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Campaigning as a Young Person

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Why do we still campaign?

In the 2012 Stonewall School Report, 1,600 young lesbian, gay and bi people were questioned about their experiences in school:

- 55% have experienced homophobic bullying
- 99% have heard phrases such as 'that's so gay' and 'you're so gay' in school
- 56% deliberately harm themselves

Why do we still campaign?

In the 2014 Metro Youth Chances Report, 7,000 16-25 year olds (most of whom identified as LGBT) were surveyed about their experiences:

- 89% said they had never been taught about bisexuality
- 94% said they had never been taught about trans issues
- 35% of trans young people have experienced physical abuse
- 83% of trans young people have experienced name-calling

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Where do we start?

L/G/B/T visibility exercise

What can I do in my own school?

- Set up a display in your school reception featuring LGBT role models and celebrating famous achievements by LGBT people
- Ask your school to wear purple for Bi Visibility Day (23 September)
- Invite a trans role model to speak at an organised event
- Get people to sign Stonewall's **#NoBystanders** pledge at your Students' Union
- Host a quiz around the theme of LGBT history

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Celebrate a national event

- **LGBT History Month** – February
- **Trans Day of Visibility** – 31 March
- **IDAHOBiT (International day against homophobia, biphobia & transphobia)** – 7 May
- **Bi Visibility Day** – 23 September
- **Transgender Day of Remembrance** – 20 November
- **Anti-bullying Week** – third week of November
- **Pride Events** – regionally and throughout the year

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Stonewall's Young Campaigners Programme!

- Residential Induction in October
- Programme lasts for five months
- Ongoing support of a youth mentor
- Youth Awards in spring 2017
- Visit youngstonewall.org.uk/youth
- COMPLETELY FREE!

