

Everyone Matters – Lesson overview

Everyone Matters is a resource aimed at Key Stage 3 and 4 and tackles the issue of homophobic bullying. The materials have been developed in partnership with the staff and students from The London Borough of Wandsworth.



These materials should be seen as complimenting established programmes of study related to anti-bullying including homophobic bullying. It is important to acknowledge the sensitivity related to these materials and adults should make provision related to counselling and support for those affected by the scenarios.

The programme of study is divided into 5 lessons.

Lesson 1: Introduction to Bullying issues

Learning objectives:

- To establish ground rules to ensure a safe learning environment
- To develop an understanding of a commonly used definition of bullying
- To look at the different forms of bullying and the impact it can have on young people



Lesson 2: Starting a dialogue

Learning objectives:

- To consolidate the ground rules agreed previously in order to sustain a safe learning environment
- To explore identities and develop an awareness of the factors that influence this
- To investigate the positive and negative influences in our decision making
- To decide on a definition of homophobia as a class



Lesson 3: Everyone Matters

Learning objectives:

- To watch the 'Everyone Matters DVD' and participate in the group exercises
- To recognise and challenge stereotypical responses to identity
- To develop understanding of the issues facing characters in the film
- To reflect on characters feelings, emotions and motivation



Lesson 4: Active Citizenship

Learning objectives:

- To further explore issues and experiences highlighted in the documentary
- To be able to express and explain their views
- To consider choices, possible solutions and actions for change



Lesson 5: This is real – homophobic bullying costs lives!

Learning objectives:

- To provide a safe opportunity to look at the devastating impact of homophobic bullying



The LGfL online Everyone Matters materials will have clear guidance on links to the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning and will give advice as to how teachers can use strategies to engage all in the learning activities. Each lesson is supported by a 'teacher guidance' video that can help staff less confident in dealing with these important issues deliver the activities successfully.

The issues covered in these resources are real and have a huge impact on children and young people affected by all forms of bullying. It is important that staff and students are aware as to where to find further information if they need it.

The Everyone Matters 'Useful Links' section provides some links which may provide a start point.

everyonematters.lgfl.org.uk/usefullinks.html