

## What Works?

when tackling bullying in schools  
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**ORGANISATION** Healthy Respect LGBT Youth Scotland

**FOCUS** Tackling Homophobic Bullying

### *Can you briefly describe how your initiative or project helps to tackle bullying?*

LGBT Youth, in partnership with Healthy Respect deliver a range of initiatives to challenge homophobic bullying with young people. Our play "Them and Us; Whose side are you on?" challenges homophobic bullying within a high school context. Working with S3 pupils, this initiative uses drama to introduce the concept of homophobia, and then explores the effects of bullying through an interactive educational session. Our play forms part of a package for schools including teacher training, and a poster design competition for pupils.

### *How is this initiative being monitored and evaluated?*

The lessons learned from this pilot project will be disseminated through Healthy Respect, NHS Lothian's Demonstration Project working with young people and sexual health.

### *What has worked well?*

Drama has proved itself as an ideal medium through which to address homophobic bullying in high schools. Young people engage well with the play, and an array of issues can be addressed in a safe and consistent manner.

### *Future plans?*

We are currently working to evaluate the success of our anti-homophobic bullying play, and to disseminate the lessons learned from this pilot project.

We are working to produce anti-homophobic bullying posters, which will be disseminated to schools across Scotland. These posters feature artwork from our poster design competition run with S3 pupils across the City of Edinburgh.

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