

# Herts1125 Young People's Manifesto 2016

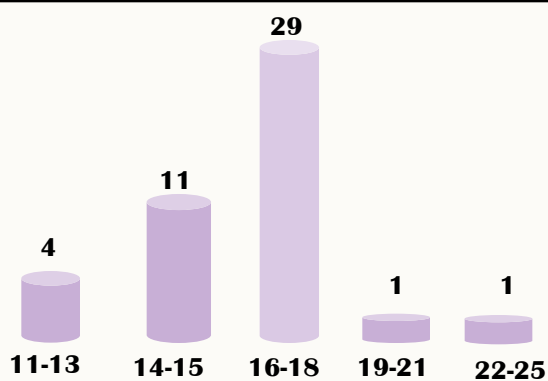


## School/College Life

This survey was designed to find out more about the experiences and opinions of the young LGBT+ community in Hertfordshire. All responses are anonymous.

Forty six responses from young LGBT+ across Hertfordshire has given us quality information around the priorities voted for by young LGBT+. With this information, Who not What will be working with Herts County Council and partner organisations to change services and support for the better.

### WHO TOOK PART



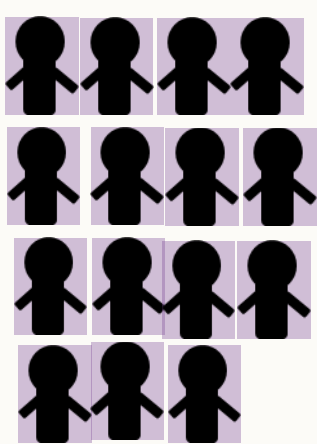
"Possibly non-binary, possibly FTM"

**Only 20%**

of young LGBT+ have felt able to come out to everyone in their life

"I came out publicly at the end of year 11 with a view to returning as a boy in sixth form"

**55% say they hear HOMOPHOBIC language now and again with ONLY 15% saying it is ALWAYS challenged by teachers**



15 young people said there are staff trained in LGBT+ matters in their school

7 schools 1 college

### HOW DID YOUNG PEOPLE SELF-IDENTIFY

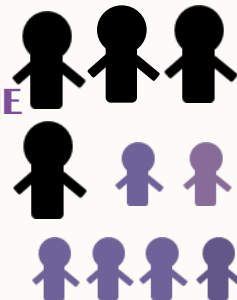


13 YOUNG PEOPLE (28%) IDENTIFIED AS **PANSEXUAL**  
10 YOUNG PEOPLE (21%) IDENTIFIED AS **BISEXUAL**

12 young people identified as gay or lesbian

### PEOPLE

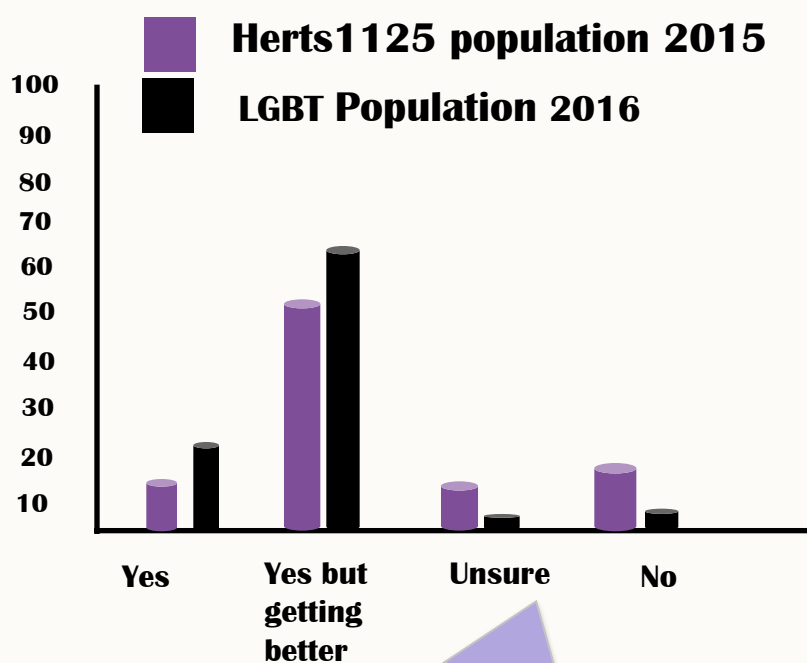
**4 IN 10** IDENTIFIED AS PART OF THE **TRANS\* COMMUNITY**



"I don't want to officially label anything yet but I'm pretty Sure"

"I'm fearful. School is full of homophobia"

### WnW ASKED IF THERE IS A STIGMA TO BEING LGBT+



**24% said they hadn't needed to tell their Doctor. 11% had & say doctors are "ill-equipped" "confused" "negative"**

Does discrimination take place in your school/college?



Imagine ...

"As far as I am aware I am the only LGBT student in my school"



### CHANGES WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE

More assemblies, lectures and celebrations of events including Herts Pride, LGBT History Month and IDAHOBIT Day (International Day against homophobia, biphobia and transphobia) in schools and colleges).

Schools signing up to the Stonewall School Champions Programme and supporting students to set up groups in school with trained staff and dealing with homophobic language.

Places where young people go ... schools, GPs, sports centres, etc. to have posters and publicity around LGBT role models, health and local groups advertised to make spaces more LGBT+ friendly.

GPs and Health services to be more openly accessible to young LGBT+ showing support for the community and recognising that we are all different.



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