

Something to tell you

Introduction to the research

This research was carried out in summer 2005 by the "Out and About" project, Manchester using the Beyond Barriers "Something to Tell You" questionnaire. The aim was to find out what LGBT¹ young people's experiences of being LGBT were and to compare their experiences with straight young people. The questionnaires were taken around the 'gay village' and given out on Youth Service residentials in order to reach LGBT young people and some were taken to 'Urbis' (a popular place for young people to hang out in Manchester) in order to research the experiences of straight young people. The respondents' ages range from 12-25, but most fall within the 14-25 age range.

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Introduction to the respondents

All together there were 127 respondents. Of these 82% were LGBT and 18% were straight. Of the LGBT respondents, 59% were male/ftm trans and 41% were female/mtf trans and of the straight respondents, 35% were male and 65% were female.

Of LGBT respondents:

86% identified as White British
5% as White European
1% as Black British African
1% as Black British Caribbean
1% as Asian British Pakistani
6% as other

Of straight respondents:

83% identified as White British
4% as Mixed Race
4% as Black British African
9% as other

Of LGBT respondents 7 % defined themselves as a person with a disability or sensory impairment. Of straight respondents 4% defined themselves as a person with a disability or sensory impairment.

For the purpose of showing both differences +/- similarities based on both sexual orientation and gender, the research has been split into four groups of respondents:

Male/ftm trans LGBT
Female/mtf trans LGBT
Male straight
Female straight

The questions asked on the survey will always precede the results, in *italics* type. If the questions have an asterix next to them, the results are also discussed in the 'discussion' section.

¹ I use LGBT to mean any of the categories people put themselves in that was not 'straight'