

Stonewall

ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

This resource is produced by Stonewall, a UK-based charity that stands for the freedom, equity and potential of all lesbian, gay, bi, trans, queer, questioning and ace (LGBTQ+) people.

At Stonewall, we imagine a world where LGBTQ+ people everywhere can live our lives to the full.

Founded in London in 1989, we now work in each nation of the UK and have established partnerships across the globe. Over the last three decades, we have created transformative change in the lives of LGBTQ+ people in the UK, helping win equal rights around marriage, having children and inclusive education.

Our campaigns drive positive change for our communities, and our sustained change and empowerment programmes ensure that LGBTQ+ people can thrive throughout our lives. We make sure that the world hears and learns from our communities, and our work is grounded in evidence and expertise.

To find out more about our work, visit us at www.stonewall.org.uk

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Stonewall is proud to provide information, support and guidance on LGBTQ+ inclusion; working towards a world where we're all free to be. This does not constitute legal advice, and is not intended to be a substitute for legal counsel on any subject matter.

'IT'S OFTEN HARD TO FIND A ROLE MODEL FOR A LOT OF PEOPLE, BUT IT'S EVEN HARDER TO FIND OR SEE ANY ROLE MODELS WHEN YOU ARE A WHEELCHAIR USER WITH MOBILITY DIFFERENCES AND A LONG TERM ILLNESS AS WELL AS WHEN YOU'RE LGBT+.

WE ARE HERE, WE DESERVE TO BE LOVED AND BE WHO WE ARE, BECAUSE WE ARE ALL VALUABLE PEOPLE AND PART OF SOCIETY.'

ROBIN BROOK

Robin is passionate about helping create safe spaces for people who are homeless and LGBT, especially those who have disabilities. He spent some time in New York volunteering at a night shelter for trans young people. He believes it is important to give back to the LGBT+ community. Robin is a wheelchair user and he loves his cat!

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'MY NAME IS HAFSA, I AM 25 AND I AM AN OPENLY BISEXUAL MUSLIM. I HAVE BEEN WORKING TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR PEOPLE THAT IDENTIFY LIKE ME. I HAVE HAD A CHRONIC ILLNESS SINCE I WAS 15, AND CONSIDER MYSELF DISABLED DUE TO THE EFFECTS OF MY ILLNESS. BEING LGBTQ AND DISABLED CAN FEEL VERY ISOLATING. MANY LGBT SPACES HAVE POOR DISABLED ACCESS, WITH A CULTURE THAT CATERS ONLY TO ABLE-BODIED PEOPLE.'

HAFSA QURESHI

Hafsa Qureshi is 25 and an openly bisexual Muslim. She works to raise awareness for people that have similar identities to her. Hafsa has had a chronic illness since she was 15, and considers herself disabled due to the effects.

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'LIVING WITH ERRATIC HEALTH CONDITIONS, I KNOW WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF OTHER DISABLED LGBT+ FOLKS, I WOULDN'T SURVIVE OR ACCESS THE SPACES I FEEL SO COMFORTABLE AND WELCOME IN NOW - I THINK IT'S CRITICAL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE TO KNOW THIS IS POSSIBLE.'

TOBI ADEBAJO

Tobi is a disabled, non-binary single parent. They prioritise accessibility in all their organising and are a co-founder and core member of the Purple Rain Collective - a space for Queer, Trans and Intersex People of Colour in the UK. They are also a co-founder of Femmes of Colour - where they hold space and run events that prioritise black femmes and femmes of colour. A community-focused hairstylist, facilitator, scientist, singer, poet & writer, Tobi continues to perform and share their work throughout the UK & Europe.

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JESSICA KELLGREN-FOZARD

Jessica is a deaf British YouTuber who, through warm and amusing videos, adds vintage fabulousness to a life with disabilities and chronic illnesses. Her content encompasses not just vintage lifestyle and fashion but also disability and LGBTQ+ awareness. She makes adorable, chatty videos about different aspects of life, and cinematic travel vlogs with her wife. There are also cute fluffy little dogs.

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