

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?



7 in 10 (68%)

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



2 in 5

Trans young people have attempted to take their own life ²



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

Why is this important?



Nearly half (45%)

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



8 in 10

Trans young people have skipped school because of bullying and lack of acceptance ²



Half (48%)

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

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?'

Makes Mental health Better

free food

meet new people + talk about problems

Because it gives young people a voice

Youth Work Week 2024

It helps vulnerable people find a place to get help whilst feeling protected

Because it is a place where I can be myself and makes me happy

Safe Space

Because it's FUN!!!

Safe place + easy to socialise here

It's chill and you can go with your own vibe

to socialise and have a place to be myself :)

fun and friendship which doesn't cost money

it's good always youth workers for a chat

fun activities & events

Youth workers HELD

accepting space

Because I struggle living at home so it gives me a reason to get away.

It's easier to open up to workers - feels less professional in a good way

Support

space without fears of bullying, judgement

to help young people find themselves and feel comfortable

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.

[Find Out More >](#)



Training for Working with LGBTQ+ young people

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

[Find Out More >](#)

How to Refer:

Online yOUTH referral form

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Further info



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