



# The Zine



*Same Difference*





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LGBT

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Welcome to the Zine -  
Same Difference  
The Zine has captured  
some of the voices of the  
diverse communities  
in Rotherham around the  
challenges they face  
Thank you for taking  
the time to read



PLEASE REPORT ALL HATE CRIME

TELEPHONE 101 NON EMERGENCY OR 999  
EMERGENCY

REPORT ONLINE [HTTPS://WWW.REPORTINGCRIME.UK/](https://www.reportingcrime.uk/) OR VIA  
RMBC [WWW.RMBC.GOV.UK](http://www.rmbc.gov.uk)

DIRECTLY TO A POLICE OFFICER OR AT A  
POLICE STATION

REPORT TO A COMMUNITY HATE CRIME REPORTING CENTRE OR  
VIA TELL MAMA [HTTP://TELLMAMAUK.ORG/](http://tellmamauk.org/)

**DONT SUFFER IN SILENCE**

*always be yourself  
everyone else is taken*



# Report!

South Yorkshire Police want everyone to report hate crime so they can investigate it and bring the people who commit hate crimes to justice.

Here's how to report:

In an emergency call 999 / Call 101 if the crime is no longer happening

Report online at [www.report-it.org.uk/your\\_police\\_force](http://www.report-it.org.uk/your_police_force)

Visit the enquiry desk at your local police station

If you want to tell the Police about hate crime but you don't want to say who you are:

- Call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111
- Or email [operation.solar@southyorks.pnn.police.uk](mailto:operation.solar@southyorks.pnn.police.uk)



Operation solar is a new and extra way for Police to tackle hate crime, making better use of anonymous information and encouraging more people to report hate crime problems.





# LGBT Hate Crime Rotherham

64% of LGBT respondents said they had been a victim of hate crime

50% didn't report hate crime!!!

32% actually reported the hate crime incident

## REASONS FOR NOT REPORTING



## HATE CRIME INCIDENTS



## CAN OCCUR; ANY TIME ANY LOCATION

### WHAT IS HATE CRIME?

Crimes committed against someone because of their disability, gender-identity, race, religion or belief, or sexual orientation are hate crimes and should be reported. (Gov,2016)

Hate crimes can include:

- \*Threatening behaviour
- \*Assault
- \*Robbery
- \*Harassment
- \*Bullying
- \*Abuse

Where Can Hate Crime be reported?

- \*Contacting 999 or 101
- \*contact your local police
- \*Online

<http://report-it.org.uk/>

- \*Local Third Party Reporting Centres

LGBT Hate Crime:

Recognise it

Report it



'That's so GAY'...



Or did you actually mean?... hideous, inaccurate, rubbish, trashy, silly, atrocious, ludicrous, foolish, absurd, annoying, weak, CLUNKY, eccentric ...

SO...WHAT'S THE PROBLEM?

98%

of lesbian, gay and bisexual young people hear phrases like 'you're so gay' in school

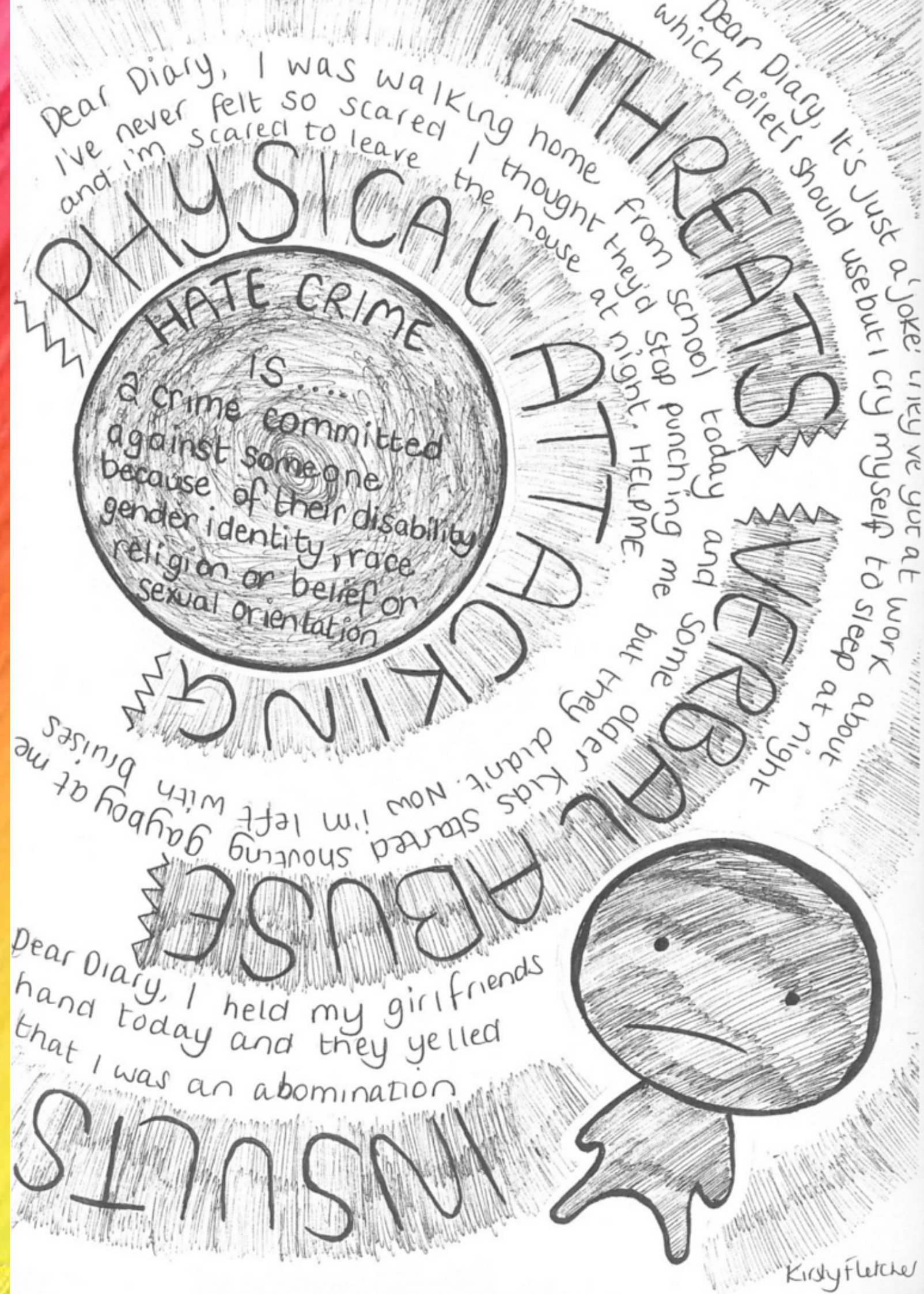
84%

of young people are distressed when they hear this homophobic language

10%

of young gay people say that staff intervene every time they hear homophobic language

Stats from Stonewall's School Report 2012



Dear Diary, I was walking home I've never felt so scared and I'm scared to leave the house at night. HELP ME. Today and some older kids started shouting gayboy at me and they left with bruises

Dear Diary, It's just a joke they've got a work about which toilet I should use but I cry myself to sleep at night

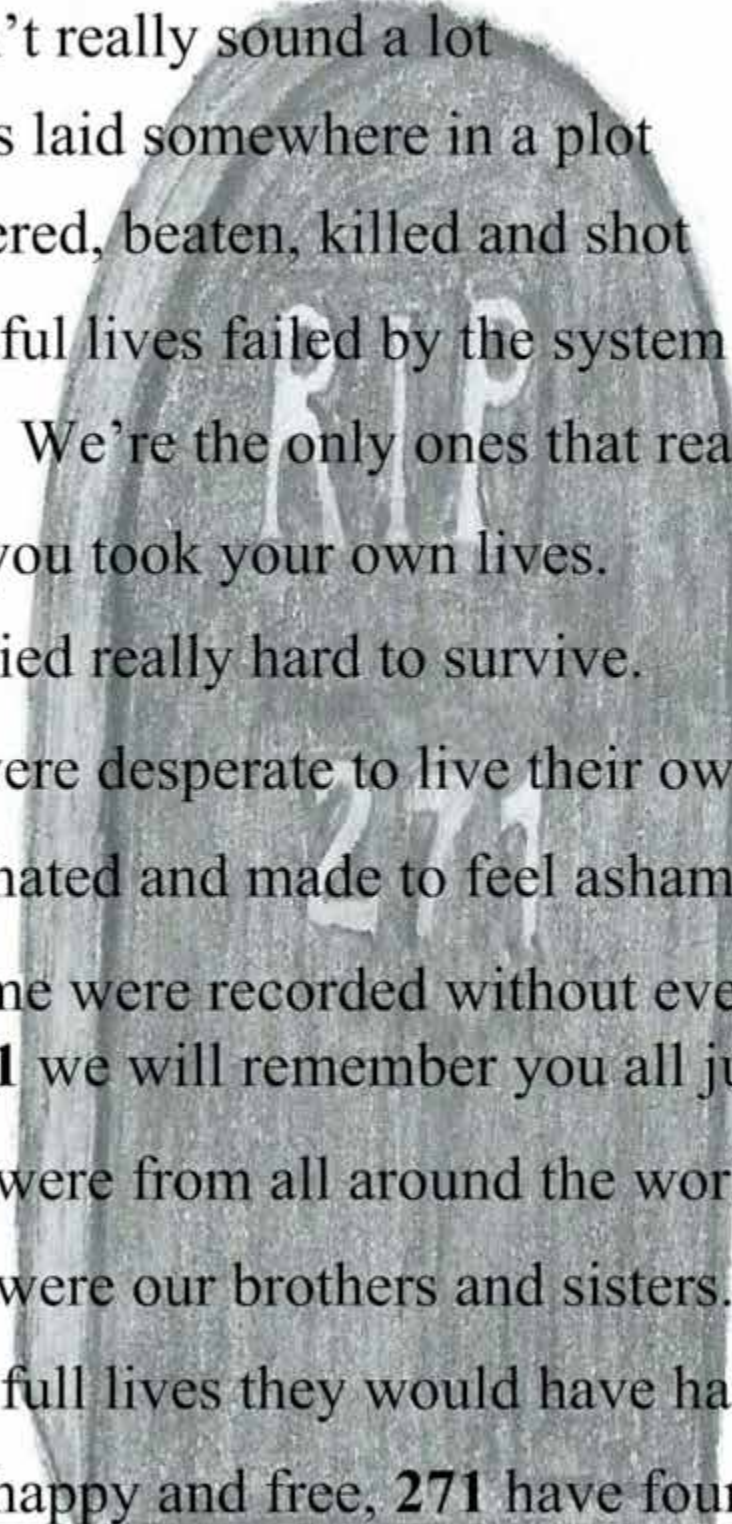
Dear Diary, I held my girlfriends hand today and they yelled that I was an abomination



Kirsty Fletcher



## By The Numbers



**271...** Doesn't really sound a lot  
**271...** Bodies laid somewhere in a plot  
**271...** Murdered, beaten, killed and shot  
**271...** Beautiful lives failed by the system  
We're the only ones that really miss them  
**271...** 29 of you took your own lives.  
**271...** You tried really hard to survive.  
**271...** they were desperate to live their own true lives  
**271...** Were hated and made to feel ashamed.  
Some were recorded without even a name  
but **271** we will remember you all just the same.  
**271...** They were from all around the world.  
**271...** They were our brothers and sisters.  
**271...** What full lives they would have had.  
**271...** Now happy and free, **271** have found peace at last.

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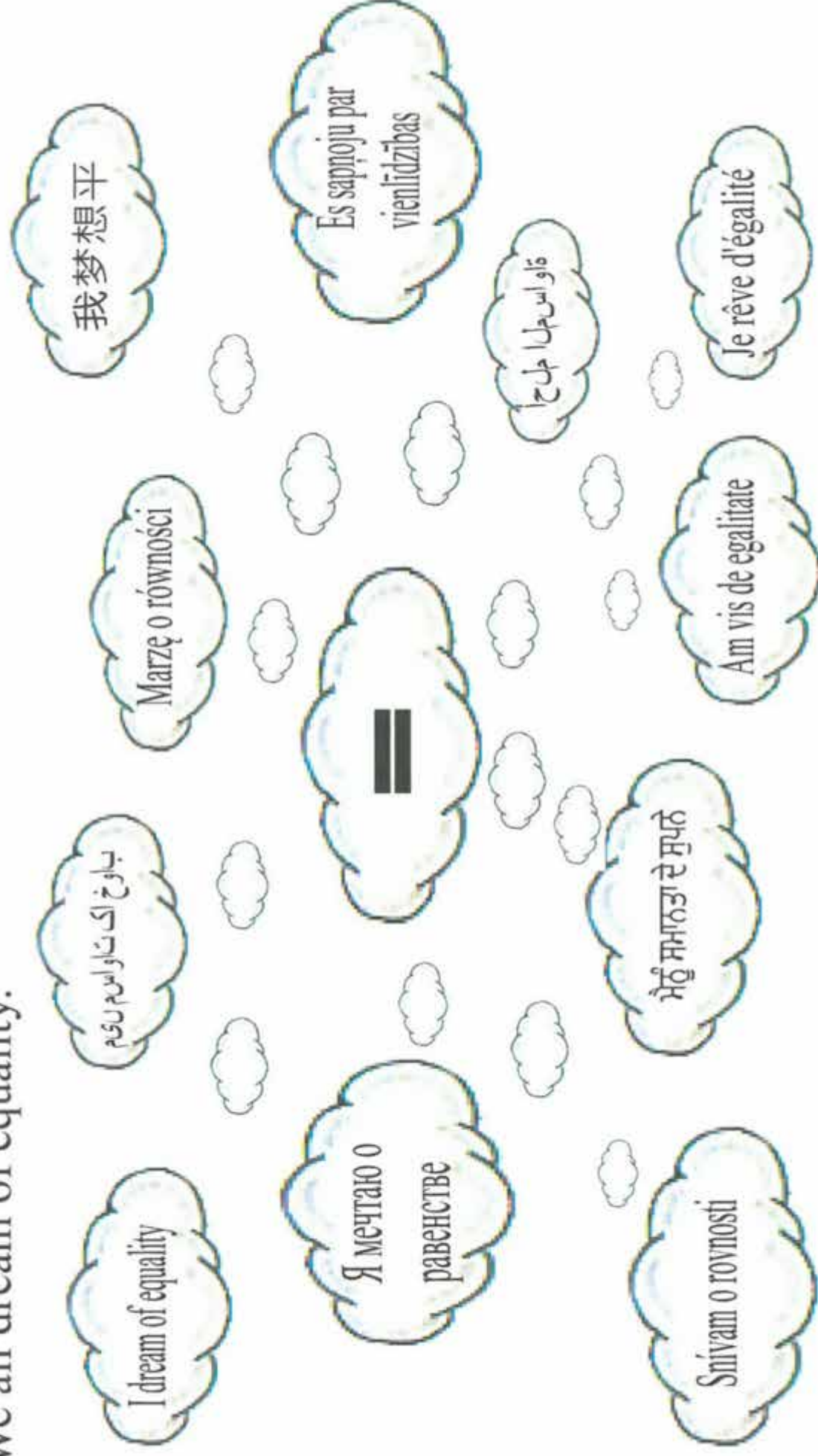
### Community, World, and Hippy Peace

When there is harmony, there is peace,  
That the joy on earth can increase.  
For peace to grow in our communities,  
The first step we must take is social unity.  
We all know that good healthy relations,  
Are the keys to a world of peaceful nations.  
War and conflicts, must be avoided,  
So that the beauty of life, can be enjoyed.  
We just need to open our arms, and our  
hearts,  
For that is where peace clearly starts.  
It's not that difficult to find and embrace,  
With a caring heart and open mind.  
I'd rather be a hippy full of love and peace.  
Living by the words that Mahatma Gandhi,  
Mother Teresa, and the Dalai Lama teach.  
Singing round a camp fire.  
An end to all disease, poverty, greed ,and  
wars.  
Everyone living and sleeping peacefully be-  
neath the stars.

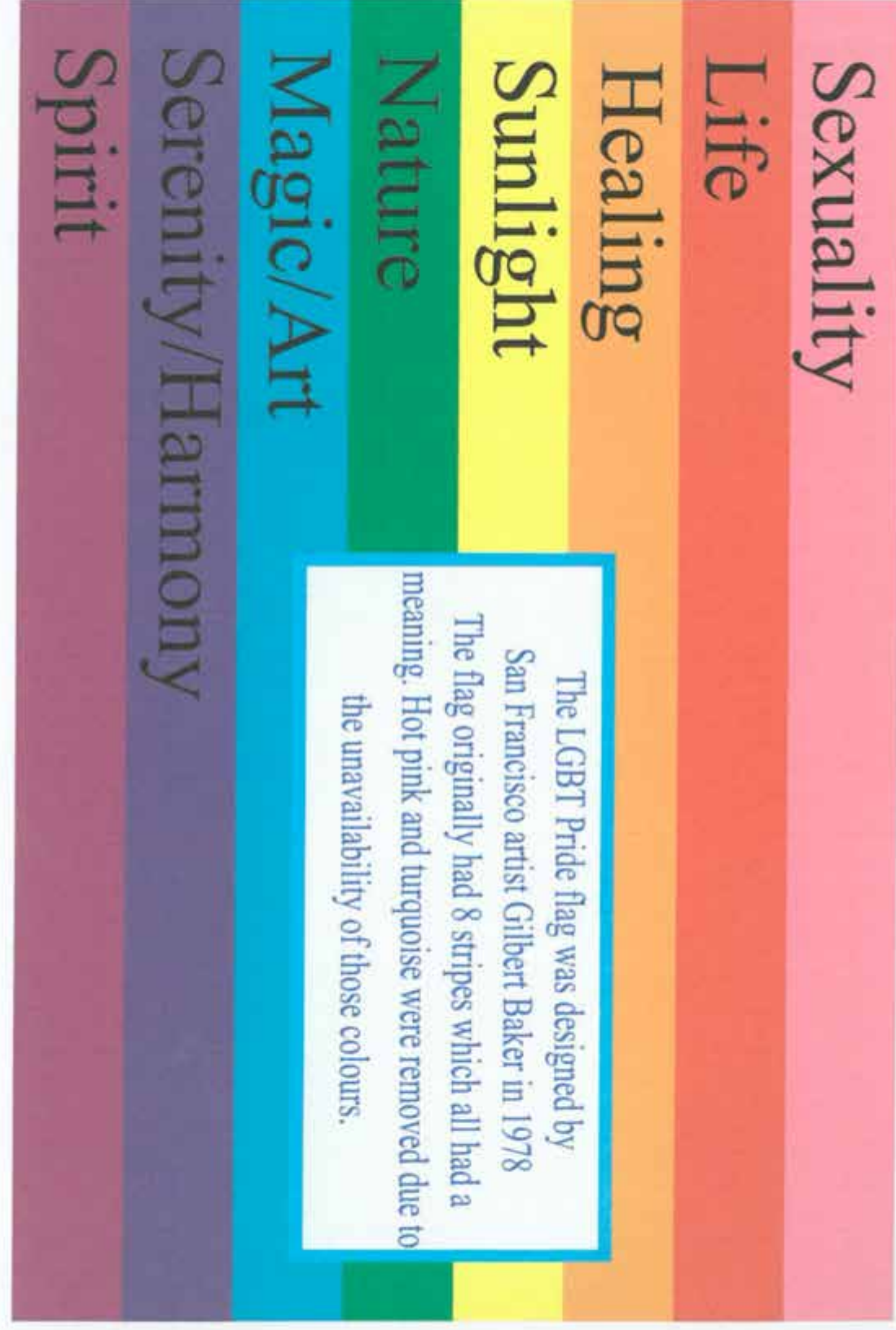
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We all dream of equality.



Maybe we should all work together.





## Let's talk about Suicide

### Did you know

3% of Gay Men have attempted to take their own life.

### Did you know

5% of Gay BME Men have attempted to take their own life.

### Did you know

5% of Lesbians have attempted to take their own life

### Did you Know

7% of BME Lesbians have attempted to take their own lives

### Did you know

23% of young LGB people have attempted to take their own life with girls more likely than boys.

### Did you know

50% of Trans youth have attempted to take their own life.

### Did you know

33% of Trans Adults have attempted to take their own life.

### Did you know

86% LGB, 91% Trans Boys and 66% Trans girls experience harassment or bullying at school leading to depression, isolation and a desire to leave school early.

This poor treatment has a knock on effect on mental health, attendance and ability to learn.

### Help available

If you or someone you know has thoughts of suicide then there is help.

Tips. Believe them, Allow them to talk, Don't judge and try not to act shocked.

Contact. Samaritans 0845 7909090 or their GP / Key worker,

If they are in immediate risk then phone 999 and stay with them until help arrives.

## Let's talk about Hate Crime

### Here's the National figures

In 2013/14 there were 6,202 LGBT hate crimes reported.

4,584 were sexual orientation hate crimes

557 were Transgender hate crimes

For 2014/15 there was a 22% and 9% increase respectively.

### Did you know

66% of LGB people feel they are at a higher risk of being harassed, intimidated or insulted by straight people.

### Did you know

25% feel they need to alter their behaviour so they are not perceived as LGBT

### So what's the local figures

In 2013/14 there were

79 Sexual orientation hate crimes

11 Transgender hate crime

### They don't seem high

Only 10% of LGBT hate crime's are reported to the Police.

### Did you know

70% of LGBT people avoid holding hands in public for fear of violence.

### So why do people not report

41% Didn't think it was serious enough.

31% Didn't think the police could or would do anything.

28% Didn't think it would be taken seriously.

18% Said it happened to frequently to report.

14% Didn't think it was an offence.

12% Were afraid of reprisals from offenders or others associated with.

10% Did not want to out themselves to others by reporting.

### So where's this happening

41% felt unsafe in Rotherham and of this 79% felt unsafe on the street.

31% felt unsafe on public transport with the railway station and interchange being mentioned in particular.

### So what can I do

Well if you have experienced or witnessed a Hate Crime report it.

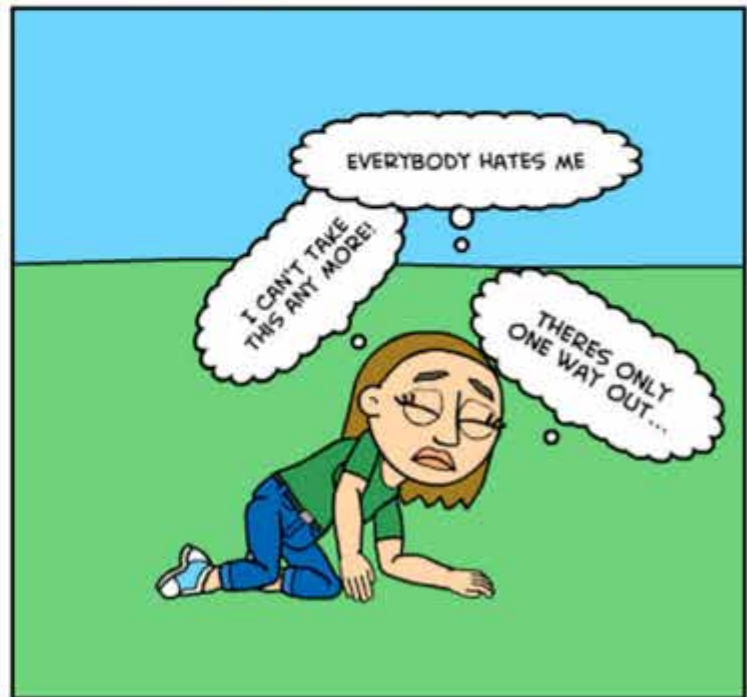
By reporting a hate crime it helps the police to build up a better picture of what is happening locally and be better equipped to tackle it

You can report it direct to the Police on 101

You can also report it through a third party like The Rainbow Project

[www.therainbowproject.org.uk](http://www.therainbowproject.org.uk)







# How to be an LGBT ally...

-  Make assumptions on someone's gender identity or sexual orientation.
-  Stand up to biphobia, transphobia & homophobia
-  'Out' someone's gender identity or sexual orientation without their consent.
-  Get involved with local LGBT groups.
-  Allow LGBT hate crime to occur & let the LGBT person's voice to go unheard.
-  Educate yourself!
-  Assume you know everything about LGBT inequalities & polices.
-  Challenge attitudes & behaviours & allow LGBT voices to be heard.

**Say No To Hate Crimes!**  
**We are all equal** *We are all humans*

**Abomination**

**POOF**

**FAGGOT**

**DYKE**

**FREAK**

**LEZZER**

**Tranny!**



**Words Have Consequences!**

**If you have nothing nice to say,  
keep it to yourself!**



# The Outsider

Just an outsider looking in,  
Just an alien trying to fit in,  
Just something trying to be a person,  
Living a life that's so uncertain.  
Do I really belong among the living?  
Standing on the sidelines out of vision.  
Locked inside this privet prison,  
What really was the mission?  
No dream to dream.  
No love to find.  
Have I really been left behind?  
You seen me standing.  
You look and stair.  
There's no one here to really care.  
Is this life really fair?  
Just an outsider, a face in the crowd.  
No one to hear my voice out loud.  
The tears I cry the pain I hide.  
The smile I smile keeps it locked inside.  
No one would know if I said good bye.  
I'm just the outsider you walked past by.



DON'T USE TRANSPHOBIC WORDS.

Educate yourself.

Use pronouns the transgender person uses for themselves **OR If you're unsure which pronoun to use, politely ASK.**

Please don't make an assumption on MY gender identity.

Together we can ensure Trans\* lives matter!







Gay Pride



Lipstick lesbian



Bear Pride



Bisexual Pride



Pansexual Pride

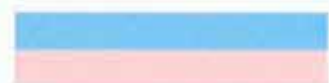


Asexual Pride

There are many different flags used within the LGBTQ+ community. Here is just a sample of the most commonly used ones.



Gender Queer



Transgender Pride



Gender Non-Binary



Intersexual



Straight Ally



I finally had the courage to kiss my girlfriend in public, within seconds a stranger came over and sexually assaulted me. He said because 'I don't look gay', I was asking for it'. Now i don't even hold my girlfriends hand.

Don't let anyone take away YOUR...







Transgender Day of Remembrance  
and  
World Aids Day  
Rotherham Minster  
30th November 2015  
7pm

Join us to remember those lost through hate, ignorance and AIDS through a service of remembrance and afterwards with a coffee and mince pie.



### Hate Crime Awareness Evening.

It is important to raise awareness, education and to let the public know that hate crime is a crime and that it is not acceptable.

Come along and meet your local police lead on hate crime and Victim Support.

Find out how they can help you:  
- report a crime,  
- support you through the reporting process  
- keep safe

Friday 27th November 7 - 9pm

Talbot Lane Methodist church, Rotherham S60 2EY

All welcome, refreshments available

### Trans Support

Present: E.D.E.N films



At the February 15th Peer support group meeting.

See our very own Helen and Lewis making a splash into film...

**STOPPING  
HATE  
CRIME  
STARTS NOW**



# Challenging Hate Crime one event at a time.



**the YARN BOMB**

Community Yarn Bomb Group

When /  
Friday 13th Nov, 10:00am - 12:00pm

Where /  
Ladies' Department, Canning Road,  
1. Morgan's Place, Rotherham, S60 2EY

What /  
A chance to get your hands on a needle and thread to make a beautiful and colorful piece of art.

Light refreshments provided.

For further information please Email: [Rotherham@yarnbomb.com](mailto:Rotherham@yarnbomb.com) or call 0114 277 7700

*Be part of something beautiful*



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