

Experiences of LGBTQI young people within education



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IGLYO- The International LGBTQI Youth & Student Organisation

- **Connects LGBTQI young people from across Europe**
- **Inter-cultural dialogue**
- **Peer learning**
- **Youth development**

**“I used to hate myself for being trans and
I’ve tried not to be.
I shy away and try not to speak
to not get attention”**

Alex

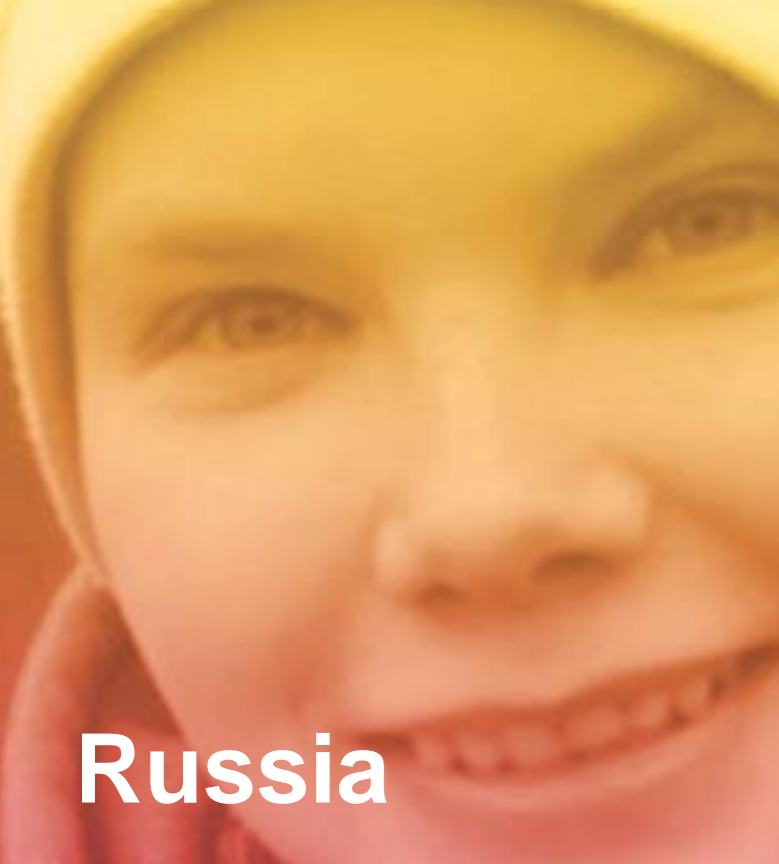
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Sweden

Transgender



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Russia



Nepal



Portugal



UK



Mexico



USA

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Rafail, 25, Greece, Gay

“It was like I was living under a magnifying glass- others would watch my every single move to check if they were feminine”

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Kaitlyn, 18, Australia, Lesbian

“I have told many people that I would much rather be straight, to be ‘normal’, but that's not true. I just don't want to be punished for being me.”

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Amar, 17, Nepal, Intersex

“I am isolated completely in class. My classmates show reluctance to sit with me ...or to be around me.”

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Artiom, 25, Moldova, Gay

“Instead of focusing on studying, I had to cope with stress caused by bullying.”

“There was nobody in the school I could turn to for assistance- not a school psychologist, not a teacher because I knew they wouldn't be understanding of me”

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Nikita, 18, Russia, Transgender

**“Regularly people tell me I do not have
the right to live”**

1. Lack of Understanding/ Action from Teachers

Professionally Speaking (FRA 2016)

“I’ve had literally no training at all about how to deal with it [LGBT issues] so no, I would not feel comfortable dealing with it.”

- Teacher, United Kingdom

Professionally Speaking (FRA 2016)

“What should I do if I think a student is...[LGBT]? Should I interfere or not? I think we are in a standstill in relation to this. I must admit that we don't know enough.”

-Teacher, Denmark

Professionally Speaking (FRA 2016)

“I really know nothing about it and I’m not particularly interested, to be honest.”

- Teacher, Poland

Professionally Speaking (FRA 2016)

“[T]here is neither gay, nor lesbian, at school.”

- Headmaster, Lithuania

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3. Loss of Control

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