



LGBTQ Allies Network

Barnardo's Positive Identities Service

Anti-HBT Bullying Programme Newsletter

April 2017



Hello!

Welcome to the Anti-HBT Bullying programme

as you are aware your school has been chosen as one of the 200 schools that the **Positive Identities Service** will be working with over the next two years as part of the Anti-HBT Bullying Fund 2017-19.

We are very excited to be working with your school and to share our learning based on the work we have developed, trialled and been delivering since 2011.

The schools that we will be working with during the first quarter have already met with their lead workers and put dates in their diaries for training! For the schools that will not be working with us until later, they should have received an email naming your lead worker and which quarter you will be working with them. Your lead worker will contact you to arrange an initial meeting to discuss about the programme.

As some of you are aware by taking part to the programme you will also be part of the Barnardo's LGBTQ Allies Network. That means that you will be receiving a newsletter at the

beginning of each quarter which will be talking about what we have been up to over the quarter, the schools that we have worked with and schools that we will be working with during the next quarter and some useful dates for you to put in your diaries. We might also share good practise which might help giving ideas about what they can after working with us.

You are welcome to include the newsletter on your website as it would be an easy way for parents and community members to see that you are involved with the programme.

Meet the team!

Since this is the first newsletter we thought that it would be good for you all to meet the team in case you see them around!

Josh Booth: Lead Project Worker



“Hi I'm Josh. I have a youth work background, and I've worked for the Positive Identities Service for around 18 months now - including on the pilot of the Anti-HBT Bullying programme. The programme is a really exciting opportunity to support schools in embedding a culture of inclusivity; with the aim that young people can be proud of their identity without fear of discrimination or prejudice. I've already had some fantastic initial meetings with schools and am looking forward to working with you all across the next two years!”

Ben Metcalf: Project Worker



Hi, I'm Ben. I have worked for Barnardo's for 8 years in various locations. I have worked for the Positive Identities service for the last 2 years and was a part of the pilot programme for the Anti HBT Bullying project. I am really keen to start working with all of my allocated schools and looking forward to meeting staff, governors, young people and parents!

Hannah Greenslade: Project Worker



Hi I'm Hannah and I've just joined the Positive Identities team from within Barnardo's. I've recently moved back up to Leeds from Bristol where I worked supporting a diverse range of LGBTQ young people as well as delivering training to a range of professionals on gender and sexual identity awareness. I'm really excited to get going and looking forward to meeting lots of you as part of the project – it's great to be a part of supporting so many schools to tackle HBT bullying'

Elly Sinclair: Project Worker



Hi I'm Hannah I have just joined Barnardo's and part of my role will be joining the team doing the HBT Bullying work in schools. I am really delighted to have started this work as it's something I am massively committed to. I have experience of delivering a LGBTQ youth service (11 – 25 year olds), delivering training on Sexuality and Gender Diversity and used to work as a teacher in Post 16. On a personal note I am doing a Counselling training which I am really enjoying. Looking forward to meeting all the people and places over the coming months and hearing how this project can best support your setting.

Christos Amyrotos: Project Worker



Hi I'm Christos. I've worked for Barnardo's for about 5 years in different services. I've been with Positive Identities since the beginning when it used to be just a youth group and moved to the Anti-HBT team in November. I am really excited to start working with all of you and get to meet all the professionals and families. I am originally from Cyprus so excuse my strange accent!

Schools we are currently working with!

Airedale Academy
Cowlersley Primary
Crigglestone St James Academy
Deighton Gates Primary
Eastburn J&I
Fitzwilliam Primary
Guiseley School
Hedon Primary
Holy Rosary and St Anne's Primary
John Smeaton Academy
Manston St James' Primary Academy
Middleton Primary
Minsthorpe Community College
Ormiston Maritime Academy
Parkside Primary
Parkside School
Richmond Hill Primary Academy
St Joseph's Catholic Primary School,
Halifax
St Philip's - Middleton
Strawberry Fields Primary School
Thorngumbald Primary
Tranmoor Primary

Coming Up – Diary dates



Harrogate Pride
Saturday 20th May 2017

Leeds Pride
Saturday 5th August 2017

Doncaster Pride
Saturday 19th August 2017

Manchester Pride
Saturday 25th August 2017

Feedback – Had your say?

We would like to hear from you at any point during the life of the project so please do not hesitate to send us an email with your feedback or talk to your lead worker or any other member of the team.

You can also email us on positive.identities@barnardos.org.uk

Or give us a call on
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