

# Being LGBT Life in the EU today: going to school

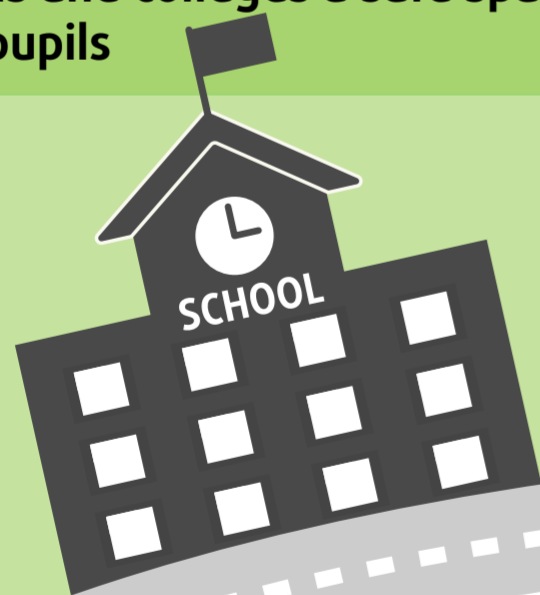


Fear, isolation and discrimination are common for Europe's lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans community. FRA asked LGBT people and professionals about their views about the challenges of being LGBT.

## VIEWS FROM PROFESSIONALS

Lack of openly LGBT pupils means the issue is largely invisible

School leadership is important to make schools and colleges a safe space for LGBT pupils



## ISSUES

Low awareness of LGBT issues among professionals

Invisibility, negative attitudes and discrimination

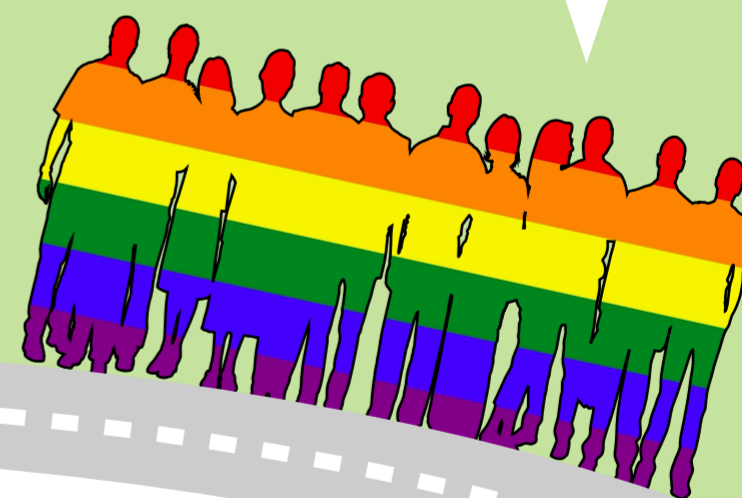
## VIEWS FROM LGBT PEOPLE

Over 80% recall negative comments or bullying of LGBT youth at school

2 out of 3 hid or disguised being LGBT at school

## SOLUTIONS

- ① Strengthen EU and national action to promote diversity and respect in schools
- ② Raise awareness among and provide training for teachers about LGBT needs
- ③ Provide objective information on sexual orientation and gender identity
- ④ Provide safe & supportive school environments with no LGBT discrimination & bullying
- ⑤ Forge closer ties with civil society to help support professional groups



### Sources:

The EU LGBT survey asked over 93,000 LGBT people across the EU about their experiences of discrimination and hate crime.

The public authorities survey asked over 1,000 public officials in 19 Member States about their views on LGBT policies.

<http://fra.europa.eu/en/project/2011/surveying-lgbt-people-and-authorities>