





What do these letters mean?

L = Lesbian – Women who are attracted to women.

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G = **Gay** – People who are attracted to other people

of the same gender as themselves.

B = Bisexual – People who are attracted to people of their own gender and other genders.

T = Trans

- People whose gender is different to the one they were assigned at birth. This includes men, women, and non-binary people.

 We use a plus sign to include anyone not included under LGBT, for example pansexual people, asexual people, intersex people, or those questioning their gender or sexual identity.

How many famous LGBT+ people can you name?

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I'm a lesbian.

I was born in Denmark but I live in Britain.

I'm a comedian and TV presenter.

I'm a political activist and founded the 'Women's Equality Party'.

I used to host the Great British Bake-Off, and I took over from Steven Fry as the presenter of QI.

Sandi Toksvig





I'm trans.

I'm an actress.

I'm the first openly transgender person to appear on the cover of a Cosmopolitan magazine.

I campaign for LGBT+ equality.

I am most famous for playing a trans character in 'Orange is the New Black'.

Laverne Cox





I'm gay.

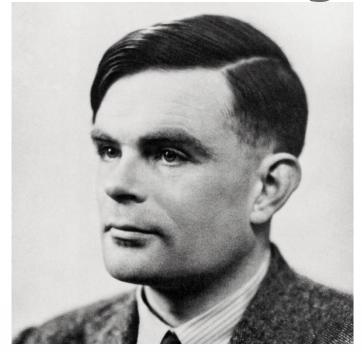
I was born in 1912 and died in 1954.

My face appears on the back of the latest £50 note.

I'm a mathematician, computer scientist, and philosopher.

I cracked the German 'Enigma code' which helped win the second world war.

Alan Turing





Billie Joe Armstrong

I'm bisexual.

I'm a singer and guitarist.

I'm from California.

My music has been adapted into a musical called 'American Idiot'.

I'm in a punk band called Green Day.





I'm non-binary.

I'm from England.

I'm a singer-songwriter.

I have won 4 Grammy Awards, 3 Brit Awards, and a Golden Globe.

One of my most famous songs is called 'Stay with Me'.

Sam Smith





I'm pansexual and non-binary.

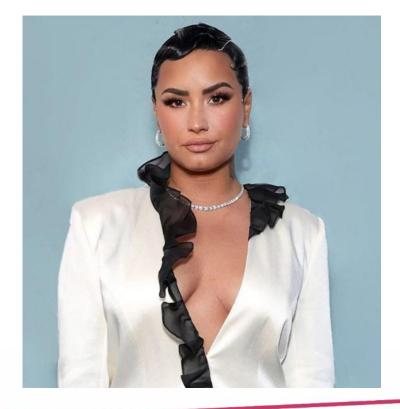
I'm a singer and songwriter.

I also act.

I am the youngest judge ever to appear on X Factor.

My latest album is called 'Dancing with the Devil ... the Art of Starting Over'.

Demi Lovato





Representation

LGBT+ representation means:

- Seeing more LGBT+ people positively represented in the media.
 - Seeing more LGBT+ people across society.
 - Seeing more positive stories about LGBT+ people's lives.



Representation

It wasn't always like this...



Representation

It used to be much less common to see successful LGBT+ people in the media.



Until 2003, there was an LGBTphobic law that prevented schools from talking about these identities.



We still have a long way to go!

- There is still underrepresentation of LGBT+ People of Colour and LGBT+ people of faith.
- LGBT+ people are still underrepresented in the TV and Film industry, especially in the top positions.
 - There has never been an openly trans MP.
 - There are currently no openly gay men's footballers in the Premier League.
 - Less than 60% of LGBT+ people in STEM are out.
 - LGBT+ people, and especially LGBT+ women, are still underrepresented in business.
- There are often less trans, non-binary, bisexual people and lesbians represented in the media than gay men.



gilbert baker 1951-2017





So who was Gilbert Baker?

In 1978 Gilbert
Baker created the
Rainbow Flag or
"Pride" flag, a
positive symbol for
the LGBTQ
community.





When the Pride flag was created, the UK was a very different place for LGBTQ people.

People formed solidarity groups and protested against the discrimination they experienced at large within society, and within many of their communities.



This was the start of Pride events.



With all the campaigning and lobbying that has happened, and continues to happen, LGBTQ people in the UK are much better protected by law than ever before, some examples are:



Equal Marriage is now possible.



The Equality Act 2010 protects LGBT people from harassment and discrimination.



Pride events still happen in lots of cities and towns today. Thousands of people come together to celebrate LGBTQ people, their lives and their families.





Why is it important?

- So LGBT+ people have role models to inspire them
 - "If you can see it you can be it"
 - Break down stereotypes
 - More accurate depiction of real life
 - Make everyone feel more included in society
 - Give confidence to young LGBT+ people



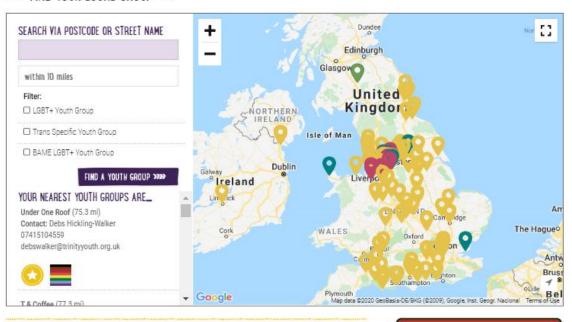
What can be done to improve representation in your school?

Over to you...



Find your local group for lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT+) young people via The Proud Trust website:

* FIND YOUR LOCAL GROUP *





www.theproudtrust.org

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