

## **February is LGBT History Month. What is your school doing?**

This February is the fifth celebration of LGBT History Month. Last year in Norfolk we celebrated this month for the first time and were delighted to hear how many schools participated in events and curricular activities. We hope your school will choose again to get involved. There are a wealth of activities for you to choose from. Useful websites for both primary and secondary include:

<http://www.lgbthistorymonth.org.uk/> - Contains a schools toolkit for how to organize an event for LGBT History Month. There are some excellent ideas for lessons.

[www.schools-out.org.uk](http://www.schools-out.org.uk) - There is a toolkit designed for students on LGBT History issues as well as a teachers toolkit on homophobic bullying

[www.noutsiders.sunderland.ac.uk/teachers](http://www.noutsiders.sunderland.ac.uk/teachers) - This website is designed for primary school teachers only and contains a range of idea of how to address issues relating to differences. Have a look at the emotional literacy resources and ideas by Andrew Moffatt. The books are excellent and children love them.

<http://www.stonewall.org.uk/> - Produce a very useful DVD called 'Spell it Out' which is designed to inform staff about how to deal sensitively with LGB issues. Would be useful for a staff meeting followed by discussion. If you have problems getting this DVD let Rita Adair know.

Please also find a list of resources attached for both primary and secondary schools compiled by Rita Adair, Senior Educational Psychologist and Jane Sarmezey, Senior Educational Psychologist. We hope that you will find something that inspires you to take part in this important event. There is also a list of local LGB support services available for young people which might be useful for secondary school teachers and schools as well as details about the BLAH! group which is a safe place for young LGB people to meet. There are BLAH! groups in Norwich, King's Lynn and Great Yarmouth so useful for secondary schools to leave copies of the details where young people can access them.

Additional Links:

[LGBT Handout – Ideas for Primary Schools](#)

[LGBT Handout – Ideas for Secondary Schools](#)

[Norfolk Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Support Agencies](#)

[LGBT Leaflet](#)

Please do feedback any activities that you are involved in to Rita Adair - [rita.adair@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:rita.adair@norfolk.gov.uk). Also get in touch if you need further advice.

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