

Education for All:

Tackling homophobia in our schools

Featuring workshops delivering key information plus an outstanding line-up of speakers including:

- ★ **Jim Knight MP (invited)**
Minister for Schools
- ★ **Ken Livingstone**
Mayor of London
- ★ **Denys Robinson**
Chair of Trustees, Educational Action Challenging Homophobia
- ★ **Mark Jennett**
Education Consultant
- ★ **Ben Summerskill**
Chief Executive, Stonewall
- ★ **Ruth Hunt**
Senior Policy Officer, Stonewall

Tuesday 4 July 2006, One Birdcage Walk, London, SW1H 9JJ

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Tackling homophobia in our schools

Stonewall invites you to our first Education for All conference, part of the national campaign to tackle homophobia and homophobic bullying in our schools. The conference will address the nature of the problem in our schools, and explore practical solutions to deal with it.

★ **Gain a greater understanding of homophobia and homophobic bullying in schools**

Homophobic bullying can affect any child or young person who is perceived to be different. It can prevent pupils from being healthy, staying safe, and enjoying and achieving in school, and can lead to them leaving school early. The conference will further delegates' knowledge of the effects of homophobia and homophobic bullying and how best it can be addressed.

★ **Understand the role of the Local Authority and the school in tackling homophobia and homophobic bullying**

The education sector needs to create a safe learning environment for all pupils. The conference will improve delegates' understanding of how to make schools inclusive, and the crucial role that the LEA can play in bringing about change in schools.

★ **Access practical ideas to tackle homophobic bullying in your school**

Teachers can find it difficult to access the tools necessary to tackle homophobia and homophobic bullying in schools. The conference will provide some practical ideas about the curriculum and sexual orientation, as well as how to challenge bullying and inappropriate language in the classroom.

★ **Hear from top speakers and experts in the field**

Hear keynote addresses from senior politicians, such as London Mayor Ken Livingstone, as well as practitioners such as Denys Robinson of EACH. The interactive, practical workshops will be led by people who are experts in their particular area.

★ **Launch of the Greater London Authority (GLA) and Stonewall teachers' DVD**

At the conference, Ken Livingstone will be launching a new DVD package for teachers who want to tackle homophobia in schools. This resource has been produced by the GLA and Stonewall, and is designed to be used as a practical tool in schools to introduce the subject to all teachers through events like INSET days. Free copies will be available at the conference.

Who should attend?

- **Directors of Education/Children's Services**
- **Key decision makers in education policy**
- **Policy Officers**
- **Education Consultants**
- **Senior Teachers**
- **School Governors**

Places are limited. To secure your place at the conference please book as early as possible by following the booking instructions.

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- 9.30-10.00am Registration and Coffee
- 10.00am Welcome and opening remarks
Ben Summerskill
Chief Executive, Stonewall
- 10.15am Keynote address
Jim Knight MP (invited)
Minister for Schools
- 10:30am Keynote address
Denys Robinson
Chair of Trustees, Educational Action Challenging Homophobia (EACH)
- 10.45am Question and Answer session
- 11.15am Morning refreshments
- 11.40am Workshop
(i) Getting everyone on board: the whole school approach
(ii) Tackling anti-gay bullying: a practical guide for teachers
- 12.40pm LUNCH
- 1.40pm Workshop
(i) Leading the way: The role of the LEA
(ii) What they say and what we teach: sexual orientation in the classroom
- 2.40pm Afternoon refreshments
- 3.05pm Real life experiences
Pupil – being gay at school
Teacher – experiences in the classroom
Parent – supporting a child who's gay
- 3.20pm Launch of Greater London Authority and Stonewall DVD
- 3.35pm Keynote address
Ken Livingstone
Mayor of London
- 3.50pm Closing remarks
Ben Summerskill
Chief Executive, Stonewall
- 4.00pm-5.00pm Wine reception

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