# The Brunswick Centre







CHANGING LIVES, CHANGING PERCEPTIONS



#### Introduction

The Brunswick Centre has supported the communities of Calderdale and Kirklees for 30 years. Starting as a HIV focused charity, we have branched into providing LGBTQ+ youth groups, 1-2-1 and family support. We also offer training to support schools to feel confident working with and safeguarding LGBTQ+ children and young people.

#### Why is this important?



LGBTQ+ young people have thought about ending their own life, twice as likely as non-LGBTQ+ young people (29%)<sup>1</sup>



Trans young people have attempted to take their own life <sup>2</sup>



- 1. Just Like Us, 2021
- 2. Stonewall Schools Report, 2017

#### Why is this important?

LGBTQ+ young people, including 64% trans young people, have experienced bullying at school for who they are <sup>1</sup>



Trans young people have skipped school because of bullying and lack of acceptance <sup>2</sup>



LGBTQ+ young people have received little to no positive messaging around acceptance in school <sup>3</sup>



- 1. Stonewall Schools Report, 2017
- 2. Stonewall Schools Report, 2017
- 3. Just Like Us, 2021



## Barriers young people may have to engaging:

- Being dead-named
- Being misgendered
- Being outed
- Stigma
- Internalised homophobia/transphobia
- Having to come out multiple times
- Being assumed heterosexual
- Dysphoria
- Fear of being treated differently
- Fear of being discriminated
- Family and culture background
- Poor mental health
- Additional needs

#### LGBTQ+ Youth Service

- LGBTQ+ youth groups (closed access)
- One-to-one support for young people around their sexual orientation and/or gender identity
- Family Support for parents and families of LGBTQ+ young people
- Online and over-the-phone support
- Schools and partnership work
- Stay-and-play sessions
- Counselling for LGBTQ+ young people
- Kirklees Stay and Play sessions



#### LGBTQ+ Youth Service

Age groups for youth service support

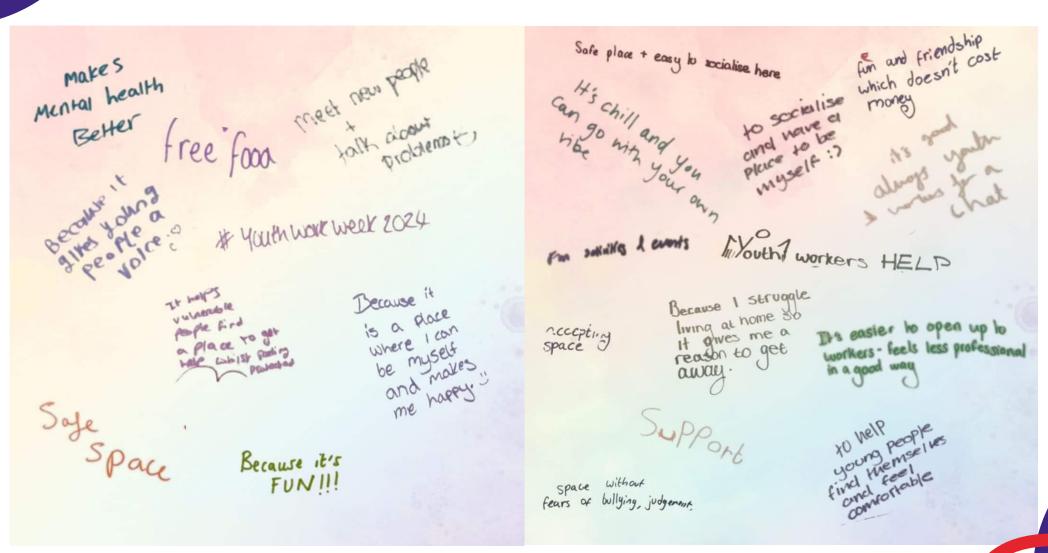
Kirklees: 21 and under (25 is SEND)

Calderdale: 19 and under (21 is SEND)

Stay and Play (Kirklees): 12 and under



### Our youth on 'why is LGBTQ+ youth work important?'



#### **Training**

- Training and consultancy around making your RSHE provision inclusive of LGBTQ+ students and topics
- Free online info resources HIV and LGBTQ+ Awareness



#### **HIV Awareness Training**

HIV awareness training is essential to educate individuals and communities about the importance of prevention, testing, and treatment.

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#### Training for Working with LGBTQ+ young people

Take a look at our new training course on Working with LGBTQ+ young people!

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#### How to Refer:

#### Online yOUTh referral form

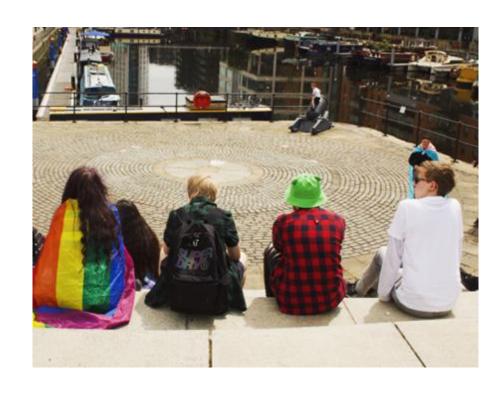
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#### Further info





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