# VAWG and LGBT+ Young People

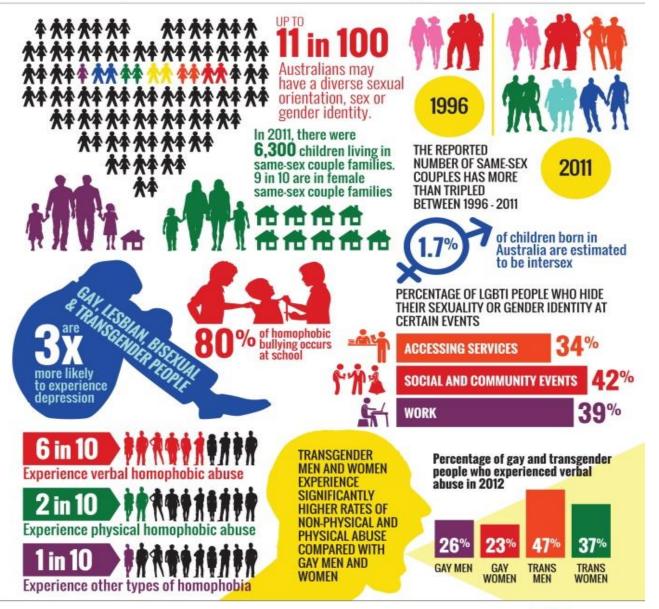
## Exercise

Draw a Tree



# The Risks of VAWG for LGBT+ Young People Are...?

#### Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex People



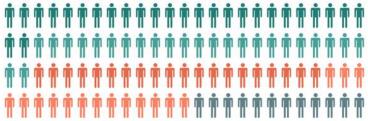


#### Facing Our Youth

2014 Survey of Springfield's High Risk & Homeless Youth

#### **Reasons for Homelessness**





Kicked Out (51%) Lots of Arguments at Home(50%)

■ Verbal Abuse (40%) ■ Felt Unsafe at Home (30%)

Physical Abuse (25%)

Top Five Self-Identified Reasons for Homelessness on Their Own

55%

of youth participating related being LGBTQ to their homelessness

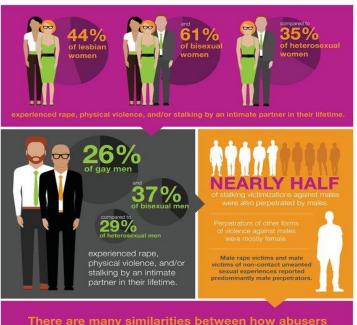
73%

of youth who had both experienced homelessness with their family and been a victim of or witness to repeated traumas at home had been homeless on their own

# LGBTQ & Domestic Violence

#### from DomesticShelters.org

The facts about LGBT partner abuse/domestic violence are often hidden by numerous myths and misconceptions. Common myths and misconceptions include the belief that women are not violent, that men are not commonly victims, that LGBT domestic violence is mutual, and that there are no significant differences between heterosexual domestic violence and same-gender domestic violence. However, people who are lesbian, gay and bisexual have an equal or higher prevalence of experiencing intimate partner violence, sexual violence and stalking as compared to heterosexuals.



There are many similarities between how abusers control their victims regardless of sexual preference.

In LBGTQ relationships the batterer may use the additional tactic of threatening to "out" their victims to work colleagues, family, and friends.

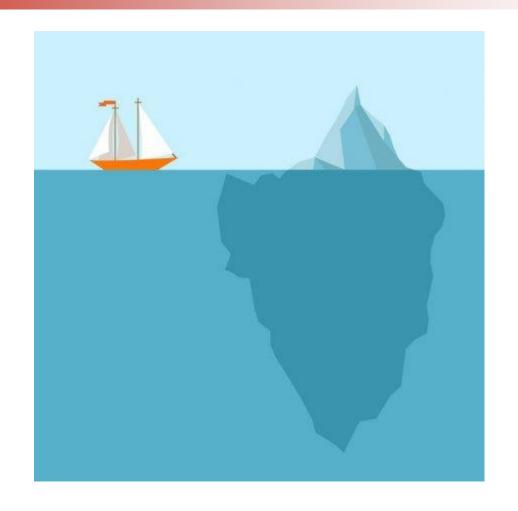


#### Focus for this Session



#### LGBT+

- Domestic violence and abuse,
- Sexual violence, including rape
- Online grooming and child sexual exploitation



Which direction are you sailing?

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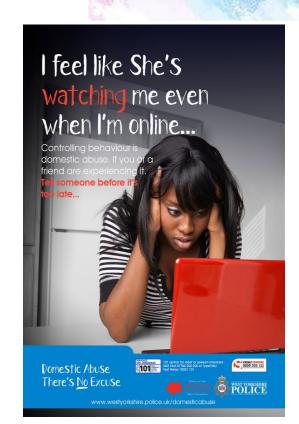
#### Let's start with some GOSSIP!



"Word on the street is that the rumor mill heard through the grapevine that..."



People who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender & queer often face increased rates of domestic violence & have a harder time accessing support.







https://www.barnardos.org.uk/what-we-do/supporting-young-people/LGBTQ



What are the first things you think of when you hear the words lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary, pansexual, poly, and gender queer?

#### heteronormative

adj. • het-ero-nor-ma-tive • \ hē-tə-rō-nor-ma-tiv\

of, relating to, or based on the attitude that heterosexuality is the only normal and natural expression of sexuality



SPEAK OUT. STAND OUT. FCKHS

# RAPE IS CAUSED BY:

TICHT CLOTHES

FLIRTING

DRUNK GIRLS
RAPISTS









# Reynhard Sinaga: 'Evil sexual predator' jailed for life for 136 rapes



6 January 2020

Reynhard Sinaga was found guilty of luring 48 men from outside Manchester clubs to his flat, where he drugged and assaulted them - filming the attacks.

Police say they have evidence Sinaga, 36, targeted at least 190 victims.

# Father who raped his gay daughter to prove 'sex was better with men' jailed for 21 years



5 March 2017

Man explodes with 'uncontrolled' anger after girl revealed to him that she was struggling with her identity



https://www.barnardosrealloverocks.org.uk/ the-hub/ryans-story/

#### The Internet: Pros and Cons

Gemma Watts: Sex attacks woman posed as teenage boy

10 January 2020



Gemma Watts posed as 16-year-old "Jake Waton" on social media and swapped intimate photos with victims before meeting X Factor's Danny Tetley jailed for child abuse images

24 January 2020



Danny Tetley admitted seven charges of causing sexual exploitation of boys aged between 14 and 16. He paid them to send intimate images

Derek Mackay: Scottish finance secretary quits over messages to boy

6 February 2020



Derek contacted the boy "out of the blue" and sent about 270 messages on Instagram and through Facebook



What do we know about perpetrators of CSE?

What are the additional vulnerabilities for LGBT+ young people?

## Impact of VAWG

STIs Nightmares

Guilt Attachment problems

Shame Unwanted pregnancy

Isolation Self-harm

Vulnerability Eating disorders

Low self-esteem NEET

Low attainment

Anxiety & depression

Future negative relationships

Increased risk of further/other violence

Increased Risk:

**Drugs & Alcohol** 

Unhealthy relationships

Self Harm & Suicide



VAWG Protective Factors for LGBT+ Young People

Knowledge is power	Be aware of sexual and gender diversity	Embed LGBT+ awareness throughout the curriculum
Educate ALL young people about ALL relationships	Use open, neutral language	Support parents to get on board
Particular focus on what healthy & unhealthy relationships look like	Phrase questions to encompass a range of possible responses	Support staff to feel confident usualising LGBT+ experiences in their lessons
Teach what respect looks like	Be confident challenging homo/bi/trans phobia and LGBT+VAWG	
Teach how to say NO		



### Summary

I keep six honest serving-men (They taught me all I know) Their names are What and Why and When And How and Where and Who

Rudyard Kipling, The Elephant's Child