LGBTQ+ Student Report

96%

of students support the LGBTQ+ community

Gen Z are **4 x** more likely to be LGBTQ+ than past generations

71%

of students feel there is _NOT_ enough support for the LGBTQ+ community in the UK

64%

of students will be celebrating Pride this year

37%

of students have experienced verbal harassment

87%

of students think conversion therapy should be banned

Coming out

More students have come out to their friends rather than family members

84%

of students have come out to their friends regarding their sexual orientation

49%

of students have come out to their family regarding their sexual orientation

University support

79%

of students feel supported by their university

How can universities better support the LGBTQ+ community?

87% *Offer support to LGBTQ+ students*

84% *Provide free support and guidance*

82% *Use their platform to educate on LGBTQ+ issues*

65% *Donate to LGBTQ+ charities*

17% *Rainbow logo*

Brand & media support

70%

of students feel there is <u>NOT</u> enough representation in the mainstream media

How can brands better support the LGBTQ+ community?

80% *Use their platform to educate on LGBTQ+ issues*

76% *Offer support to LGBTQ+ employees*

76% *Donate to LGBTQ+ charities*

65% *Provide job opportunities for LGBTQ+ community*

17% *Rainbow logo*

ONLY
17%
of students think 'Rainbow Logo' helps

36%
of students have been discriminated against because of their sexual orientation

69%
of students agree that trans women should be able to compete in the women's category for the Olympics

"Too much corporate and university support comes across as **pinkwashing** and **rainbow capitalism,** rather than genuine support to the LGBT+ community"

87%
of students like Instagram's latest feature adding gender pronouns to profiles

92%
of students think Should LGBT history be covered at school?

LGBTQ+ report quotes
All anonymous students

"Our government is **homophobic** and **transphobic** and doesn't do enough to support the queer community at all."

"Tackle workplace discrimination, pay inequality, actual representation in media beyond a token character that is almost always white, conventionally attractive, thin and cisgender."

"The UK is one of the worst countries for trans healthcare in the world, certainly in the western world."

" 'Support' from corporations by adding rainbow logos is all well and good, but where is the actual support?"

"I'm a Non-Binary, Bisexual and the abuse I get is unbelievable. We're no way near equal, and it's going to be a long time until we are."

*"There is **not enough recognition and acceptance of all lgbtq+ members** (non-binary and genderqueer are still not considered "official" genders by authority and more needs to be taught about non-heterosexual relationships in schools."*

*"An issue that **isn't raised enough is race** and community backlash towards the lgbtq community. University could provide further support for bame lgbtq identifying students"*

The UK need to improve transgender rights

"Equal but separate is not an option for sports. Trans women are women, trans men are men. That's all there is to it."

"Why is there still conversion therapy!!!"

"**More efforts need to be made to support and create spaces for POC LGBTQ people**"

"*Transgender rights and inclusion needs to be improved* - many transgender people cannot get married as easily as straight, cisgender people, the NHS needs more training surrounding conduct and transgender issues for their transgender patients, and the waiting times for the Gender Identity Clinic are abhorrent and need significant improvement"

"**There's not enough equality and people are still in danger from being physically abused** for their sexuality, something needs to change in the UK.**"

"*A rainbow logo is a cheap way of doing nothing and expecting everything. It does nothing for the community and is becoming a trend rather than a show of actual*"

"**The rainbow flag isn't enough. Real action is real support.**"

I want to see more non-queer students educated about LGBT issues!

"It is always incredibly **whitewashed** and focuses a lot more on the **existence of cis white male members** of the LGBTQ+ community. not enough is being done to broaden this narrative"

"*The idea that 'brands' will further LGBT equality is kind of funny to me. Brands are motivated by profit, and will only support a cause if it doesn't threaten their bottom line. That brands claim to support LGBT causes now is an effect of the work of activists and ordinary LGBT people living their lives unapologetically at a time when doing so meant certain ostracism from society. Where were these 'brands' then?*"

"**Many universities and companies use the rainbow logo to act as if they're being supportive of LGBTQ+ issues yet they don't do anything to actually support inclusivity**"

"*We need **more effective and accessible legislation, infrastructure** and representation to make for life fairer for LGBT+ people, and **we need more effective legal and social deterrents** to make it harder for people, companies, institutions and government to be LGBTphobic.*"

"**Teachers should use the correct pronouns.**"

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