I thought it was really interesting how the film gave insight into growing up being ftm transgender in an unaccepting family.



Very hard hitting but very enlightening.

Review by Ben





Your LGBT Youth Workers and why they do LGBT youth work

Dawn Tracy - LGBT Development Youth Worker: Works at Fareham, Gosport and Havant.

Rob Collett-Armstrong - LGBT Youth Worker: Works at Gosport. **Lauren Starkey** - LGBT Youth Worker: Works at Fareham, Gosport and Havant.

We are involved in delivering quality LGBT youth work because we want to ensure that young people have the opportunity to explore their sexuality and identity in a safe and supportive environment. If young people can be themselves then they flourish. All young people need to be able to be who they are without fear of judgment, prejudice or discrimination.

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