

Youth Led Gay Straight Alliances in Schools



Lockview
GSA



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Impact,
Outcomes"
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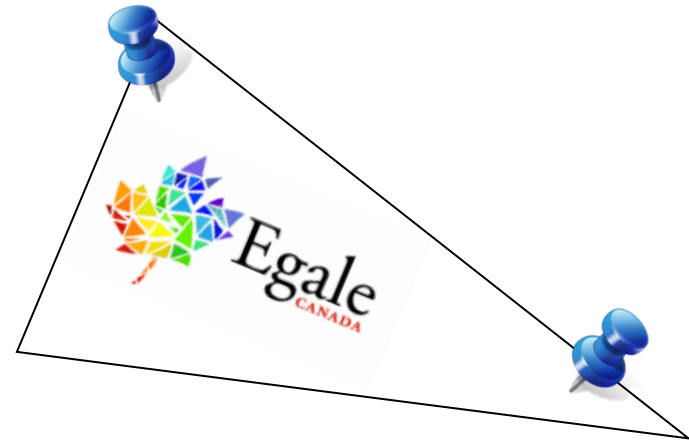
School Climate

Youth Speak Up about Homophobia and Transphobia



The First National Climate Survey on Homophobia in Canadian Schools
Phase One Report

Published by Egale Canada Human Rights Trust



Fewer than half of participants knew whether their school had a policy for reporting homophobic incidents.

6 out of 10 LGBTQ students reported being verbally harassed about their sexual orientation.

Over half of LGBTQ students did not feel accepted at school, and almost half felt they could not be themselves

47% of trans students and 34% of LGB students reported that staff never intervened when homophobic comments were made

1/3 of LGBTQ students reported harassment through text-messaging or the Internet

Nine out of ten transgender students and six out of ten LGB students were verbally harassed because of their expression of gender.

70% of all students report hearing homophobic comments everyday in school

75% of LGBTQ students and 95% of transgender students felt unsafe at school

Who is in a GSA?



Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Pansexual,
Queer, Questioning Students



Transgender & Genderqueer
Students



Straight Students



Teachers



Administrators



Youth Health
Centre
Coordinators



Parents

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Community

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First GSAs



Making Connections



Teacher Training

**Junior High Visits:
Peer Health
Education**

**Art
Projects**

**Social
Events**

Pink Day

**International Day
Against Homophobia**

**Cyber Pride
Patrol**

GSA Network

Connecting GSAs
Across Nova
Scotia

Information
and
resources

Stronger voice
for GSAs

Shared
efforts and
events

Gay Straight Alliance



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What We Can Do

1. Support student efforts and initiatives
2. Include students in safer school conversations
3. Adopt, promote, and enforce anti-homophobia policies
4. Advise a GSA
5. Join the GSA Network



7. Support other teachers & administrators

8. Become an Ally

9. Create visibility

10. Encourage discussion

11. Organize teachers

12. Listen and learn

13. Provide opportunities for student voice

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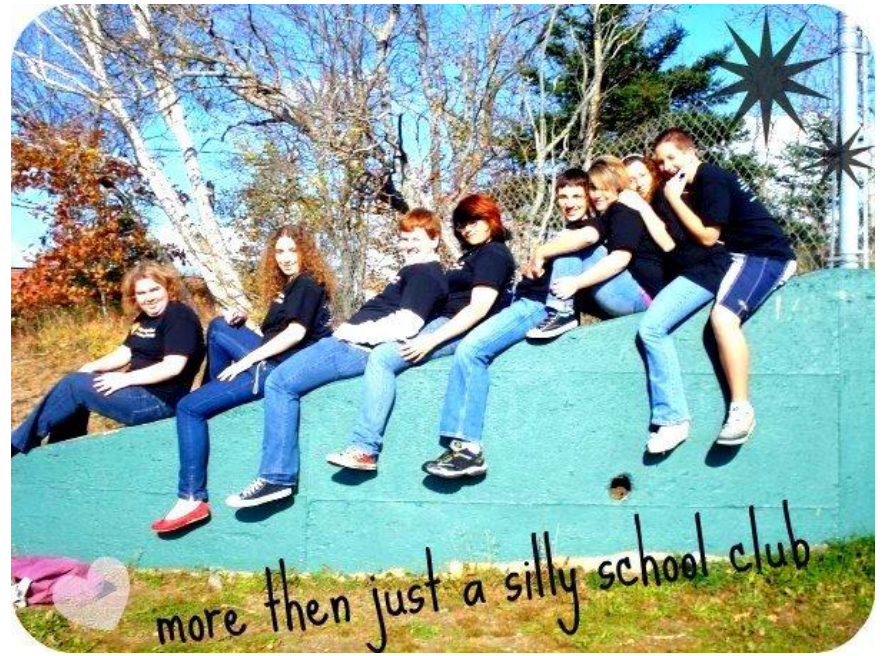
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YAT/ GSA Groups!



What is the GSA???





That's so.....



They say Lockview is a place of acceptance, but is it really?

Homophobia HURTS!



HOMOPHOBIA.

STAND UP! SPEAK UP!

ELIMINATE!



KYLELONG
LHS
TeenHealth

let's make this a thing of the past.



We accept who you are,
even if it seems nobody else does.



THAT'S SO
"CHEER-
LEADER
WHO LIKE,
CAN'T LIKE,
SAY SMART
STUFF."

Think that's mean? How do you think that's so gay sounds? Hurtful. So, knock it off.
ThinkB4YouSpeak.com



THAT'S SO
"GAMER GUY
WHO HAS
MORE
VIDEOGAMES
THAN
FRIENDS."

Think that's mean? How do you think that's so gay sounds? Hurtful. So, knock it off.
ThinkB4YouSpeak.com



THAT'S SO
"JOCK
WHO CAN
COMPLETE
A PASS
BUT NOT A
SENTENCE."

Think that's mean? How do you think that's so gay sounds? Hurtful. So, knock it off.
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