

Build Cultural Awareness Discussion Guide

Differences are only barriers if we allow them to be.

TOPIC: LGBT Teens

Are you or do you have a friend who is lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender? Will you or your friend share what it was like during your teen years? What was particularly difficult? What helped you get through it? How would you help someone else?



What was the last news story you remember hearing about bullying of an LGBT student? What did you think about it at the time? What will you think about the next time you hear about story?

If you are or were the parent of an LGBT teenager, what could you do to support your child?

What is your community doing about homelessness among LGBT teens? What can you do to help?

How do you talk to your children or friends about the LGBT community? What could you say differently? How can you act differently?

Alliance High School in Milwaukee and Harvey Milk High School in New York City were established to serve LGBT teens. What do you think about high schools primarily for LGBT students?

FOR REFERENCE

LGBT Terms

From Human Rights Campaign: <http://www.hrc.org/resources/glossary-of-terms>

From UC Berkeley: http://geneq.berkeley.edu/lgbt_resources_definition_of_terms

GLAD Media Reference Guide – 9th Edition

<http://www.glaad.org/reference>