

Free training for secondary school teachers

Addressing homophobic, biphobic and transphobic (HBT) bullying through sex and relationships education (SRE)

*‘high-quality PSHE education can play a real role in tackling homophobic,
biphobic and transphobic bullying in schools’*

Nicky Morgan, Education Secretary, Stonewall Education Conference, July 2015

Schools are required by law to take action to prevent all forms of bullying and to foster good relations between pupils. Ofsted’s new framework now puts schools’ actions to promote equality and diversity and to address prejudice-based bullying in the spotlight.

Sex and relationships education (SRE) provides a safe learning environment for addressing the causes of homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying and language in schools. With the right approach, SRE can support the development of pupils’ understanding of family diversity, human sexuality and gender identity, as well as the wider social issues and influences on attitudes and behaviours that lead to prejudice.

At the Sex Education Forum, we recognize that many teachers are unsure about how to address equality and diversity issues in SRE and how to ensure that SRE is LGB&T-inclusive. This one-day training is an opportunity for SRE and PSHE leads / teachers to increase their understanding of their legal responsibilities in this area and to gain the skills, competence and confidence to deliver SRE that meets the needs of *all* pupils. The training will be practical and interactive, with opportunities to try a wide range of tools and resources, reflect on values and attitudes and share experiences with colleagues.

Participants will:

- Consider the role of SRE/PSHE in addressing the causes of homophobic, biphobic and transphobic bullying in schools
- Clarify knowledge of relevant legislation and requirements for SRE, PSHE and a whole-school approach which addresses HBT bullying
- Improve understanding of key terminology and appropriate language for use in the classroom
- Assess the value of a range of resources to support teaching on lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans issues
- Explore practical options for updating existing materials, policies and approaches
- Develop strategies for responding to concerns from teachers, parents and the wider community

“Absolutely brilliant about raising issues that need to be raised”

*“Your knowledge and personable approach has enabled me to access a wealth of ideas,
resources to take away and use”*

The training will be facilitated by the Sex Education Forum. Group size will be 16 maximum.

All participants are entitled to one year’s free Network+ membership of the Sex Education Forum

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