

Working with BME LGB Youth

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Introduction

- BME LGB youth are a unique group with an immense range of Cultural experiences to draw upon.
- This workshop will discuss what it means to be a BME LGB youth, and hopefully provide a greater understanding of this group.



Names and Introductions

- Separate into smaller discussion groups
- Brief intro to overall group - name and where you work
- Tell us what you hope to learn / take away from this workshop.

Discussion Task 1

- Spend 10 mins in your groups to discuss / brainstorm
- How you feel the issues / experiences BME LGB youth face differ from White LGB youth.
- Feedback

Religion and Culture

- BME LGB youth can feel isolated from their community or cultural practices.
- May feel pressured or burdened to live up to certain expectations - to save their family honour
- As with most religions - may have been taught heterosexuality is the morally acceptable option

Discussion Task 2

- In your groups create the following scene / sketch
- A BME youth 'coming out' to his/her family
- Feedback - discuss how and why you felt the family would react and why

Gay Scene

- BME LGB youths' may encounter prejudice and discrimination amongst the gay community.
- Can become 'exoticised' or marginalised
- New sense of community - specialised events/nights.



Questions + Answers

- Are there any questions or points to be raised?